Introduction

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Radio Frequency IDentification

"Technologies that enable the capture of data about objects remotely using radio energy"

Our Mission

To promote the "public good" by promoting high levels of professionalism through standardized, independent, vendor-neutral certification exams developed by relevant subject matter experts

In March 2015 the Institute's name was formally changed to

The RFID Professional Institute

to better reflect this mission

Scope

"RFID" covers broad range of technology & management relevant to Radio Frequency Identification systems design, adoption & implementation including but not limited to:

- ➢ Real Time Locating Systems (RTLS)

- ➢ Active, Battery Assisted and Passive RFID systems

- ➢ Software to capture/manage data through RFID systems

- ➢ RFID enabled sensors

- ➢ RFID integrated with other technologies

Focus Areas

- Education
  - Curriculum development for RFID education at all levels
  - Foundation of knowledge in RFID technology & application
  - Create awareness of RFID, how it works & benefits it provides
- Individual Certification
  - Provide curriculum for training organizations and candidates
  - Develop certification for various levels and specialisation
  - Hold periodic certification examinations
  - Maintain a register of individual certifications
- Research
  - Coordinate research across industry, governments & academia
  - Administer grants
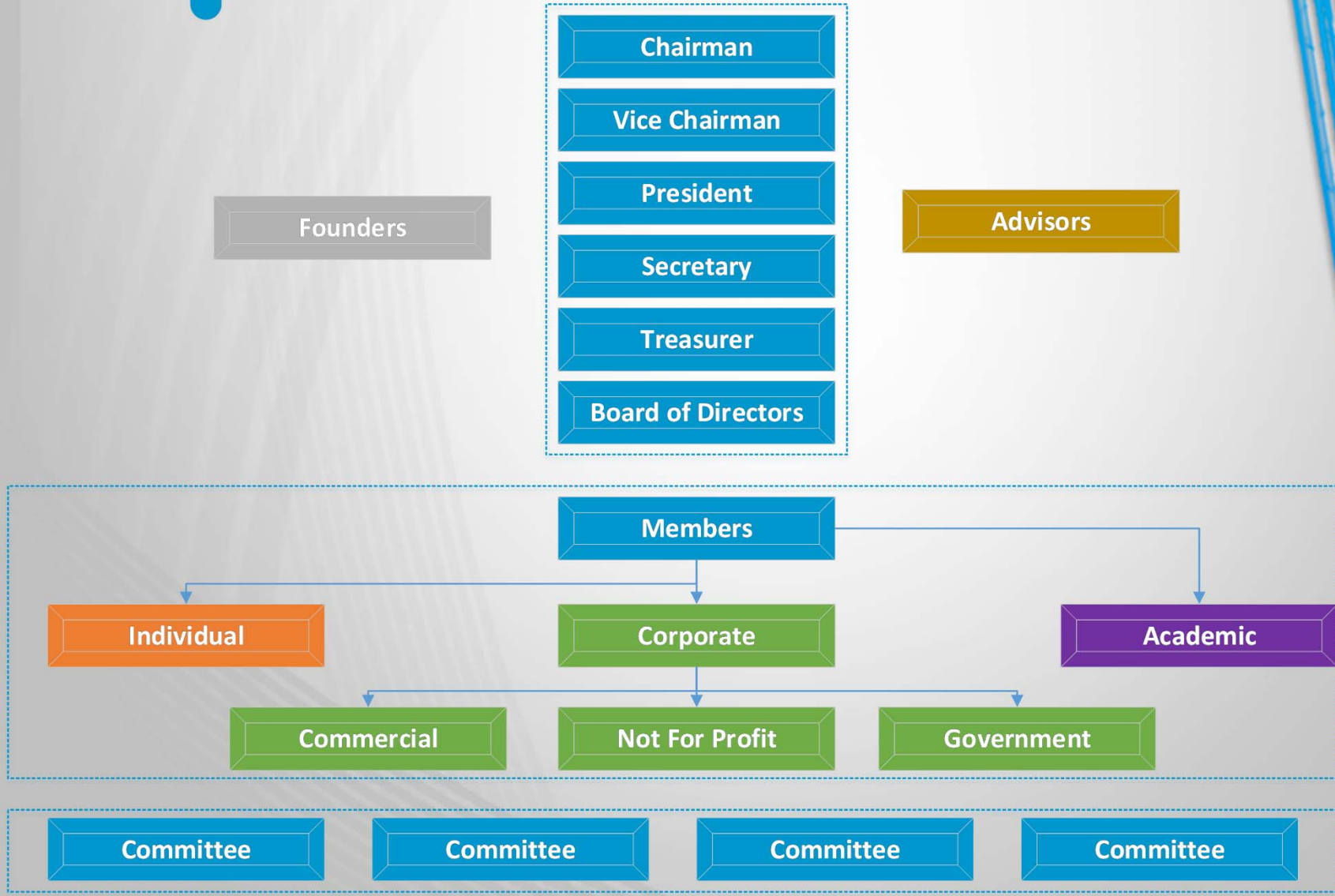 - Sponsor specific research in RFID technology and application

Organisation

- Formed as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in the United States in 2012

- We will seek similar status for any other country that we operate in

- All income must be used for the charitable purposes set out in the Institute's Bylaws

- The Institute aims to be international and currently has members from Asia, Europe, North America, South America.

