

Provisional Group Approval Process

A proposed SNIA group is formed as a Provisional Group. This stage provides time for the group to finalize its charter, define its operating model, define its program of work, and build participation within the SNIA membership and broader industry

Activities During the Provisional Stage

1. Provisional Status Granted

SNIA Leadership reviews the proposal and may approve the formation of a Provisional SNIA Group to further develop the concept and recruit participants.

SNIA provides collaboration resources to support the group during this stage.

2. Interim Leadership Formed

SNIA Leadership appoints an interim Chair and may assign a SNIA mentor to support the group. The interim Chair and optional SNIA mentor lead the group during the provisional period.

Responsibilities typically include:

- Coordinating meetings and discussions
- Developing the charter and program of work
- Recruiting additional participants.

3. Charter, Program of Work, and Operating Model Development

During the provisional period, the group finalizes its foundational documents, including:

- Proposed Charter: Defines the purpose, scope, and objectives of the group.
- Program of Work: Identifies the initial deliverables the group plans to produce.
- Operating Model: Defines how the group will function, including leadership roles, meeting cadence, and collaboration structure.

4. Promotion and Participant Recruitment

The provisional group is promoted within SNIA and to relevant industry communities to:

- Recruit participants. Methods of recruitment may include:
 - Birds of a Feather (BoF) meetings during SNIA events (e.g., SDC)
 - Open meetings where industry participants may attend
 - Email to SNIA Members
- Confirm industry relevance
- Build support from SNIA member companies

Strong participation helps ensure the group can successfully carry out its program of work.

5. Transition to Full Approval

When the group believes that it has finalized its Proposal, Charter, and Program of Work, it submits them to SNIA Leadership at info@snia.org.

Upon approval, the group becomes a SNIA Group, Interim Chair/co-Chairs are appointed, and it begins executing its program of work.