

SECTION 7

TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY

NUMBER 7.1 VICE PRESIDENT OF TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY
Effective: January 2010; Revised August 2018, October 2023

POLICY

The Vice President of Technology Strategy serves as the Board Liaison to the Director, Information Technology. The Vice President works with the Director to keep abreast of issues related to Information Technology with regards to IT-based solutions (e.g., business continuity, data security, website security, access to information, IT infrastructure, software planning and Digital implementation, etc.) and also with regards to INFORMS activities in which IT plays a supporting role.

The Vice President of Technology Strategy is expected to have an outward focus (e.g., how well INFORMS technological systems are serving the customers) as well as how well INFORMS systems interact with other electronic portals; how well INFORMS systems support INFORMS strategic initiatives.

PROCEDURES

The Vice President of Technology Strategy is elected for a two-year term by the membership of INFORMS, normally in an INFORMS general election, according to the Bylaws. Recognizing that the IT-related needs of INFORMS will vary over time, candidates for the position should have demonstrated experience either in technical aspects of Technology Strategy or in the use and implementation of large-scale software systems.

The Vice President may run unopposed for a second two-year term.

The primary responsibilities of the Vice President of Technology

Strategy include:

- Serving as a trusted advisor to the Director, Information Technology
- Identifying emerging technologies, tools, and platforms that can enhance collaboration, information sharing, and learning among members and making recommendations to the Board
- Providing guidance on the development and implementation of policies, practices, and procedures, ensuring technology infrastructure is secure, scalable, and efficient
- Reviewing major programmatic initiatives
- Representing IT to the Board and other stakeholders while acting as an ambassador for the organization
- Ensuring IT's commitment to a diverse committee that reflects the communities INFORMS serves.
- Planning and leading meetings of the Technology Strategy Committee in consultation with the Director, Information Technology

Number 7.2 TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY COMMITTEE (TSC)

Effective: January 1997; Revised October 2023

POLICY

The Technology Strategy Committee is established for the purpose of advising on information technology trends and advising the VP Technology Strategy & Director, Information Technology on the impact of these trends. The committee promotes the use of technology to provide up-to-date ONLINE systems, that enable and encourage access, collaboration, and effective exchange of information, content, services, and benefits to and among our members, potential members, and those interested in knowing more about OR/Analytics.

PROCEDURES

Membership

The Vice President of Technology Strategy chairs the committee and appoints members of the committee with the approval of the Executive Committee. The committee will consist of 2 to 4 members plus the VP of Technology Strategy. The Director of Information Technology serves as ex officio member without vote.

The Vice President of Technology Strategy annually recommends members of the Technology Strategy Committee to include a broad spectrum of skills and knowledge.

Relation to the Board

The Technology Strategy Committee will report to the Board through VP of Technology Strategy.

Meetings

The Technology Strategy Committee will meet at least once per year. A quorum will consist of the chair and at least half the other members.

Meeting Agenda will be sent to all members of the committee by the chair of the committee 1 week ahead of the meeting.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 2, General Procedures