

Interop.Community Membership Petition

Supportive of the published intention of the Interop.Community, we, _____ (organization name) _____ are petitioning for membership within the community, having shared the vision of the Interop.Community in its goal of furthering health and health IT interoperability through the use of applied technologies and enabling platforms to further the discovery, creation, development, testing and vetting of viable solutions and approaches to solving problems within the health sector. Members are willing to make tangible and substantial commitments toward this end in terms of contributing time, technology, knowledge, and/or industry expertise, collaborating in good faith with others in the community toward achieving these goals.

Community activities include the development of infrastructure and partnerships to foster collaboration, innovation, testing, and enablement of health IT products, solutions, data, and knowledge.

Note that this membership petition will be reviewed by the community for immediate adoption. The community intends for reciprocity of all membership petitions upon formal chartering of Interop.Community and adoption of community bylaws, policies and tenets [Anticipated mid-late 2022]. All current I.C members will have the opportunity to re-certify under the updated bylaws or not.

Agreement To Core Tenets

The Interop.Community is an open, voluntary organization and participants engage of their own volition and without expectation of remuneration. The community provides an infrastructure for different stakeholders of all types to effectively collaborate and jointly engage on activities, projects, and programs to further interoperability through applied use of technologies in “testbed,” “sandbox,” or “shared platform” environments to discover, develop, and prove their viability. The community is positioned as an enabler of its members, and shall not compete directly with its membership. Interop.Community assets are intended to be commercially-friendly, with no exclusive relationships among participants or vendors, and is open to all interested parties. Solutions and capabilities available within the community are open to competitive work within the ecosystem, and in fact such competition is encouraged. Code developed under the community shall be open source, based on permissive, derivative-use and commercially friendly licensing (e.g., Apache 2).

While the intention is to make as many services and capabilities available for free to support the industry, by necessity the community will seek out cost recovery business models to assure re-investments and resources required for sustainability. This may include but is not limited to sponsored activities, (e.g., grants, use-case sponsorships, and commercial sponsors of specific work), certification programs (such as certified hosts/suppliers of the I.C infrastructure stack) and other sponsored projects. Note that there will be no exclusivity in suppliers, and no vendor or technology will be irreplaceable as part of the technology stack.

Agreement to Intellectual Property Policy

Code developed under the Interop.Community will be open source software, licensed under a permissive license (Apache 2 or similar) allowing for commercial and derivative use. Contributors to this code base will need to become “Verified Contributors”, agreeing to comply with Interop.Community Intellectual Property policies. Contributors will be required to assert that code contributions free of third-party Intellectual

Property, or have cleared Intellectual Property rights to make such contributions. Code contributed will be licensed under Apache 2 licensing or (alternative only upon approval by Interop.Communityleadership).

Logo Usage

We understand that to receive public acknowledgement of being part of the community, we will provide our logo/trademark and grant limited permission to Interop.Community for use to indicate our involvement. Upon acceptance as members, so long as we remain in good standing, we understand that we may indicate our membership and use Interop.Community logo/trademark for that limited purpose.

Terms of Service

We understand that some portion of community assets (in particular, hosted platforms) are subject to Terms of Service. We agree to abide by those Terms of Service or refrain from utilizing those resources. Software developed under Interop.Community is open source and may be used/consumed as permitted by that licensing.

Community Contribution

Contributions to the community may come in multiple forms, including but not limited to direct financial contributions, in-kind product or service contributions, personnel contributions or other forms, such as a sponsored project or cooperative agreement. While contributions are not an absolute requirement, the development of a healthy ecosystem is dependent upon the engagement and contributions of its members and consuming stakeholders.

Interop.Community reserves the right to identify specific activities and programs that would require some form of contribution or revenue reinvestment, and to limit participation within those activities to those members agreeing to specific requirements associated with those efforts. No member or stakeholder will be required to participate in such programs.

Signatures

This agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of (Michigan), without regard to conflicts of law principles. You agree to comply with all of the applicable laws and regulations while participating in Interop.Community.

By: _____

Name/Title: _____

Date: _____