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- Keep small number of ultimate editors
 - Views of individuals in community often divergent => need someone(s) who pull things together and come to *some* decision

Proposed Procedure (2005)

- General overview of how to proceed:
 - Presentation of restructuring proposal
 - Formal proposal written and sent to sbml-discuss
 - Discussions
 - Final electronic vote in November 2005
 - Installment in December 2005

Overview of New Proposal

- 3 stratifications:
 - SBML Forum
 - SBML Architectural Board
 - SBML Editors
- Revised roles for SBML Team
- New mailing list, new procedures

New mailing list: sbml-announce

- Broadcast only
- Announcements of:
 - Publications of errata
 - Notifications of upcoming votes
 - Notifications of voting results
 - Announcements of face-to-face meetings
- Everyone would be strongly urged to subscribe to sbml-announce
 - Some current members of sbml-discuss may opt to subscribe only to sbml-announce

“SBML Forum”

- Membership terms?
- Members *encouraged* to subscribe to sbml-discuss
- An organization or institution may have any number of members in the SBML Forum
- No time limits on membership

SBML Architectural Board

- Comprised of subset of members of SBML Forum
- Principal role: Create & evaluate *formal proposals for changes to the SBML language*
 - Take into consideration requests from the SBML Forum, as well as formulate their own proposals
- Proposals may be initiated by any member
- There will be a process for proposals:
 - Template for creating them (think IETF RFC's)
 - Voting procedure + timeline
- Votes will be electronic, archived & linked to errata and sections of the SBML specification

More on the Architectural Board

- Any member of the SBML Forum can chose to be on the Architectural Board, but:
 - Members *must* be on sbml-discuss
 - Members *must* vote on regular basis
 - Implies willingness to expend time and intellectual energy evaluating proposals & issues
 - Members are expected to make a good-faith effort to attend face-to-face meetings
 - No more than N individuals from the same organization (N = 4? 3? 5?)

“SBML Editors”

- Elected from members of the SBML A.B.
- Principal role: organize the development of, and write the final versions of, SBML specifications and errata
 - They would be the specification’s authors
- Take input from SBML Architectural Board
 - Can make their own proposals since they are members of the A.B. themselves
- Plan & schedule voting on each proposal
- Periodically reconcile differences and write new SBML specifications

More on the SBML Editors

- Total number: 5
- Term limit: 3 years
- An SBML Editor can serve more than one term, but not *consecutive* terms
 - If can't serve full term, special election held
- “Good behavior” guidelines to prevent obstructionist behavior
- Call for vote issued & ends Oct. 15 midnight

Role of the SBML Team

- Responsible for maintaining sbml.org, mailing lists, surveymonkey, and other resources
- Curates web pages for issue tracking, errata, proposals, voting records, other documents
- Organizes SBML Forums and Hackathons
- Seeks funding for resources and activities
- *May be involved in other activities, but these are not institutionalized. E.g. of current ones:*
 - **libSBML**
 - **SBMLToolbox**
 - **MathSBML**
 - SBML Test Suites
 - Translation software
 - Online facilities at sbml.org

Handling Errata: SBML Issues

- Have a process for introducing errata
 - Formal proposal by SBML A.B.
 - Discussion on sbml-discuss
 - Voted on by SBML A.B.
 - Announced on sbml-announce
- Acceptance of an errata results in introduction of new Revision of a given SBML Level+Version
 - E.g., SBML Level 2 Version 2 Issue 3