

XBRL International, Inc. (XII)
Best Practices Board (BPB) Working Group Recruitment

XII is entering a critical and transitional period in its history as a technology standards organization. Global interest in the electronic standardization of business information has accelerated market adoption and expectations for XBRL. As demand for XBRL grows, it is vital that best practices be captured to ensure the interoperability of the XBRL data and to share “lessons learned” from the XBRL community, allowing effective implementation of the XBRL standard.

To meet the BPB goals, volunteers for the following BPB working groups and task forces are being sought.

Project Management Practice Working Group (PMPWG)

Goals

The PMPWG is charged with developing best practices associated with organization and execution of XBRL implementations and projects, including stakeholder management and strategic implementation issues.

The PMPWG is focused on three main areas:

1. Intellectual Property (IP) Policies
2. Stakeholder Management, including ownership, sponsorship, risk management, and relationship to regulatory frameworks.
3. Strategic Adoption issues
 - a. Change management, communication, and publicity
 - b. Role of international and jurisdictional approval and acknowledgment
 - c. Interaction with vendors, preparer user, and analysis users

Skill Sets Desired

It is desired that individuals have knowledge and experience in real world project management of XBRL projects. Experience in the establishment of project management best practices is also highly desired. Experience should cover capital markets, banking, regulatory or the public sector, and multi-organization XBRL implementations.

More information about the Project Management Working group, including its charter, will be found at <http://www.xbrl.org/BestPractices/>.

Reporting Processes Practice Working Group (RPPWG)

Goals

The RPPWG seeks to improve XBRL project implementations by developing a vocabulary and structure for classifying and categorizing XBRL projects describing in detail the reporting processes that are the necessary complements of XBRL taxonomies. Defining a common vocabulary and structure for XBRL projects will allow XBRL to be more easily leveraged across many organizations in a “supply chain”.

The RPPWG is focused on the following main areas:

1. Market intelligence: capitalise on experience from current XBRL projects by categorizing projects in terms of reporting process deliverables and future process improvements

2. Processes and standards for identifying users and process improvement opportunities incl. best practices and processes for analysing and mapping user needs
3. Processes and standards for identifying filers and filings
4. “First and last mile” process design shortfalls and implications for intermediate processing steps, with a goal to develop potential solutions.
5. Open and closed reporting processes i.e. implications and rules for extensions and taxonomy modifications
6. Practices for exporting XBRL from existing ERP systems and applications
7. Instances as archival or transmission documents
8. Pre- and Post-XBRL validation
9. Versioning policies

Skill Sets Desired

The ideal individuals will have knowledge and experience in real world reporting processes using XBRL. Experience in the establishment of reporting processes best practices is also desired. Experience should cover capital markets, banking, regulatory or the public sector, and international XBRL implementations.

More information about the XBRL Reporting Processes Practices Working Group, including its charter, will be found at <http://www.xbrl.org/BestPractices/>.

Taxonomy Recognition Task Force (TRTF)

Goals

The TRTF is a task force created by the Best Practices Board (BPB) to official recognize taxonomies used throughout the world. The TRTF uses standards process controls to evaluate taxonomies against established criteria to determine if the taxonomies meet quality standards established by XBRL International Inc. The TRTF is in the process of updating and expanding recognition processes. Nominees to the TRTF are subject to approval by the task force.

The current goals of the TRTF are:

1. Manage recognition processes associate with taxonomy recognition process.
2. Update and expand existing recognition processes
3. Evaluate received taxonomies against XII goals

Skill Sets Desired

This ideal individual will have experience in large scale taxonomy development or deployment programs.

Expected time commitment:

The TRTF meets bi-weekly by conference call for approximately one hour and attends one in-person meeting annually at the location of an XII conference. TRTF participants will also interface with other XII working groups, through periodic phone communication with staff.

More information about the TRTF functions can be found at <http://www.xbrl.org/TaxonomyRecognition/>.

Expected time commitments

Most working groups/task forces meet bi-weekly by conference call for approximately one hour. Members also typically attend one in-person meeting annually at the location of an XII conference. Participants will also will also interface with other BPB working groups, through periodic phone communication with staff, and give an account of that activity to the ISC

How to Join

Membership of XII Working Groups is restricted to XBRL Participants (essentially employees of XBRL member organisations). If you are a XBRL participant you can sign up for these working groups at: <http://www.xbrl.org/WorkingGroups/>. If you are not eligible under this criterion then consider having your employer join your local jurisdiction of XBRL International or, if there is not a local jurisdiction, as a Direct Member (see <http://www.xbrl.org/HowToJoin/> for more information).