

Pachyderm Advisory Council



Purpose

The Pachyderm Advisory Council is charged with continuing governance of the Pachyderm Authoring Environment Software Project (Pachyderm) and will hold the ultimate authority for decisions related to the content of official Pachyderm releases that may be made available subsequent to the Pachyderm 2.0 release (January 2006). Specifically, this charge includes the following responsibilities:

1. To define and endorse official Pachyderm releases. Official Pachyderm releases will be the only versions of the software allowed to use the name Pachyderm, which is held in copyright by the New Media Consortium (NMC) and San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA).
2. To create and oversee a process for submitting enhancements, extensions, templates, and other modifications to Pachyderm by any interested party.
3. To approve submitted enhancements, extensions, templates, and other modifications to Pachyderm that will be made part of the continuing official Pachyderm code base.
4. To make recommendations to the developer community for enhancements or extensions to the functionality of Pachyderm.
5. To recognize the contributions of the developer community to Pachyderm.

Membership

The Pachyderm Advisory Council will have up to fourteen (14) seats, with two (2) of those seats being permanent seats, and the remaining twelve (12) seats rotating in staggered 3-year terms. The distribution of the seats will be as follows:

Permanent Seats

The New Media Consortium and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, as joint copyright holders in Pachyderm, will each be assigned a permanent seat on the Council in perpetuity, with the discretion to assign the seat however they wish.

Rotating Seats

Rotating seats will serve three-year terms and be allocated among the following groups. Rotating Council members will be chosen by a majority vote of the council.

- 3 seats reserved for Pachyderm Developers
- 3 seats reserved for NMC university representatives
- 3 seats reserved for NMC museum representatives
- 3 seat reserved for "At-Large" representatives

"Pachyderm Developers" shall be the designation for all the members of the original Pachyderm Development team listed in the Pachyderm credits, and also includes anyone who has submitted code for review and possible inclusion in Pachyderm after October 2005.

“NMC University representatives” will include faculty or staff from academic institutions that are members of the NMC.

“NMC museum representatives” will include curators and staff from museums and science centers that are members of the NMC.

“At-Large” will be an “open” category to which anyone, regardless of affiliation, may be named.

At the first meeting of the Council, lots will be drawn within each of the four groups of rotating members to assign the initial members to a 3-year, 4-year, or 5-year term, thus establishing the annual rotation of one seat within each group by the end of the Council’s third year. After the first terms are completed, all rotating seats from that point forward will have a non-renewable 3-year term.

Officers

A Chair will initially be appointed by the permanent members. After that point, the Council shall each year elect a Chair-Elect, who will serve for a year as the Chair-Elect, and then assume the role of Chair for an additional year, with the term of service being non-renewable.

The Chair’s primary role and function is to preside over all meetings of the Council; the Chair-Elect will assume this role if for any reason the Chair is unavailable.

Meetings

The Council shall meet face-to-face at least once each year and at such other times as the Council shall elect.

Initial Membership

The initial rotating members of the Council will be appointed by the two permanent members; a list of nominations appears below. After that point, rotating members will be appointed by a majority vote of the Council as a whole.

Permanent Seats	
<p>New Media Consortium Larry Johnson</p>	<p>SF Museum of Modern Art Peter Samis</p>
Rotating Seats	
<p>Pachyderm Developers Joshua Archer D’Arcy Norman Tim Wang</p>	<p>NMC Museum members Tim Svenonius John Weber Holly Witchey</p>
<p>NMC University members Tom Hapgood Wendy Shapiro Lou Zweier</p>	<p>At-large Rachel Smith Susie Wise Vacant</p>