



CA/BROWSER FORUM

Lessons learned from SC60

Current SCWG Charter

"(c) An Applicant shall become a Member once the Server Certificate Working Group has determined by consensus among the Members during a Meeting or Teleconference that the Applicant meets all of the requirements of subsection (a) or, upon the request of any Member, by a Ballot among the Members. Acceptance by consensus shall be determined or a Ballot of the Members shall be held as soon as the Applicant indicates that it has presented all information required and has responded to all follow-up questions from the SCWG and the Member has complied with the requirements of Section 5.5 of the CA/Browser Forum Bylaws."

- ▶ Either by consensus (i.e. all in favor, no one opposes), or a ballot.
- ▶ The process (either consensus or a ballot) starts as soon as the Applicant has presented all information required and has answered all questions.

What cases can be challenged?

- Disagreement about a Membership criteria being met (one or more members may claim that some criteria have not been met). In the past, we had Members challenging audit reports. An Applicant had an Audit report with a modified opinion but the Bylaws did not ask for a "clean" report. On another case, an Applicant had been removed from Root Programs but was included in "some old version" of a Consumer Member's Root Store. We weren't sure if this met the spirit of the Bylaws.
- Any other disagreement that will not be considered discriminating, biased or anti-competitive should be considered

How do we fix this?

- "(c) An Applicant shall become a Member once the Chartered Working Group has determined by consensus among the Members during a Meeting or Teleconference that the Applicant meets all of the requirements of subsection (a) or, upon the request of any Member **that challenges the Applicant's adherence to all of the requirements of subsection (a)**, by a Ballot among the Members. Acceptance by consensus shall be determined or a Ballot of the Members shall be held as soon as the Applicant indicates that it has presented all information required and has responded to all follow-up questions from the SCWG and the Member has complied with the requirements of Section 5.5 of the CA/Browser Forum Bylaws."

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- Alternate phrasing proposal from Aaron Gable: "...has determined by consensus or, upon the request of any Member, by a Ballot among the members, that the Applicant meets all of the requirements of subsection (a)."