

# The OIDF Local Chapters Policy

## **1 - Form**

Local Chapters ("Chapters") are not a part of OIDF, and thus can either be private organizations, intermediate organizations, or legal entities, which is a decision left to the Chapter organizers. However, these organizations must be of a non-profit nature, and have NPO status.

## **2 - Registration**

Chapters must register with OIDF by sending an email to [board@openid.net](mailto:board@openid.net). In this email, Chapters will signify their agreement to the terms of this policy, and will supply all contact information to be used for this Chapter.

## **3 - Members**

It is advisable for the Chapters to become Members of OIDF, but is not an obligation. However, to be eligible as voting members of OIDF, Chapters must be members of OIDF.

## **4 - Leadership Team**

Chapters must be headed by a designated leadership team, composed of at least three people.

## **5 - Internet site**

Chapters must have their own web site, listing events and news. This Chapter-sponsored web site is the responsibility of the chapter organizers, not of the OIDF staff or volunteers.

## **6 - Intellectual Property**

Chapters must agree that any intellectual property or trademarks developed or held by the Chapter must be freely available for use to the OpenID Community.

## **7 - Activities**

Chapters must agree that all Chapter activities are focused on fostering the widespread adoption and use of OpenID.

## **8 - Financing**

Chapters must operate independently, with no expectation of receiving funds from OIDF. However, they may apply to the OIDF board for funding of specific activities or events, and these requests will be considered on their merits.

## **9 - Activities Report**

Chapters must produce at least one annual activity report. This report must be submitted to OIDF or published on the Chapter site in the English language.

*Once the Chapter has been admitted by a decision of the OIDF Board:*

## **10 - Communications**

OIDF lists the Chapter on the OIDF website ([openid.net](http://openid.net)), and documents its existence in a list sorted by country, providing contact information and link sites to the Chapter.

## **11 - Territories**

OIDF is free to organize Chapters areas anywhere in the world. However, if there are several Chapters in one jurisdiction, OIDF will designate one of these Chapters as the "National Chapter," which deals with tasks best done at the national level.

## **12 - Chapter Committee**

OIDF can authorize a Chapter Committee. This committee is composed of at least one board member, and at least one Chapter leader.

## **13 - Commitments**

OIDF will not alter the present "Chapters Policy" without the consent of the Chapters who have accepted it.

## **14 - Relationship**

OIDF reserves the privilege to maintain several Chapters in one geographical territory; Chapters are free to maintain other relationships and partnerships with other foundations, and to maintain their own Members on their territory.

## **15 - Chapter removal**

If a Chapter has violated the Chapters Policy, and the violation has not been corrected and completely resolved within 3 months after written notice by OIDF, OIDF can remove that Chapter from its listings. The de-listing of a Chapter must be voted by the OIDF Board. A Chapter may also request to be de-listed.

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