Organisation Structure

International RFID Institute

Chairman

Vice Chairman

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Board of Directors

Founders

Advisors

Members

Individual

Corporate

Academic

Commercial

Not For Profit

Government

Committee

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Independence

- The Institute is completely independent of any:

  - Particular form of RFID technology
  - Vendor
  - Government
  - Individual
  - Academic organisation
  - Commercial entity

- It is governed by a comprehensive set of Bylaws and overseen by a Board of Directors to guarantee this independence

How the Institute is Managed

- The Institute is managed by three categories of officials:

  - The Founders – the members that originally decided to found the Institute and who worked for the last three years to establish it
  - The Board of Directors – initially formed from the Founders but subsequently elected on an annual basis
  - The Officers – Chairman, Vice-Chairman, President, Treasurer and Secretary, all of whom must be Board members

- All are volunteers who give their time and expertise without any form of compensation

Board of Directors

- Mark Roberti, CEO, RFID Journal

- Ian Robertson, CEO, Supply Chain Consulting

- Mike Liard, RFID Consultant

- Diana Hage, CEO, RFID Global Solutions

- Leslie Downey, Principal and Founder, RFID Revolution

- Mark Brown, RFID Solution Architecture Manager, Fujitsu

- Ernesto Castignet, CEO, Ingenieria en Sistemas SRL

- Anthony Palermo, CEO, Academia RFID

- Sanjiv Dua, CEO, RFID4U

- Josef Preishuber-Pflugl, CTO, CISC Semiconductor

- Bill Hardgrave, Dean of Auburn University Business School

- Dr. Pat King, TROI RFID

- Paul Wilson, Bridgestone

Officers

- Mark Roberti, Chairman

- Ian Robertson, Vice Chairman

- Mike Liard, President

- Diana Hage, Treasurer

- Leslie Downey, Secretary

Roadmap

- April 2012 - Initial meeting

- August 2012 - Incorporated

- August 2012 - Bylaws approved

- September 2013 - First certification blueprint approved

- November 2013 - Certification Roadmap approved

- April 2014 - beta RFID Associate Certification
  Exam delivered

- July 2014 partnership with InstructedU for constructing online exam
  delivery system

- October 2014 - 503(c)(3) non-profit status approved

- November 2014, 2nd beta exam delivered in London

- April 2015 1st formal exam delivered in San Diego

- July 2015 exam available globally online
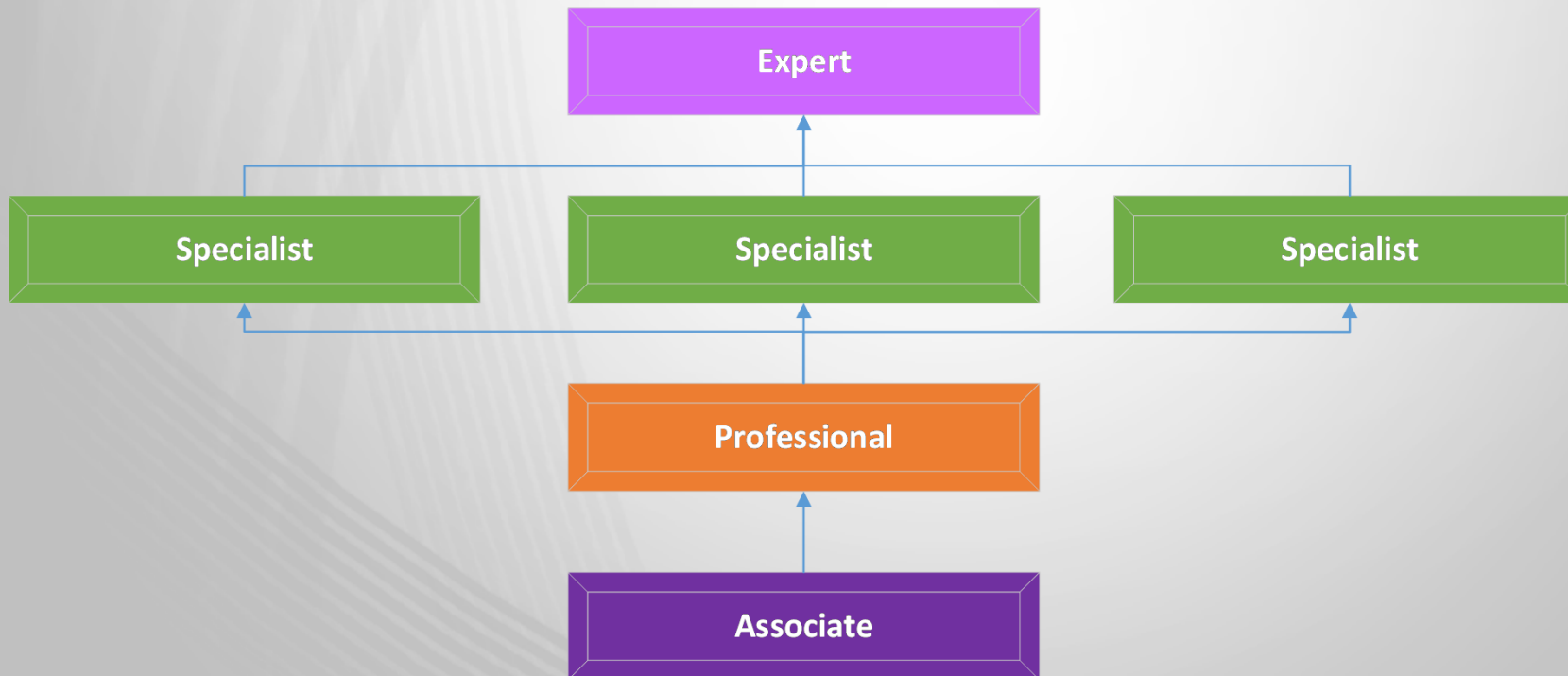
Certification Plan

