



PLM World – Chicago Area Chapter

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PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the PLM World – Chicago Area Chapter is to provide a support network for technical information. A secondary purpose is to facilitate communications between users and UGS and to continue and follow up ideas presented at the International Users Meetings.

SCOPE

The activities of the Users Group shall include discussions of non-proprietary application ideas and programs, techniques in the management and use of software or hardware and other information related to graphics processing applications, which are of common interest to the membership.

USER GROUP RESPONSIBILITY

The Users Group shall not be responsible for any information received from a member. All programs, techniques and other information disclosed by a member, either in written or oral form, shall be considered non-proprietary and non-confidential. Subsequent disclosure to others shall not impose any liability whatsoever, for any reason on the Users Group, its agents or members.

DEFINITIONS

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

The Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary & Treasurer are voting Committee Members.

ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

- (A) This organization (hereinafter the “Organization”) is a branch of the PLM World, Inc., a Minnesota Nonprofit Organization. The Organization, as an unincorporated branch of the PLM World, Inc., is governed by the Articles of Incorporation of PLM World, Inc. In the event of any conflict between these By-Laws and the governing instruments (e.g., Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Policies and Procedures) of PLM World, Inc., the governing instruments of PLM World, Inc. shall control.*
- (B) The Organization is intended to supplement the activities of PLM World, Inc., but shall operate independently from PLM World, Inc. except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws or the governing instruments of PLM World, Inc.*
- (C) The Organization shall have its own officers and directors who shall be responsible for the activities of the Organization.*

ARTICLE 2

MEMBERSHIP

- (A) *Any owner, leasee, or user of an UGS PLM Solutions interactive graphics system is eligible for membership in the Organization and entitled to all rights and privileges associated with said membership.*
- (B) *Application - those eligible for membership may submit an application to the Secretary for member accreditation.*
- (C) *Voting rights in Chapter elections are limited to PLM World registered citizens of the Chicago Area Chapter.*

ARTICLE 3

EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

- (A) *Officers shall be nominated for their respective offices by the general membership and fulfill the office duties for a term of **one year**. Officers may be reelected to successive terms. If any officer is unable to complete his/her term, the Executive Board shall appoint a temporary officer to serve the balance of the term. Officers must be PLM World Citizens.*
- (B) *No employee of UGS shall be eligible to serve as an officer.*
- (C) *The officers and their functions are as follows:*
 - 1. *Chairperson*
 - a. *Coordinate preparation of the meeting agenda.*
 - b. *Coordinate Committee activities.*
 - c. *Chair the Executive Committee and Group Meetings.*
 - d. *Obtain technical information and provide input to the International User Group Meetings.*
 - e. *Maintain guidelines for the scope and conduct of Executive Committee Meetings.*
 - 2. *Vice-Chair*
 - a. *Assume Chairperson duties in the event the Chairperson is unavailable.*
 - b. *Assist the Chairperson with the administrative aspects of the Users Group Meetings.*
 - c. *Member of the Executive Board and Committee.*
 - 3. *Treasurer*
 - a. *Assume Chairperson duties in the event the Vice-Chair is unavailable*
 - b. *Assist the Chairperson with any financial aspects of the Users Group Meetings.*
 - c. *Secondary representative to the national RUG Committee meeting*
 - d. *Complete the Financial Reporting form with PLM World yearly*

4. Secretary
 - a. Assume Chairperson duties in the event the Treasurer is unavailable.
 - b. Maintain membership records.
 - c. Log all meeting minutes into the PLM World meeting report form.
 - d. Member of the Executive Board and Committee.
 - e. Coordinate election balloting and the counting of votes thereof.

ARTICLE 4

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the Executive Board to:

1. Define temporary committees and appoint a chairperson for each committee.
2. Receive suggestions for any changes from general membership.
3. Evaluate current committees for effectiveness and reorganize or discontinue such committees, if necessary.
4. Prepare meeting agendas as directed by the Users Group Chairperson.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

1. Temporary committees shall be organized by the Executive Board to study and report on specific areas of interest to the membership.
2. A majority of the membership can request the Executive Board to form a new committee.

ARTICLE 5

MEETINGS

- (A) The Organization shall meet two (2) times per year minimally. Additional meetings may be scheduled during the year at the request of the Executive Board.
- (B) The Chairperson or his/her designee shall make arrangements for meeting facilities and the location of each meeting. He/she shall then provide this information to the Executive Board consultant for dissemination to the membership.
- (C) Members must be notified of the scope and location at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting.
- (D) Members must make reservations to the appropriate meeting planner five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE 6

VOTING

Each PLM World registered citizen that is a user of a UGS PLM Solutions system shall qualify for one (1) vote per attending site code. No one corporation shall have more than 25% of the total available votes. Voting will be held for election of officers and to adopt changes to the Organization By-Laws, which the Executive board considers important for membership action or, by motion from the floor. The majority of votes cast will ride. A quorum shall be comprised of one-fourth the total site codes currently registered with the PLM World Chicago Area Chapter. Balloting will be done on paper ballots at a full Chapter meeting and are not to be electronic or online.

ARTICLE 7

FUNDING

Each user attending an Organization Meeting may be charged an activity fee by the hosting company to provide for renting of facilities and/or procurement of services related to the business sessions of the meetings. Any activity fee shall be specified in advance of the Organization Meetings. Cancellations may be made five (5) days prior to the meeting and the activity fee will be waived. Cancellations within five (5) days of the meeting and no shows may be charged the activity fee.

ARTICLE 8

DELEGATES

There shall be one delegate from the Organization to the PLM World Inc.'s special regional group (RUG) committee. This delegate shall sit on a special committee of the PLM World Inc. that shall resolve any and all disputes that may arise between the National and Regional Users Groups. This special committee shall consist of the delegates from all the Regional Users groups as well as three members of the National Users Group Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may choose any member of the Board of Directors to be the delegate.