

Rogue Valley Broadband Access Team Bylaws

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name

The organization's name shall be the Rogue Valley Broadband Access Team, referred to as the "RVBAT."

Section 2: Mission Statement

The mission of RVBAT is to bridge the digital divide in the Rogue Valley. We believe digital equity is essential for economic opportunity, social justice, and a thriving democracy in the 21st century.

Section 3: Purpose

The RVBAT aims to promote and facilitate affordable, reliable, and high-speed broadband internet access for all residents and businesses within the Rogue Valley. The RVBAT seeks to bridge the digital divide, foster digital literacy, promote digital equity, and advocate for policies that support equitable broadband access. Networking is a primary activity of digital inclusion coalitions that spans leadership and member organizations.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

Membership in the RVBAT shall be open to all residents, business owners, and organizations within the community who support its mission. All RVBAT Members must register with RVCOG through the RVBAT Membership form. Member Organizations will update their membership form anytime their information changes, including a change in their representative.

Section 2: Rights and Responsibilities

Members shall have the right to participate in RVBAT activities, attend meetings, and vote on important matters. Members will contribute positively to the RVBAT's objectives, respect fellow members, and adhere to the RVBAT's code of conduct. Members and Member Organizations not adhering to RVBAT bylaws and code of conduct are subject to dismissal. Members must be present for at least one meeting per calendar quarter to maintain membership.

Article III: Leadership and Governance

Section 1: RVBAT Leadership

The RVBAT shall have a leadership structure consisting of RVCOG Host, a Facilitator, and Secretary. The members shall elect these officers and shall serve one-year terms or as needed.

Section 2: Duties of Officers

- RVCOG Host: RVCOG will provide a location and a Zoom link for RVBAT meetings. All RVBAT materials and documents will be housed through the RVBAT Google account

(BAT4RV@gmail.com). Access to the account and password will be managed by RVCOG.

- Facilitator: The Facilitator will plan, facilitate, and debrief after meetings, and brainstorming sessions. The Facilitator's primary focus will be to guide productive discussions, ensure everyone participates actively, and achieve the desired outcomes for each meeting. The facilitator will work with RVCOG Host to schedule meetings and send out RVBAT emails, including agenda and meeting times as well as meeting minutes.
- Secretary: The Secretary provides organizational support by securing the meeting logistics, sharing information with members, updating online resources, and responding to information inquiries. The Secretary shall maintain accurate records of meetings, handle correspondence, and manage official RVBAT documents through the BAT4RV Google account. (An AI note taking program will be used to prepare meeting minutes.)
- RVBAT Members: Member Organizations participate in RVBAT activities and contribute to creating shared language and understanding to shape RVBAT goals, through their representatives. Member Organizations and RVBAT Members also promote RVBAT by sharing their experiences, participating in activities, and helping to recruit new Member Organizations. Representatives represent their organization by participating in RVBAT activities, providing feedback on outcomes, and advocating for their organization's needs and interests. In turn, they also represent the RVBAT to their organization.

Section 3: Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held monthly on the first Wednesday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am at RVCOG with Zoom availability. Special meetings may be called by the Facilitator or upon the written request of at least 25% of the members. Any side meetings to discuss RVBAT activity must be open to all members and discussed at an official meeting as well as documented through the BAT4RV Google account.

Article IV: Decision-Making

Section 1: Quorum

A quorum for conducting RVBAT business shall consist of at least 50% of the active members.

Section 2: Voting

A simple majority vote of the Members present at meetings or through electronic voting methods, such as Google Forms, Survey Monkey, or other approved forms, shall make decisions. Members and Member Organizations are responsible to disclose conflicts of interest before voting.

Article V: Amendments

To amend these bylaws, a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a meeting where a quorum is present. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to all members at least two weeks before the vote.

Article VI: Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the RVBAT, any remaining assets shall be distributed to a local government or non-profit organization with a similar mission, as determined by a majority vote of the remaining members.

Article VII: Adoption

RVBAT shall adopt these bylaws and the commitment to promoting digital equity upon approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

Adopted this 6th day of March, 2024.

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