The Greater Pittsburgh CIO Group
Charter

Purpose: The Greater Pittsburgh CIO Group ("CIO Group") was established to connect technology leaders from various organizations in the region and establish a forum to share knowledge, experiences, and best practices in the field of information technology. The forum aids to foster networking, learning, and innovation, ultimately enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of IT within the participating organizations.

Objectives: A. Knowledge Sharing: Facilitate the exchange of ideas, insights, and experiences related to IT management, strategy, and execution.

B. Best Practice Sharing: Encourage CIOs to share successful strategies, methodologies, and approaches that have proven to be effective in their respective organizations.

C. Problem Solving: Collaborate on solving common challenges faced by CIOs in the ever-evolving landscape of technology and business.

D. Innovation Promotion: Foster an environment that encourages innovation and creativity in IT leadership and operations.

E. Community Service: Serve the community through specific initiatives to support the development of the next generation of IT leaders, and recognize existing technology leaders within our community.

Scope: Regional focus to include the Greater Pittsburgh Area spanning as far as Central Ohio, south as Morganton, West Virginia and as far East as State College.

Membership: To be considered for membership, candidates must represent an entity in the Pittsburgh Region (Central Ohio, West Virginia, Central PA). Representatives from divisions of national or international companies with a significant local presence are also eligible for membership. Vendor membership will be limited to internal positions that support the company. Membership is limited to the most senior individual in charge of technology for the organization, or autonomous division, regardless of actual title (e.g., CIO, CTO, Director of Information Systems, etc.).

Prospective members must demonstrate a genuine interest in knowledge sharing, active participation, and service to the Greater Pittsburgh IT

community. The number of members may be limited to ensure effective participation and meaningful interaction.

Members must attend 50% of the scheduled meetings/events to stay active.

Governance: The CIO Group is governed by an Advisory Board consisting of a Chairperson and Co-Chair as well as other members. The leadership team will be elected by the active members through a democratic process to serve a two-year term. The Advisory Board coordinates communications, meetings, agendas, voting actions, and activities.

Current Advisory Board Members:
Mark Husnick, Chairman
Mike Abram
Steve Bugajski
Summer Craze Fowler
Bill Fortwangler
Katherine Karolick
Tushar Lovalekar
Mark Miko
Jack Wolford

Budget/Funding: For the 2024 calendar year, no dues will be collected and events are expected to be funded by sponsors. Meetings are held at member or stakeholder locations.

Key Activities and Events:
The CIO Group meets bi-monthly, rotating locations based on active members. Members are encouraged to host a meeting as part of the rotation. Every other meeting will be followed by a networking event, initiated by the hosting member. The purpose of these meetings is decision making/any business relative to the charter, and knowledge sharing. Meetings may include presentations by members, guest speakers, panel discussions, workshops, and roundtable discussions.

In addition to the six yearly meetings, the CIO Group has the following activities:

- LDP: Each member is expected to contribute as a mentor to the program, and attend networking events with the broader community.

- PTC CIO of the Year awards: The CIO Group Advisory Board is the voting body for the CIO of the year awards. The GP CIO Group

should actively seek nominations and provide input to the Advisory Board.

- Other knowledge sharing and educational events (such as the NCFTA/FBI event) as determined each year.

Confidentiality and Intellectual Property: Members must respect the confidentiality of sensitive information shared during forum discussions. Members retain ownership of their respective intellectual property and proprietary information shared during forum interactions.

Amendments to the Charter: Proposed amendments to this charter may be submitted by any member. Amendments shall be subject to a vote by the Advisory Board, and a majority agreement will be required for approval.

Signature and Date of Chairperson: This charter was accepted by the Advisory Board of the Greater Pittsburgh CIO Group on this 20th day, of October, 2023.

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Mark Husnick, Advisory Board Chair