# Gravity 2.0 Professional and Corporate Membership Subscription Services

## Quality Management System

### A. Introduction and Scope

Gravity 2.0 is a not-for-profit organization established to act as a regional planning and development forum . Gravity 2.0 is established to act as a platform for helping regions in which it operates to evolve a vision statement, create development plans, act as a platform for orchestration of plans across various actors and monitoring their progress.

Gravity 2.0 achieves this through the active promotion of 1) Science and technology, 2) Education and skills, 3) Super cities and habitats, 4) Economics and planning and 5) Ethical businesses

*NOTE: As of December 2012 - Gravity 2.0 Research Foundation operates as a not-for-profit organization and is under incorporation a section-25 company. The operation and governance of Gravity 2.0 will be consistent with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.* This document outlines the quality manual for annual membership services offered by Gravity 2.0.

Gravity 2.0 in its goal to act as a platform, offers annual professional and corporate membership subscription services (PCMSS) for professionals, enterpreneurs, professors, management students, post graduate students in economics, science and technology and other areas of interest for Gravity 2.0.

This document outlines the policies and procedures applicable for PCMSS offered by Gravity 2.0. These are applicable to Gravity 2.0 and PCMSS clients.

### B Organization Structure

Gravity 2.0 supports 2 distinct and parallel PCMSS organization trees. A Semantic organization tree and a Geographic organization tree.

### B.1 Geographic

The Geographic Organization tree consists of Chapters and Habitats.

### B.1.1 Chapter

A chapter is the basic geographic unit of PCMSS supported by Gravity 2.0. Each chapter of Gravity 2.0 is associated with a specific region (Super City).

A chapter may be created or dissolved by Gravity 2.0 board of directors*.

### B.1.2 Habitat

A Habitat represents a town, village or city within a Super City. A Habitat may be created or dissolved by Gravity 2.0 board of directors.

### B.2 Semantic

The Semantic Organization consists of Groups (Interest Groups). A group may be created or dissolved by the board of directors of Gravity 2.0.

## C Membership

A person may become a PCMSS member of a Gravity 2.0 group only by invitation by an existing member of that Group, and upon approval by the PCMSS membership committee appointed by the board of directors.

## D Membership Policies and Procedures

### D.1 Policies

### D.1.1 Application and Member Code of Ethics

All PCMSS members are required to read and sign a membership application.

### D.1.2 PCMSS Membership Term

PCMSS Membership shall be for a period of 1 year (Membership Year will start Jan 01 and end December 31).

### D.1.3 PCMSS Member Goals and Expectations

A system should be in place to collect main expectations from Gravity 2.0 PCMSS members for each year to achieve their academic, professional, enterpreneurial and/or regional development goals for the next year.

### D.1.4 PCMSS Member Types

The following PCMSS membership types are offered – all by invitation.

> Associate
> Full
> Life
> Fellow

### D.1.5 Office Bearers

Each geographic organization unit shall be headed by a chairman who is a life member appointed by a Nomination Committee.

Each group shall be headed by a Fellow nominated by Gravity 2.0 Nomination Committee.

All office bearers shall have a term of 2 years unless otherwise specified at the time of nomination.

Office bearers shall not receive any compensation for their efforts.

### D.2 Committees

The board of directors shall constitute a PCMSS nomination committee and PCMSS membership committee each year. It is recommended that the committees consist of at least 1 board of director acting as the chair  and 1 PCMSS member each representing each of the groups. The committees shall try to operate through consensus, but in cases of conflict, the decision of the chair will prevail.

## E Processes

### E.1 PCMSS Membership

Any person that satisfies the criteria for membership to a particular group may become a PCMSS member by invitation by completing and signing a membership application.

A person may chose to be part of  1 chapter and 1 habitat to be eligible to act as a Gravity 2.0 volunteer. This must coincide with their place of residence or work.

PCMSS Members are required to voluntarily place a framed copy of the Gravity 2.0 Vision Statement in a visible location in their main place of work. (These can just be printed)

### E.2 PCMSS Membership Renewal

A member is eligible to renew  PCMSS membership on paying the prevailing membership fees.

All PCMSS members of a group in good standing may volunteer for a chapter or habitat and may be nominated  as office bearers.

### E.3 PCMSS Membership Withdrawal

Gravity 2.0 Membership Committee may withdraw PCMSS membership and/or officer responsibility from any member without a reason with the approval of Board of Directors.

### E.4 Non Disclosure Agreement

All volunteers working as part of a chapter or habitat are required to sign a  Non Disclosure Agreement and use Gravity 2.0 confidential information that they receive only for the purpose it is received from Gravity 2.0 as long as such information remains confidential information.

## F Applicability

All Chapters, Groups and Habitats, PCMSS members and volunteers are required to follow this Policies and Procedures Manual.

## G. Revision of This Document

Gravity 2.0 management shall use an agile development process to evolve mature policies and procedures to make sure that these will help streamline activities without causing roadblocks for members in achieving their goals.

## H. In Case of Ambiguity or Conflict

In case of ambiguity or conflict, the same shall be referred to the Board of Directors and the same resolved in an amicable fashion. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be binding on all parties.

**I Warranty**

There is no guarantee or warranty of any kind for the PCMSS membership services offered by Gravity 2.0. In any case, the maximum liability of Gravity 2.0 to a PCMSS member will be limited to the membership fees actually paid by the PCMSS member for the most recent year of membership.

**J Jurisdiction**

The courts of Chennai shall hold jursidiction over this agreement and any and all issues arising out of the same.

* The Founder Member shall be responsible wherever there is a reference to Board of Director(s) until such time Gravity 2.0 Research Foundation is incorporated.