

POLICY NO. 2
A Policy Concerning Sub-Groups
of Linux/Open Source Users of Regina Saskatchewan (LOSURS) Inc.

1. WORKING GROUPS

- (a) **Definition:** Working Groups are simply a group of Members who have been delegated to prepare for some event, or complete some tasks. Working Groups may also be known as Committees.
- (b) **Creation:** The Directors may solicit volunteers from the Membership, or may appoint specific Members to the Working Group. Members are free to decline any such appointment. Naturally, any member is welcome to suggest to the Directors that a Working Group be created for a particular task.
- (c) **Withdrawal:** A Member participating in a Working Group may choose to withdraw from the Working Group at any time. In this case, the Member must transfer any and all materials related to the Working Group's task to another member of the Working Group.
- (d) **Dissolution:** A Working Group automatically dissolves when its assigned task for event is complete. It also dissolves when all Members have withdrawn from it. Finally, it may also be dissolved by resolution of the Directors, or by special resolution of the Regular Members, if it is decided that the Working Group is no longer necessary, or no longer performing its intended function.

2. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

- (a) **Definition:** A Special Interest Group (hereinafter referred to as a SIG) is a group of Members who wish to discuss a more specific topic. This may be a particular program, operating system, etc. in which these Members have an interest. These discussions will not take place at the main LOSURS meetings and while the SIG has its own autonomy from the main group, the SIG and its participants are still bound by the rules outlined in the LOSURS Bylaws and Policies. To be a participant in a SIG, a person must be a Member of LOSURS.
- (b) **Creation:** Should a group of Members wish to form a SIG, they must submit a written proposal to the Board. This proposal will contain a written statement of purpose, outlining the goals and purpose of the SIG. As long as the proposal is not contrary to the goals of the Corporation and no Director has any specific objections, the SIG will be created and an announcement will be made to the Membership.
- (c) **Dissolution:**
 - (i) The SIG shall be discontinued if a plurality of its participants vote in favour of doing so.
 - (ii) A SIG may also be discontinued by resolution of the Directors if the

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SIG is found to be in violation of its original statement of purpose, or if it has violated the Bylaws or Policies in any way.

- (iii) A SIG may dissociate itself from the Corporation if a plurality of its participants vote in favour of doing so. After this vote, the SIG will be provided with a copy of the LOSURS Bylaws and Policies, and the SIG will be discontinued within the Corporation. It is the responsibility of the participants of the SIG to re-form, and incorporate on their own.
 - (iv) Regardless of how it is discontinued, the SIG's participants will remain Members unless specifically terminated.
- (d) **Responsibilities and Privileges:**
- (i) SIGs will be responsible for their own meetings, events, etc. Meeting locations and times will not be governed by the Corporation, nor will time be given to the SIG during regular monthly meetings, other than for presentations to the main group that are scheduled by the normal means.
 - (ii) A SIG will be provided with a reasonable amount of space on the main LOSURS web site to post information that it deems important to the SIG. The content of this material will still be subject to the control of the webmaster, as with all content on the LOSURS web site.
 - (iii) In addition, SIGs also have the privilege of a LOSURS mailing list. This mailing list will be governed by the same rules as the other LOSURS mailing lists.