

**P3190**

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**1.1 Project Number:** P3190  
**1.2 Type of Document:** Recommended Practice  
**1.3 Life Cycle:** Full Use

**2.1 Project Title:** Recommended Practice for Open Source Software Project Governance

**3.1 Working Group:** Open Source Software Project Governance(C/SAB/OSSPG)

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**4.1 Type of Ballot:** Individual

**4.2 Expected Date of submission of draft to the IEEE SA for Initial Standards Committee Ballot:**  
Feb 2024

**4.3 Projected Completion Date for Submittal to RevCom:** Oct 2024

**5.1 Approximate number of people expected to be actively involved in the development of this project:** 40

**5.2 Scope of proposed standard:** This recommended practice defines a framework for the community governance of open source projects that facilitates and encourages community participation, contributions, and adoption. This document includes recommended practices for (i) project and community governance, (ii) project infrastructure, (iii) ownership and provenance management, (iv) licensing considerations, (v) release planning, (vi) trademark and logo policy, (vii) diversity statements and codes of conduct, (viii) governance of information security, and (ix) other activities required for open source project operation and governance.

**5.3 Is the completion of this standard contingent upon the completion of another standard?** No

**5.4 Purpose:** This document will not include a purpose clause.

**5.5 Need for the Project:** Open source licensed software projects and their communities have generated enormous economic value and have resulted in significant technological advances and societal benefit. While there are literally tens of millions of software project repositories covered by open source licenses on public forge sites on the Web, only a small number of projects see broad adoption and successful community growth. The project governance framework in this recommended practice document will help projects organize themselves and their community in ways that increase efficiency, adoption, and sustainability. Additionally, this recommended practice will help developers and other project users evaluate open source licensed projects before committing to using them as a dependency in their own work.

**5.6 Stakeholders for the Standard:** Producers and consumers of open source licensed software projects.

**6.1 Intellectual Property**

**6.1.1 Is the Standards Committee aware of any copyright permissions needed for this project?**

No

**6.1.2 Is the Standards Committee aware of possible registration activity related to this project?**

No

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**7.1 Are there other standards or projects with a similar scope?** No

**7.2 Is it the intent to develop this document jointly with another organization?** No

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**8.1 Additional Explanatory Notes:**