**ACM Practitioners Board Charter** (Effective Nov 1, 2016)

The [ACM Practitioners Board](http://util.acm.org/boards/listing.cfm?id=81) is the primary volunteer-based structure for providing advice and guidance to the ACM concerning the needs of computing practitioners. The Practitioners Board reflects the ACM’s ongoing commitment to advance the profession of computing and to foster the development of practical applications of computer science. The Board shall focus on products, services, and content that support and enhance the professional and technical development of practitioners.

**Scope and Responsibilities**

The general scope of the Practitioner Board is to provide advice and guidance to the ACM on the needs of practitioners (whether in public or private industry, academia, or self-employed). The Board oversees ACM practitioner-focused products, services, and content. It also serves as a liaison to other areas within ACM whose scope includes practitioners.

The responsibilities of the Board include, but are not limited to:

* Maintaining an overall market analysis of the global practitioner community, with an emphasis on understanding where the ACM can provide products and services to that community which leverage the unique assets and capabilities of the ACM.
* Proposing and aiding in the development products, services, and content that foster the development of individuals within the practice of computing.
* Overseeing ACM’s existing products, services, and content that are focused on serving the needs of computing practitioners.
* Developing foundational models that identify and frame skill-sets, jobs, and career paths in computing.
* Increasing professional recognition for practitioners and managers.
* Actively promoting and advocating for the IT profession.

**Board Structure**

The total number of “Core Members” of the PB is not to exceed 20 total volunteers, including the Chair or Co-Chairs. Diversity is a mandate through balanced regional global diversity and gender parity reflecting ACM goals. The Board may have a number of standing committees, and the Chairs of these standing committees are ex-officio members of the Board itself. The Board will maintain an official list of all standing committees of the Board. In addition, the Chair of the Queue Board Chair will have ex-officio representation on the board.

**Terms of Office**

* Chair or Co-chairs:
  + Appointed by the ACM President and coincide with term of the current President.
  + Serves a 2-year term.
* Chairs of Standing Committees (as needed):
  + Appointed by the PB Chair or Co-chairs.
  + Serves a term of no more than 2-years.
  + Requires the concurrence of the current ACM President.
* Volunteer Board Members:
  + Appointed by the PB Chair or Co-Chairs in consultation with the CEO, COO and with concurrency of the ACM President.
  + Serve a 2-year term.