The MHI Solutions Community Charter
An Industry Group of the Material Handling Industry (MHI)

I. Mission Statement

The mission of the Solutions Community is to enable organizations to achieve material handling and supply chain excellence by facilitating the delivery of meaningful, innovative and practical solutions.

II. Scope

The Solutions Community operations and activities include but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Promoting the exchange of professional communications among Members, Educators, End-Users and Invited Guests responsible for education, design, implementation and management of Material Handling and Supply Chain solutions;
(b) Providing a venue for the exchange of ideas concerning launching, specification, design, implementation, integration, management and continuous improvement;
(c) Conducting Supplier, Educator, and User programs and meetings for the benefit of the Material Handling and Supply Chain market; and,
(d) Promoting events and content generated by other MHI Industry Groups.

The primary source of input to the Solutions Community will be the User community. MHI will establish as many lines of communication with this community as possible in order to develop a comprehensive knowledge bank of industry problems and needed solutions.

III. Membership

There are five classes of membership; all classes of Membership shall have the right to vote on all business matters including the budget. Applications are to be submitted to the Group Manager and will be reviewed for approval by the Solutions Community Board.

(a) Supplier Membership - A General Member of MHI in good standing shall be eligible if they supply equipment, systems or applications.
(b) Integrator Membership – A General Member of MHI in good standing shall be eligible if they provide a service as an integrator or consultant.
(c) User Membership - A Person who is involved in the Material Handling or Supply Chain industries by utilizing products or services similar to those of MHI general members.
(d) Academic Membership - A Person shall be eligible to be an Academic Member if that Person is involved in academia and holds an interest in Material Handling or Supply Chains.
(e) Media Membership – A Person who has a media interest in the scope of the group.

IV. Leadership

The Solutions Community Board of Directors (BOD) consists of the following leadership roles which are elected by a majority vote of the membership, with the exception of the Community Manager:
(a) Executive Director – Oversees the Board of Directors and leads the Solutions Community in conjunction with the Community Manager and leads the effort to identify new work streams, topics, continuously improve member value, participation and recruiting.

(b) Integrator Chair - A voting member of leadership team and voice of the integrator and consultant members; must be an Integrator Member.

(c) User Chair – A voting member of leadership team and voice of the user community; must be a User Member.

(d) Education Chair – Must be an Academic Member. In the event that no other representative is selected, the President of CICMHE shall hold this position ex officio, until a permanent Academic Chair is elected.

(e) Media Chair – Must be a Media Member.

(f) Supplier Chair – Oversees sub-committees and is responsible for driving the committees to achieve its mission with meaningful output in a reasonable timeframe. Must be a Supplier Member.

(g) Community Manager – Manages and supervises the group, appointed by the CEO of MHI.

V. Dues & Requirements

(a) Each Member must pay dues and any initiation fees as approved by a majority vote of the Members at a regular or special meeting.

(b) Members are required to attend at least one (1) Solutions Community Regular Meeting during a fiscal year to remain in good standing. The Regular Meetings of the Solutions Committee shall coincide with the MHI Spring Meetings and Annual Conference.

(c) Active participation is required and all members must hold a leadership role, sit on a Solutions Community committee, or otherwise remain active on behalf of the Solutions Community as defined in The Rules and Regulations of the MHI Solutions Community.

VI. General

(a) The fiscal year of the Group shall be the calendar year.

(b) The use of gender in these Rules & Regulations shall be applicable to any other gender or to all genders as may be appropriate.

(c) These Rules & Regulations may be amended at a meeting of the Members by a two-thirds (2/3’s) vote, the nature of the proposed amendment having been stated in the notice of said meeting.

(d) The Solutions Community will operate under the guidelines outlined herein and within The Rules & Regulations of the MHI Solutions Community which is to be maintained by the Solutions Community Board of Directors, and which is incorporated by reference herein.

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