

# **Trusted Domain Project Liaison Policy**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Trusted Domain Project (hereinafter “TDP”) is a public interest non-profit California corporation dedicated to the development and advancement of open standards and open software furthering the goal of restoring public trust in the use of domain names on the Internet.

From time to time, TDP will appoint a Liaison to other organizations to act as a conduit of information between the two parties, or to provide input, advice and guidance to the other party. This policy specifies the method of creation and dissolution of such arrangements, and defines other rights and obligations for that role.

## **II. DEFINITIONS**

A “Liaison” is any person approved by the Board to represent TDP’s interests and expertise in the context of another organization, typically when invited to do so.

An “External Organization” is an organization with which a Liaison relationship is established.

## **III. APPOINTMENT**

A Liaison shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board. A Liaison will typically be selected from among the current members of the Board, but may be some other person at the President’s discretion.

There shall be no fixed term for a Liaison. An appointment is dissolved either by action of the Board, the President, or the External Organization.

Except where necessary to ensure proper representation, due either to scheduling concerns or to the assignment to TDP of multiple seats within the External Organization, there shall be only a single Liaison appointed for any particular External Organization.

## **IV. FUNCTION**

The Liaison is responsible for representing the interests of TDP in the relationship with the External Organization, and for coordinating communication between the two parties. The Liaison is, in essence, a proxy for the TDP Board.

The Liaison is expected to attend all meetings of the External Organization to which the Liaison is invited, as much as doing so is practical.

Although open communication is preferred, the Liaison has the discretion to assert control over the dialog between TDP and the External Organization, such as allowing or restricting other TDP representatives to participate or cast votes in the business of the External Organization.

#### V. REPORTING

The Liaison shall provide at least annually to the Board a summary of the activities of the External Organization that may be of interest to TDP, except where this requirement is altered or waived by the President.