Project Governance

As an open-source technology, Fedora is community-owned, community-supported and community-governed. The Fedora Governance Group is responsible for the strategic leadership of the Fedora Program, its community, and associated technology. This group is responsible for leading the overall Vision & Strategy.

Some of the responsibilities of Governance include:

- Establishing program principles and goals
- Helping to determine strategic direction and product roadmap based on community needs
- Accountability to stakeholders and community members
- Building an effective sustainability plan for the long-term success of the program
- Building and maintaining management decision framework
- Establishing and documenting a means of conducting business

Eligibility to serve in Fedora Governance is determined by participation in the Fedora Membership program, or active community involvement, incrementally enabling member organizations who have made the greatest commitments (both financial or in-kind staff commitments). To learn more about the benefits of becoming a Fedora Member, please visit the Membership Page on the Fedora website here.

Historically, Fedora Governance was divided into 2 groups:

- Fedora Leadership
- Fedora Steering

Each group was responsible for a different set of priorities and initiatives and would come together quarterly to discuss high-level items. In 2022, the sitting Fedora Steering Group voted to combine Steering and Leadership groups into one combined Governance Group to help encourage engagement and offer more opportunities for participation in decision-making processes. Each governance election cycle, the sitting Governance group re-evaluates this decision based on current Governance activity.

Currently, the Fedora program is operating with a combined Governance Group.

More information on:

- Roles and Responsibilities
- Elections
- Policies
- Project Team
- Task Forces
- Vision and Strategy