

# 2020 SPC Representative Election

## SPC Overview and Role

The LFN SPC was approved on May 15, 2019, as a committee of the Governing Board. The SPC has the dual role of helping to set the strategy for the LFN portfolio of projects as a whole and providing Projects visibility into the directions of the Governing Board. As with all GB committees, the SPC only provides recommendations and guidance to the Governing Board. It is the GB that has the ultimate decision-making authority regarding those recommendations.

More information may be found here: <https://wiki.lfnetworking.org/x/o4Hu>

## ODL Representative Responsibilities

- The SPC currently meets regularly (once per week on Mondays) for one hour.
  - Additional SPC internal/planning meetings that may be needed
  - Once a quarter meeting with the TAC on LFN portfolio guidance
  - Once every quarter before GB meetings to prepare an agenda item for the GB
  - Mailing list discussion between meetings
  - Face-to-face meeting with TAC/TSCs when possible and needed (e.g. at ONS when both SPC and TAC are present)

## Election Dates

Nomination period: 04 Nov 2019 to 18 Nov 2019

Voting period: 18 Nov 2019 to 02 Dec 2019

## Candidates

Only OpenDaylight TSC members are eligible to run. If you are interested in self-nominating, please indicate so below

@Sample Candidate

- Photo (Optional)
- Relevant biography
- Statement of Intent

[Abhijit Kumbhare](#)

- Photo:



- Relevant biography

Abhijit has been the TSC Chair for OpenDaylight for the last two terms (2018 and 2019). He has also been the OpenDaylight representative to the LFN TAC and the LFN SPC in 2019. As a member of the TAC, Abhijit worked with Frank Brockners of Cisco to formalize the process to elect a committer representative to the LFN Board. This process was voted upon and approved by the LFN TAC. He is also involved in the development of the LFN's Technical White Paper.

As the OpenDaylight TSC Chair, he has presented OpenDaylight at various conferences including ONS, North America, ONS Europe and Linux Foundation's ONS Networking Day in the Bay Area. He was the project lead for the OpenDaylight OpenFlow plugin project since its inception till the start of the Oxygen release as well as a committer on the TTP project. He has been elected to the OpenDaylight TSC in all the committer-at-large TSC elections since the 2016 term. During the 2017 TSC term - he came up with and evangelized the idea of calendar based ODL release schedules which is now being implemented in Oxygen and beyond. He is technical lead for Ericsson OpenDaylight efforts and works in the Technology department for Ericsson's SDN unit. In the past he had been an active member of the Forwarding Abstractions Workgroup (FAWG) at the Open Networking Foundation (ONF) and has contributed to and evangelized the main example table type pattern at the FAWG meetings/ONF member workdays. He has around 20 years of experience in networking software development as well as leading teams toward successful outcomes. Prior to joining Ericsson he led a 100+ person software development team as the Director, Software R&D at Blade Network Technologies into a successful integration into IBM via acquisition. He is an alumnus of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur.

- **Statement of Intent**

Abhijit plans to continue being among the vocal members of the LFN TAC and the LFN SPC to ensure that OpenDaylight's interests are taken care of by the LFN. He plans to continue to be part of the LFN wide initiatives like the LFN technical white paper and any new initiatives. He will work to ensure that ODL is represented well in such initiatives.