SURAgrid Governance Committee
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1. Background and Purpose

SURAgrid 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. SURAgrid has evolved over the past several years into a significant community of collaborators and HPC resources supporting research and education.

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

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

- Ensuring that institutions and organizations investing in SURAgrid have an appropriate role in its governance; and

- Supporting the sustainable growth of active community participation and cooperative engagement in enhancing the SURAgrid infrastructure.

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

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

2. <u>SURAgrid Membership Classes</u>

SURAgrid 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 SURAgrid community for the advancement of regional cyberinfrastructure. Contributing members must designate a SURAgrid 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 SURAgrid 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 SURAgrid program.

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

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

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

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

3. <u>SURAgrid Member Responsibilities</u>

Contributing Members:

SURAgrid Contributing Members must:

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

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

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

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

Participating Members:

SURAgrid Participating Members must:

- Participate actively in SURAgrid

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

Participating Members effectively acknowledge acceptance of "SURAgrid Participating Member Responsibilities" by submitting to the SURAgrid Governance Committee an <u>Application to Join SURAgrid</u> wherein they describe their institution's interests in joining SURAgrid as a Participating Member.

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

Partnership Members:

SURAgrid Partnership Members must:

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

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

Appendix A

Application to Join SURAgrid *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 SURAgrid Contributing Member***

☐ ***Annual renewal of SURAgrid Contributing Membership***

SURAgrid Contributing Members must:

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- Participate actively in SURAgrid
- Support SURAgrid governance by exercising voting privileges
- Contribute to the SURAgrid annual report by submitting a Contributing Member site annual report

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Each SURAgrid Contributing Member will annually renew their voting rights by submitting to the SGC an updated Application to Join SURAgrid indicating their institution's continuing activities in SURAgrid for the prior period and confirming a SURAgrid 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 SURAgrid 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 SURAgrid Institutional Voting Lead for a Full **Organization Name** (e.g. University of XXX), a SURAgrid 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 SURAgrid:

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

[Use additional pages as necessary]

Application to Join SURAgrid *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 SURAgrid Participating Member*

☐ *Annual renewal of SURAgrid Participating Membership*

SURAgrid Participating Members must:

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

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

Participating membership is awarded upon review and approval of an Application to Join SURAgrid by the SURAgrid Governance Committee. Each SURAgrid Participating Member will annually renew their participation in SURAgrid by submitting to the SGC an updated Application to Join SURAgrid indicating their institution's continuing activities in SURAgrid 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 SURAgrid:

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

[Use additional pages as necessary]

Application to Join SURAgrid *as Partnership Member*

☐ *Joining as SURAgrid Partnership Member*

SURAgrid Partnership Members must:

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

Partnership membership is awarded upon establishing a strategic relationship with SURA related to the SURAgrid program. An organization, commercial entity, or other non-higher education group may contact SURA via the SURAgrid 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 SURAgrid: