

FIPA Architecture Board

Remit and policies

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Remit

- Ensure FIPA's specifications exhibit: consistency, coherence, integrity and merit.
- Approve specifications as they advance through the lifecycle
- Oversee the technical direction of FIPA, provide guidance where necessary
- Maintain a registry of FIPA specifications and workplans

Workplan Approval

- E-mail submission of workplan by a member, with support by at least one other member (fab@fipa.org)
- 21 day turnaround, reported on reflectors
- E-mail to include sufficient information to assist the AB
- Decisions presented to membership at first plenary of the following meeting
 - discussion at open meetings during the meeting
- Approve or Disapprove with Comments.

Preliminary to Experimental

- TC-Chair submits component and profile documents to reflector.
- One month cycle commitment, response either via reflectors, or at meeting
- Decision presented to membership at next plenary
- Approve, or Disapprove with comments

Experimental increments

- TC-Chair submits component and profile documents to reflector
- 21 days cycle for answer meeting.
- Decision presented on reflector, and at next plenary
- Approve, or Disapprove with comments
- On approval, incremental letter assigned to the new version

Approval to Standard status

- TC-Chair submits component and profile to reflector
- One month cycle time
- Formal e-mail vote
- Architecture Board Approval or Disapproval with comments presented at next plenary

Obsolete

- TC-Chair or owning representative submits the specification numbers to the AB
- 21 day cycle, response via email
- Approve or Disapprove with comments at first plenary
- Membership vote to obsolete status

Technical issues

- Resolution of technical issues by TC-chair, or concerned party submitting details of the issue to the AB e-mail reflector.
- AB may enlist services of members to assist in resolution
- Decision returned to TC chair or submitter within one month.

Other Tasks

- AB will advise FIPA board on TC creation and retirement
- AB may recommend workplans for submission to the FIPA membership based on perceived needs
- The AB will identify specifications which are in danger of not being completed or maintained, and mark them 'AT RISK' and bring this to the attention of the membership.

Meetings, Consensus

- The AB will report to the FIPA membership in open Plenary on the status of workplans and specifications
- The AB will meet in open sessions during FIPA meetings to provide feedback and accept comments
- The AB plans to work primarily via e-mail, in both internal and external interactions
- The AB intends to operate via consensus

Our near term deliverables

- Workplan creation guidelines
- Specification approval guidelines
- Current status of all FIPA 97, FIPA 98 and ongoing specifications

Your near term deliverables

- Workplans for current and future work
- Requests to move in progress specifications to appropriate status
- Workplans to remove existing FIPA-97 and FIPA-98 specifications from AT RISK status
 - Most of these should be straightforward
 - Goal is to provide a complete, coherent collection of the 97 and 98 work
- Comments, feedback and assistance

Final Thought

The Architecture Board
has no desire to be a
bottleneck

We all have too much to do as it
is!