

IEEE OOVHDL Working Group

Proposed Bylaws - 13 September 2000

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Subject to approval of the DASC Steering Committee.

Introduction

The IEEE Object-Oriented VHDL (OOVHDL) Working Group is established to develop the standard document, "IEEE Trial Use Standard for Object-Oriented Extensions to IEEE Standard VHDL." The Scope and Purpose of the project are as described in the PAR.

Governance

The OOVHDL Working Group shall be subject to these bylaws, and to the bylaws of the Design Automation Standards Committee (DASC) and the policies, procedures and bylaws of parent bodies of the DASC.

Organization

Membership

The OOVHDL Working Group shall be comprised of Voting Members and Observer Members. Any person may be an Observer Member by participating in meetings and dialog on the oovhdl email list. An Observer Member who is a DASC member may be a Voting Member by participating in two out of three successive Events. An Event is an announced meeting of the OOVHDL Working Group or a vote conducted on the oovhdl email list. Any Voting Member may decline Voting Membership at any time by notifying the Secretary. A Voting Member is eligible to vote. An Observer Member may participate in an email vote by responding to the call for votes, however, their vote shall not be counted.

Upon approval of these bylaws by the DASC Steering Committee, Voting Members and Observer Members will be determined as above by participation in the three Events preceding approval of the bylaws.

Officers

The OOVHDL Working Group shall have the following Officers:

- a Chair,
- a Vice-Chair,
- a Secretary, and
- a Technical Editor.

The Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary shall be distinct persons. The Technical editor may be one of the Chair, Vice-Chair or Secretary.

The responsibilities are set out in the DASC, SAB and SA policies, procedures and bylaws. In addition, the Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a roster of Observer Members and

Voting Members, and for maintaining the oovhdl email list and the oovhdl web site. The Secretary may coopt assistance in these activities.

Election of Officers

The Chair shall be a Voting Member appointed by the DASC Steering Committee. The nominee for Chair shall be elected by the Voting Members. The remaining Officers shall be Voting Members nominated and elected by the Voting Members. Officers shall be elected for terms of two-years, with a maximum of four terms.

Officers shall be elected by the “approval” method of voting, where a voter may vote for any number of candidates and the one with the most votes wins. In the case of a tie, a run-off vote shall be held among the tied candidates.

Where an Officer ceases to be an Officer, another Voting Member shall be appointed on an interim basis by the DASC Steering Committee for a period of at most six months. Within that period, the Voting Members shall elect a new Officer.

Upon approval of these bylaws by the DASC Steering Committee, the Voting Members shall elect the first set of Officers under these bylaws.

Conduct of Business

The business of the OOVHDL Working Group shall be conducted in a combination of “in-person” meetings and by email on the oovhdl email list. Notice of meetings shall be given on the oovhdl email list and on the web site.

Consensus shall be determined by approval votes, either at meetings or by email on the oovhdl email list. Only Voting Members shall be eligible to vote, however, the responses of Observer Members shall be recorded. In particular, the response of an Observer Member shall count towards the Observer Member’s potential conversion to Voting Member status.

The quorum for a meeting or an email vote shall be 50% of Voting Members. Where a quorum of Voting Members is not present at a meeting, matters voted upon informally shall be ratified by a subsequent email vote. A vote shall pass with a majority of at least 75% of participating eligible voters.

Maintenance of Bylaws

These bylaws are subject to the approval by ballot of the DASC Steering Committee, and any question of interpretation shall be resolved by the DASC Steering Committee. Any changes to these bylaws shall be proposed and approved by a vote of the Voting Members, and shall then be subject to approval by ballot of the DASC Steering Committee.