- RFID Professional Institute Associate Exam

- RFID Professional Institute Professional Exam

- RFID Professional Institute Certified Specialist Exam (separate exams for passive (LF, HF & UHF), active and software

- RFID Professional Institute Certified RFID Expert

Certification Plan

International RFID Institute
Certification Structure

Expert

Specialist

Specialist

Specialist

Professional

Associate

Certification Exam Questions

- All SME's are assessed & appointed by Board of Directors
- All questions were submitted by a SME
- Questions assigned to specific certification group/topic
- Each was then assessed by an expert in that subject
- And then assessed one final time by a separate expert
- Resulting in a question bank covering foundation topics
- An Officer then selected questions to make the exams
- Those exams were then sat by an expert test panel
- Amendments then made as needed for the final papers

- We greatly value feedback on our exams and questions!

Membership Options

Corporate Member

- Includes up to three (3) individual professional memberships, plus:

- Eligible to appoint one (1) member to join open committees

- Entitled to appoint up to three (3) members to vote at the annual, general, and special meetings

- Entitled to appoint up to three (3) members to join the Institute as subject matter experts (subject to approval by the Board)

- Entitled to up to three (3) certification testing vouchers

Membership Options

Corporate Member (continued)

- Entitled to a 15% discount on all testing vouchers beyond number allotted

- Free access to members-only section of Institute's web site with copies of all member-restricted documents, studies, meeting minutes, conference proceedings, Institute reports, newsletter, and other general membership publications

- Entitled to company listing with logo, link on the Institute website

- Entitled to post company press releases on Institute's News page (subject to policy guidelines of the Board of Directors)

Membership Options

Gold Corporate Member

- Includes Corporate Member benefits, plus the following:

- Able to work with RFID Institute to integrate their corporate training into our certification roadmap

- Gold level designation on Institute website

- 20% discount on all Certification testing vouchers

Membership Options

Advisory Council Member

- Includes all of the Gold Member benefits, plus:

- Help shape the Institute's certification program

- Appoint co-chairs to designated committees

- Free membership for five individuals

- Nominate a member to the board

Membership Options

Academic Member

Government Member

Non-Profit Member

- Same benefits as a Corporate Member

Membership Options

Individual Members are eligible to:

- Apply for consideration as a Subject Matter Expert

- Have their names and certification credentials published in a searchable list maintained on the Institute's website

- Participate in open committees

- Vote at annual, general, and special meetings of the Institute

- Receive a 15% discount on all certification testing vouchers

- Have access to the members-only section of the Institute's website

Why Join ?

- Certification will enable both solution providers and end users to hire qualified applicants

- Greater professionalism will increase successful deployments and help expand the market for RFID products

- Individual participation will benefit careers

- Solution provider participation will be seen as a sign of a high degree of professionalism and competitive advantage

Subject Matter Experts (SME's)

SME's are the heart of any professional institute. It's their knowledge, experience & professionalism we rely upon to ensure our curriculum is accurate, current and relevant.

Not everyone can be a SME but if you fit the profile please consider joining supporting the institute. SME's enjoy reduced membership fee and public recognition.

1. At least 5 years of hands on RFID experience
2. Typically 10+ years of professional experience
3. Recognized leader is at least on major aspect of RFID

You can apply at http://rfidpros.org/smes/register/

Join Today

- To become a member of the RFID Professional Institute: http://rfidpros.org/memberships/membership-sign-up/

- To register as a subject matter expert, please visit: http://rfidpros.org/smes/register/

- For general questions on the Institute http://rfidpros.org/about-us/contact/

- To donate to the Institute http://rfidpros.org

Thank You