



Proposal

**Aperero Sakai Community Governance
Sakai Project Management Committee
9 Sept 2013**



The Sakai CLE Technical Coordination Committee (TCC) was created in July 2010 to work with existing community groups and processes to provide technical direction, advice, and coordination that both nurtures and enhances the Sakai ecosystem. Inspired directly by the model of the Apache Software Foundation's Project Management Committee (PMC), the TCC established for itself a lightweight governance model based on the meritocratic principle of member selection and featuring consensus-based decision-making practiced in an open and transparent manner. [1] Since its formation, the TCC has operated as the CLE project's *de facto* management committee in all respects save formal recognition by the Sakai or Aperero Foundation boards.

As part of the Sakai-Jasig merger and the creation of the Aperero Foundation, a new governance model was established for "software communities" comprising the new organization. Article IX, Section 3 of the Aperero bylaws specify that each software community "may adopt rules for its own governance provided they are consistent with these bylaws and with any policy adopted by the Board of Directors." Article IX, Section 3 further specifies that "Community governance structures will be responsible for strategic, financial and operational oversight of the community, including adherence to overall Foundation licensing and intellectual property policies." In addition, Article IX, Section 4 requires that the Aperero Foundation's Executive Director serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of "a constituent community's strategic governance body, in order to ensure effective and robust liaison with the broader community." [2]

In line with this change in governance, we propose that the Aperero Board recognize the TCC as the Sakai software community's "strategic governance body" as described of the Foundation bylaws. In addition, we intend to rename the TCC to the *Sakai Project Management Committee* (PMC) in order to both acknowledge the influence of the ASF in our governance approach and also allay fears that technical issues will constitute our only concerns as a governing body.

The current active TCC membership as well as its ex-officio and emeritus members are listed below. TCC governance rules covering membership, member roles and responsibilities, voting and elections are documented in the Sakai community wiki. [3]

The TCC approved this proposal by a public roll call vote held between 13-16 August 2013.

Sakai TCC Members

Anthony Whyte, University of Michigan (chair)
Seth Theriault, Columbia University (vice-chair)
Alan Berg, Universiteit van Amsterdam
Noah Botimer, University of Michigan
Matthew Buckett, Oxford University
John Bush, Asahi Net
David Horwitz, University of Cape Town
Matt Jones, Longsight Group
Beth Kirschner, University of Michigan
Jean-François Lévêque, Université Pierre et Marie Curie
Megan May, Indiana University
Sam Ottenhoff, Longsight Group
Charles Severance, University of Michigan
Steve Swinsburg, Fivium
Aaron Zeckoski, Unicon

Sakai TCC ex-officio

Ian Dolphin, Apereo Executive Director

Sakai TCC emeritus

John Lewis, Unicon

[1] <http://www.apache.org/foundation/how-it-works.html>,
<http://www.apache.org/dev/pmc.html>

[2] <http://www.apereo.org/content/bylaws>

[3] <https://confluence.sakaiproject.org/display/TCC/TCC+Governance>