

**SURAgriid Governance Committee
SURAgriid Membership Rules**

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1. Background and Purpose

SURAgriid is a consortium of institutions and organizations collaborating and combining resources to create a distributed high performance computing (HPC) infrastructure (cyberinfrastructure) for the SURA region. Participating institutions and organizations contribute computing, technical knowledge and other resources to the shared cyberinfrastructure. SURAgriid has evolved over the past several years into a significant community of collaborators and HPC resources supporting research and education.

The SURAgriid community approved on March 31, 2007 a formal governance structure described in the "SURAgriid Governance and Decision-Making Structure" document.

The **SURAgriid Governance and Decision-Making Structure** is intended to support two core purposes:

- Ensuring that institutions and organizations investing in SURAgriid have an appropriate role in its governance; and
- Supporting the sustainable growth of active community participation and cooperative engagement in enhancing the SURAgriid infrastructure.

SURAgriid participants include: SURA, SURAgriid resource providers, contributors to development (i.e. SURAgriid portal development/operation, SURAgriid Bridge CA development/operation), application users, participants seeking shared knowledge and/or experience with grid computing, and corporate partners.

The SURAgriid Governance Committee (SGC) was elected May 31, 2007 by SURAgriid membership in the process outlined in the "SURAgriid Governance and Decision-Making Structure" document. SGC responsibilities include a core requirement that it "Recommend a definition of SURAgriid membership criteria and a process for evaluation and approval of applications for SURAgriid membership for approval by Contributing Members." The SGC completed this core requirement and the **SURAgriid Membership Rules** was approved by the SURAgriid general membership on October 18, 2007.

2. SURAggrid Membership Classes

SURAggrid has three defined membership classes:

1. **Contributing Member:** A Contributing Member is a higher education institution or related association or organization that contributes resources to the SURAggrid community for the advancement of regional cyberinfrastructure. Contributing members must designate a SURAggrid lead for their institution. SURA is by definition a Contributing Member.
2. **Participating Member.** A Participating Member is a higher education institution or related association, organization or individual participating in SURAggrid activities other than as a Contributing Member.
3. **Partnership Member.** A Partnership Member is any organization, commercial entity, or other non-higher education group that establishes a strategic relationship with SURA related to the SURAggrid program.

SURAggrid Contributing Member's institution participation may be in a number of ways, such as the following:

- Contribute a resource or service to SURAggrid (e.g. computation, storage, Certificate Authority, portal, visualization, etc.)
- Contribute staff time in support of grid management, maintenance, deployment, etc.
- Participate in a SURAggrid working groups, governance, in-person meetings, conference activities
- Work with SURAggrid node sites to deploy an application and to analyze/improve application deployment strategies for SURAggrid

These membership classes may be amended or revised by the SURAggrid Governance Committee with approval by the SURAggrid membership.

A list of current members of each of the defined SURAggrid Membership Classes is available at the SURAggrid web site (http://www.sura.org/programs/sura_grid.html).

3. SURAggrid Member Responsibilities

Contributing Members:

SURAggrid Contributing Members must:

- Appoint an institutional voting lead
- Participate actively in SURAggrid
- Support SURAggrid governance by exercising voting privileges
- Contribute to the SURAggrid annual report by submitting a Contributing Member site annual report

Contributing Members effectively acknowledge acceptance of "SURAggrid Contributing Member Responsibilities" by submitting to the SURAggrid Governance Committee an Application to Join SURAggrid wherein they designate a SURAggrid Lead for their institution, describe their institution's contributing activities and interests in joining SURAggrid as a Contributing Member.

Voting rights are awarded upon review and approval of an Application to Join SURAggrid by the SURAggrid Governance Committee which will present the application with comment and recommendation to the current SURAggrid Contributing Members for approval. A positive vote by a majority of the Contributing Members' SURAggrid Leads will constitute acceptance and confer SURAggrid Lead voting rights to the entity submitting the Application to Join SURAggrid.

Each SURAggrid Contributing Member will annually renew their voting rights by submitting to the SGC an updated Application to Join SURAggrid indicating their institution's continuing activities in SURAggrid for the prior period and confirming a SURAggrid Lead for the upcoming period.

Participating Members:

SURAggrid Participating Members must:

- Participate actively in SURAggrid

- Optionally contribute to the SURAgri annual report by submitting a Participating Member site annual report

Participating Members effectively acknowledge acceptance of “SURAgri Participating Member Responsibilities” by submitting to the SURAgri Governance Committee an Application to Join SURAgri wherein they describe their institution’s interests in joining SURAgri as a Participating Member.

