

# Governance

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# Scope

- In-scope: characteristics of a convening/ umbrella organization
- Out-of-scope: determining the legal entity (could morph an existing entity, or create new)

# General Characteristics, Part I

- Honest broker of services
- Aggregator of higher ed demand (not searching for new services to create), conduct gap analysis (is gap big enough? higher ed add?), leverage demand to recommend new or shape services
- Membership fee (very low) to access service brokerage; additional fees for services/projects supplied by members at “reasonable costing”
- Lightweight organization—COO+admin/contracts/SLA (no operations, not much financial overhead, although dollars are exchanged in the “pub”)

# General Characteristics, Part II

- Votes services/providers/projects on, votes services/providers/projects off (EOL important)
- *Covenant* between membership and umbrella organization; *contracts* between members/umbrella and service providers (and basic level of expectations for service providers—federation, etc.); *grants* from umbrella to higher education service providers developing/deploying service
- Contract registry as “happy coincidence” service (have to provide the information anyway)

# Membership & Board

- Membership=Higher Ed– R1s (expand later?)
  - Tiered membership? Institution v. System-wide
  - Founding members (CSG/RUCC) (institutional)
- Board and active Advisory structure
  - Nine-member board elected from the membership
    - 2/3 from founding members
    - Rotating membership
    - No commercials on the board
  - Service to the community, not power brokers; goal is to enhance the common good
  - Subcmttes, advisory – mix of leadership, ops, tech