



Association for Materials Protection & Performance

AMPP Global Center

Technical Communities of Interest Charter

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Scope of Document

This document details the policies and procedures for the Technical Communities of Interest (TCI) of the AMPP Global Center (the “Center”).

Article 1: General Provisions

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

Each TCI shall advise the Center’s Technical Program Committee (TPC) and Subcommittees on matters set forth in this charter and any other matters as determined by the Board. A TCI is a group of people who share a common technical interest. A TCI is a subset of the Technical Program Committee’s Subcommittees. Members of a TCI exchange ideas and thoughts about the specific technical interest.

Operationally, the TCI provides an opportunity for discussion at-will on the selected topic, presentation of information by members to members, sharing of information via an on-line resource (a type of committee workspace), and connection via meetings hosted on a collaboration platform, via teleconferences or at conferences (either regional or global events).

The TCIs will be independent from other Communities of Interest, formed within AMPP, and do not require approval by another Program Committee to conduct business. It is expected that the TPC, their Subcommittees and/or TCIs will be available as a resource for other groups and will collaborate on an as needed basis.

SECTION 2: MEETINGS

Each TCI shall meet as needed. The TCI Manager shall provide notice of a meeting at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Any TCI member participating in a TCI meeting may participate by means of a collaboration platform, telephone conference or by any means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear one another and otherwise fully participate in the meeting. The means of communication shall be determined by the Manager of the TCI.

Notes of meetings may be taken and distributed to all members of a TCI, Subcommittee Chair and/or Technical Program Committee Chair on a timely basis. The Subcommittee/TPC Chair shall make the determination on any action taken based on all recommendations made by a TCI.

SECTION 3: TCI MEMBERSHIP

There is no maximum number of members required since there is no quorum required, or official business conducted during each meeting of the TCI.

SECTION 4: FORMING A TCI

A TCI formation will be considered by the Technical Program Committee when the following procedures are followed:

- A TCI Proposal Form has been filled out by the interested party(ies) in its entirety and submitted.
- The AMPP TCI Proposal Form is reviewed by the Technical Program Committee, with input from the corresponding TPC Subcommittee.
 - A simple favorable majority vote by those in attendance would be required during this meeting of the Technical Program Committee and the related Subcommittee, to approve the formation of the TCI.
- Upon approval, the TCI requester(s) would be notified by a member of AMPP staff.

- The TCI Manager is confirmed after the TCI has been approved.

SECTION 5: ASSESSING A TCI

TCIs shall be assessed for activity bi-annually. Activity for a TCI will include technical discussions that can happen both virtually and in-person. A TCI shall be considered “active” if they have at least one technical discussion within a six-month period. A “probationary period” of six months will be granted to the TCI at its start-up to allow the TCI to gain traction. Each TCI will begin their assessment period at the end of their probationary period. During the probationary period, the reporting subcommittee will track the TCI’s progress and report back to the Technical Program Committee on their progress.

SECTION 6: DISBANDING A TCI

A TCI is considered “non-active” if technical discussions have not been held within a six-month period.

A TCI may be disbanded at any time by the Board, at its sole discretion, or upon the conclusion of the following procedure:

- If after the TCI’s probationary period, a TCI is determined “non-active”, the Manager of the TCI will be given a “Warning of Disbandment” from the reporting subcommittee.
- If after the warning the TCI remains inactive for an additional four-week period, the reporting subcommittee would vote on disbandment via electronic ballot, in person meeting, or via teleconference meeting.
 - If vote is affirmative, the TPC would then vote.
 - If subcommittee vote is negative on disbandment, the subcommittee would need to provide the TPC with rationale as to why the TCI should still exist if there is no activity.
 - The TPC would then make recommendations to the reporting subcommittee on how to proceed with the TCI moving forward. For example, a replacement TCI Manager or disbandment could be recommended by the TPC.

SECTION 7: TERM; TERM LIMITS

The Manager of each TCI may serve for the life of the TCI or until they resign or are removed for cause. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each such Manager shall serve until his or her successor is elected.

Members of TCIs shall serve a term of one year and may serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms. Members may serve until such time as the member ceases to qualify or is removed or resigns as a member.

SECTION 8: REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION; VACANCIES

Any TCI Manager, or member may resign or be removed from such position at any time by the Board, the Ethics and Professional Practice Committee, or two-thirds vote of all voting members as described in Section 6 “Disbanding a TCI”.

Vacancies in the Manager position of any TCI may be filled at any time in the same manner as is provided for the appointment or approval of such position.

SECTION 9: OFFICERS

Each TCI Manager shall be a member of the Association for Materials Protection and Performance (the “Association”) and be responsible for conducting the affairs of such TCI for scheduling meetings, developing agendas, and making recommendations by such TCI to the appropriate Subcommittee and/or TPC.

SECTION 10: AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER

The Joint Executive Committee shall review this charter at least once every five years and may revise such Charter in its sole discretion at any time.

Article 2: TCIs

SECTION 1: ORGANIZATION OF A TCI

The TCIs will report into the Subcommittees that they represent, which include:

- Corrosion Management
- Coatings
- Cathodic Protection
- Pipeline and Tanks
- Defense
- Infrastructure
- Materials
- Oil and Gas
- Process Industry
- Transportation
- Utilities

TCIs can be formed based on the need in these areas, and subsequent sub-areas. The “Purpose” of TCIs is described above in Section 1.