Participating membership is awarded upon review and approval of an Application to Join SURAgri by the SURAgri Governance Committee. Each SURAgri Participating Member will annually renew their participation in SURAgri by submitting to the SGC an updated Application to Join SURAgri indicating their institution’s continuing activities in SURAgri for the prior period and confirming their continued participation for the upcoming period.

Partnership Members:

SURAgri Partnership Members must:

- Have a strategic relationship with SURA related to the SURAgri program

Partnership membership is awarded upon establishing a strategic relationship with SURA related to the SURAgri program. An organization, commercial entity, or other non-higher education group may contact SURA via the SURAgri Governance Committee, or by contacting SURA (www.sura.org) directly, to initiate discussions of strategic relationship.

Appendix A

Application to Join SURAgri as *Contributing Member*

Name of Organization:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Office Telephone:

Office Fax:

Organization URL: <Insert URL of your organization here>

Point(s) of Contact:

Joining as SURAgri Contributing Member

Annual renewal of SURAgri Contributing Membership

SURAgri Contributing Members must:

- Appoint an institutional voting lead
- Participate actively in SURAgri
- Support SURAgri governance by exercising voting privileges
- Contribute to the SURAgri annual report by submitting a Contributing Member site annual report

Contributing Members effectively acknowledge acceptance of "SURAgri Contributing Member Responsibilities" by submitting to the SURAgri Governance Committee an Application to Join SURAgri wherein they designate a SURAgri Lead for their institution, describe their institution's contributing activities and interests in joining SURAgri as a Contributing Member.

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Each SURAgri Contributing Member will annually renew their voting rights by submitting to the SGC an updated Application to Join SURAgri indicating their institution's continuing activities in SURAgri for the prior period and confirming a SURAgri Lead for the upcoming period.

1. Designate your Institutional Voting Lead

Organization Name:

Name:

Title:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email:

Office Telephone:

Office Fax:

Note: Organizational representatives should determine the need for any necessary coordination and approval within their organization before designating a SURAgri Institutional Voting Lead. A Full **Organization Name** (e.g., University of XXX) indicates a broader scope than more constrained scope implied by sub-unit **Organization Name** (e.g., C.S. Dept, University of XXX). In the absence of a SURAgri Institutional Voting Lead for a Full **Organization Name** (e.g. University of XXX), a SURAgri Institutional Voting Lead may represent and vote on behalf of the more constrained sub-unit implied by **Organization Name** (e.g., C.S. Dept, University of XXX). Should multiple sub-units

desire to be represented at a particular organization (e.g., C.S. Dept, University of XXX; Physics Dept, University of XXX), it is requested that those sub-units (e.g. C.S. and Physics) should determine a single Institutional Voting Lead to represent their combined institutional interests.

2. Describe your Institution's contributing activities to SURAgriid:

3. Describe your Institution's interest in joining (or renewing contributing membership to) SURAgriid:

[Use additional pages as necessary]

Application to Join SURAgriid as *Participating Member*

Name of Organization:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Office Telephone:

Office Fax:

Organization URL: <Insert URL of your organization here>

Joining as SURAgriid Participating Member

Annual renewal of SURAgriid Participating Membership

SURAgriid Participating Members must:

- Participate actively in SURAgriid
- Optionally contribute to the SURAgriid annual report by submitting a Participating Member site annual report

Participating Members effectively acknowledge acceptance of “SURAgriid Participating Member Responsibilities” by submitting to the SURAgriid Governance Committee an Application to Join SURAgriid wherein they describe their institution’s interests in joining SURAgriid as a Participating Member.

Participating membership is awarded upon review and approval of an Application to Join SURAgriid by the SURAgriid Governance Committee. Each SURAgriid Participating Member will annually renew their participation in SURAgriid by submitting to the SGC an updated Application to Join SURAgriid indicating their institution’s continuing activities in SURAgriid for the prior period and confirming their continued participation for the upcoming period.

1. Provide your contact information

Name:

Title:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email:

Office Telephone:

Office Fax:

2. Describe any current activities in SURAgriid:

3. Describe your interest in joining (or renewing participating membership to) SURAgriid:

[Use additional pages as necessary]

Application to Join SURAgriid as *Partnership Member*

Joining as SURAgriid Partnership Member

SURAgriid Partnership Members must:

- Have a strategic relationship with SURA related to the SURAgriid program

Partnership membership is awarded upon establishing a strategic relationship with SURA related to the SURAgriid program. An organization, commercial entity, or other non-higher education group may contact SURA via the SURAgriid Governance Committee, or by contacting the SURA (www.sura.org) directly, to initiate discussions of strategic relationship.

1. Provide your organizational contact information

Name:

Title:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email:

Office Telephone:

Office Fax:

2. Describe your interest in establishing a partnership with SURA with regard to SURAgriid: