

MSPLC

By-Laws

Article I: The Organization

The MSPLC is an organization of and for the users of the CA mainframe security software products (ACF2, Top Secret & Cleanup). These users are defined as institutions or organizations that either use the products or have the products on order from CA, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as CA) under a bona fide license agreement.

Article II: Purpose

Section A: Objective of MSPLC

The primary objective of the MSPLC group is to promote improvements and improve utilization of the mainframe security products through mutual cooperation and a free interchange of ideas.

Additional Objectives

1. Provide ways and means to help MSPLC members use the mainframe security products more effectively, as well as other security software and products.
2. Coordinate requests for and establish the benefit of enhancements to the mainframe security products.
3. Ensure that the mainframe security products remain state-of-the-art security software products and keeps pace with new hardware and software, and with changes in the security environment.
4. Ensure that CA remains responsive to users' problems.
5. Maintain a spirit of mutual cooperation between MSPLC, its members and CA.

Section B: Achievement of the Objectives

Achievement of the objectives of MSPLC shall be the primary responsibility of the MSPLC officers in cooperation with CA and with the voluntary assistance of the membership. To achieve the MSPLC objectives, the officers with the administrative support of CA, shall:

1. Organize and conduct quarterly meetings of the membership.
2. Provide and maintain a mechanism to accumulate and report on members' requests for enhancements to the mainframe security products.
3. Provide and maintain a mechanism to accumulate and report on problems encountered by members.
4. Establish and maintain a user exchange mechanism to enable the membership to share programs, ideas and techniques to enhance their use of the mainframe security products as well as other security software products and tools.
5. Regularly review users' problems and status with CA.
6. Provide support for and maintain communication with other security PLCs as well as user groups and professional IT organizations. Coordinate the distribution to the membership of any generalized programs that support or enhance the use of the security products.
7. Report to the membership the overall health and operational status of CA.

Article III: Membership

Section A: Classes of Membership

1. Active Membership
 - Anyone employed by a qualified user organization or institution, whether that person is a direct user of any of the mainframe security products, provides support services for any of the mainframe security products, or is a member of corporate management interested in the effective use of any of the mainframe security products.
2. General Participant
 - Anyone employed by an organization interested in the use of any of the mainframe security products who is not employed by a qualified user organization or institution. Exceptions can be made for security, support, and auditing consultants on an individual basis. As approved by a two-thirds (2/3) voting majority of the membership OR the Officer's Board.

Section B: Qualification of Membership

1. General Participants may be limited by the Active Membership.
2. Personnel employed by vendors of competitive security products will be denied membership of any class however may attend and provide presentations at the meetings at the discretion of the Officer's Board.

Section C: Officers

The officers shall consist of:

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Communications Officer

Section D: Duties of the Officers

1. The Chairperson shall preside at the quarterly MSPLC meetings and at all meetings of the MSPLC officers. The Chairperson has the primary responsibility to see that MSPLC achieves its objectives and meets its responsibilities as outlined in Articles II and III.
2. The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson in his/her duties and shall assume the duties of the Chairperson in the event of his/her absence. The Vice-Chairperson will facilitate the roundtable discussions at each meeting.
3. The Secretary shall be responsible for compiling and generating the minutes of all meetings and will coordinate all correspondence to and from the MSPLC to its members.
4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving and recording any monies required from the members and provide a status report at each meeting.
5. The Communications Officer shall be responsible for developing the technical items for inclusion on the meeting agenda and to act as the facilitator for technical discussions as well as submitting DARs to CA on behalf of MSPLC and the annual tabulation and submission of DAR voting to CA for each product.

Section E: Nominations and Elections

1. Nominations for the MSPLC officers shall be made by any Active Member.
2. Nominations for officers shall be announced and voted on during the first meeting of every year.
3. Elections shall be by popular vote at the first meeting of every year. The nominees receiving the highest number of votes for each of the officers of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Communications Officer shall be the officers of MSPLC.
4. Term of office shall be for two (2) years.
5. The new chairperson shall have the option to attend the CARE conference at the annual CA convention. If he/she declines, the option shall be passed to the Vice-Chairperson and then the Communications Officer, Secretary, & Treasurer, in that order.

Section F: Special Meetings

1. Special meetings may be called by any officer of the group, as necessary, to perform MSPLC business.
2. Written notices of special meetings shall be at least three (3) weeks prior to any meeting.

Section G: Restrictions

1. All MSPLC offices must be filled by Active Members.
2. No member may hold the same office for more than six (6) consecutive years.
3. If, in the opinion of the Active Members, any officer, for unforeseen reasons is no longer able to fulfill his/her commitment to the MSPLC, that officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Active Members.
4. If a said member is removed from office, then a special election will take place immediately to fill the position left vacant by the out-going Officer.
5. If any Officer resigns from the MSPLC during their current term, then a special election will take place immediately to fill the position left vacant by the out-going Officer.

Section H: Voting Rights

1. Each Active Member shall have one (1) vote. Attendance at the meeting when the issue is discussed/reviewed is required for voting on any issue.

Article IV: Amendment of By-Laws

1. Proposed amendments shall be read and approved at regular quarterly meetings of the MSPLC.
2. Proposed amendments shall be distributed to the Active Membership by mail at least four (4) weeks prior to the next meeting of the MSPLC. Affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Active Membership voting shall be required to carry any amendment during any regular quarterly business meeting of the MSPLC.
3. Should a tie vote occur, the Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.