

Commonwealth Information Security Council Charter

1. Purpose

The Commonwealth Information Security Council recommends strategic direction on Commonwealth information security and privacy-related initiatives.

The purpose of the Council is to increase, through education, the understanding of key business processes of State Agencies; to obtain consensus and support for enterprise-wide security initiatives; to identify key areas for process improvement; and to coordinate Agency business processes with VITA (Directorate) processes.

2. Council Objectives

The core objectives of the Commonwealth Information Security Council are:

- To foster the adoption of consistent and complete information security policies, standards and procedures to protect Commonwealth-wide information resources,
- To encourage efficient allocation of information security resources,
- To respond to changes in the environment which call for corresponding changes in the Commonwealth information security infrastructure,
- To serve as agency sponsors of the Commonwealth information security program, providing both credibility and visibility,
- To recommend and sponsor information security awareness, communication and education programs to develop an information security conscious culture across the Commonwealth,
- To provide a forum to discuss and assess pending legislation, regulation and/or requirements that have the potential to impact Commonwealth or individual agency information security practices, thereby enabling the Commonwealth to take proactive steps to address such mandates.

3. Membership

There are 12 council member positions available. Members must be an agency ISO or part of their agency's IT security team. Council positions are limited to one member per agency with nine of the twelve council positions being occupied by agency ISOs. Nominees commit to an 18 month Council term, however in order to ensure the continuity of Council initiatives, the nomination process should be staggered so that no more than one-third of the Council seats are replaced within any 6 month period. All council meetings are open to anyone interested in attending with the exception of Vendors who are not representing the specific interest of an Agency.

4. Commitment

The Information Security Council shall meet on the third Monday of each Calendar month. In addition, Council Committees will meet independently at least once per month.

5. Sponsorship

The Commonwealth Information Security Council is sponsored by VITA's Commonwealth Security and Risk Management Directorate.