Legislative Committee Charter

Committee Definition Sheet

# Charter Description

This committee was formed with the intent of creating a foundation for the National Society of Information Technology Service Providers (NSITSP) association. This committee is a standing committee that will follow national and state legislation effecting our industry.

# Objectives

* Identify issues for national and state legislation that would effect the IT support industry.
* Design a program that will encourage membership to be involved in legislation
* Create a committee that would create an environment for the continuation of the committee
* To advise and educate on matters on legislation and government overreach on our industry.

# Deliverables / Outputs

* Recommendations on legislation affecting our industry.
* Educate small businesses on our industry and related issues.
* Create materials to educate membership to help small business owners understand the legislation affecting our industry.
* Train members to become effective advocates on behalf of the industry.

# Approach / Communications

* Engage with membership, to identify appropriate feedback and positions on proposed and contemplated state and national legislation.
* Coordinate advocacy and interactions between the Legislative Liaisons, Committee Members, members and lawmakers.
* Collaborate with other organizations and their representatives and lobbyists and issues of mutual interest and concern
* Recommend to the board formal positions on legislation that the Legislative Liaisons or Committee wishes to go “on the record” on behalf of ITSP.

# Constraints

* Committee recommendations will be submitted to the Board for approval.
* Get board approval for formal positions on legislation that the Legislative Liaisons or Committee wishes to go “on the record” on behalf of ITSP.

# Critical Success Factors

* Be responsive to all Board requests
* Effective collaboration between committee members in achieving our objectives
* A diverse, both by geography and business model, committee.
* Write effective communications and develop training on effective communication with legislators.
* Completing the Objectives and Deliverables of the committee

# Key Performance Indicators

* Legislative activity tracking.
* Tracking of membership training.
* Reporting on effect on pending legislation.

# Risks

* Creation of legislation affecting the industry before effective lobbying is developed.
* Committee member burnout.

# Issues

* Most of the members, participants, leaders, and committee members have limited experience in doing what NSITSP is attempting to do.
* We are trying to change the course of an industry that is being guided by forces outside our control.
* We have an exceptionally broad, diverse, and decentralized group of organizations and people we are trying to serve with varied needs and wants. Finding common ground needs to be a priority without interfering with our professional members freedom to operate.
* Legislators “hijacking” proposed legislation to becoming more restrictive than desired.