

Composition of the Steering Committee of GD

The Steering Committee (SC) supervises the International Symposium on Graph Drawing and Network Visualization (GD), formerly known as International Symposium on Graph Drawing. In particular, it appoints the program committee (PC) chairs, the organizing chairs, and discusses the overall strategy of the symposium, including the publication of the proceedings.

The SC consists of four types of members:

- (1) **Founding members:** the founding members of the International Symposium on Graph Drawing serve in the Steering Committee until they voluntarily step down.
- (2) **Rotating members:** program committee chairs of the previous, current and next GD conferences.
- (3) **Elected members:** two members elected by the GD community.
- (4) **Appointed members:** two members selected by the SC.

Each non-permanent SC member serves for approximately three years counted as follows. If one enters the SC between GD x and $x+1$, one will participate in the SC meetings at GD $x+1$, $x+2$, and $x+3$. One steps down at the end of GD $x+3$.

The PC chairs for GD x are selected by the steering committee soon after GD $x-2$.

The elected members are elected by the community in a two-phase process. In the first phase, the community nominates a pool of candidates for the second phase. In the second phase, each member of the community can vote for up to two candidates from the pool. The two candidates with the highest number of votes are invited to join the SC. In case of ties the chair of the SC makes a decision.

The appointed members are elected by the SC members after the above elections have taken place. Both the election of the elected members and the election of the appointed members are carried out such that votes are secret.

The SC chair is appointed by the SC for a three-year term (even if her/his term as a member of the SC would end earlier). The appointment is renewable once.

Both the SC chair and the PC chairs are appointed only when the SC is complete.

This document has been discussed and approved by the Steering Committee in March 2015. Any change to this document must be discussed within the Steering Committee and approved by at least 2/3 of the members of the Steering Committee.