Memorandum of Agreement
between the
National Training and Simulation Association
and the
Simulation Interoperability Standards Organization

Purpose

This Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) documents an agreement for cooperation between the Simulation Interoperability Standards Organization (SISO) and the National Training and Simulation Association (NTSA). Both parties believe, by working together toward mutual goals, the simulation profession and both organizations' members will benefit.

Duration:

This Agreement shall be in effect when signed by the Chair of the SISO Executive Committee (EXCOM) and the President of NTSA. Revisions require the same signatures. This Agreement remains in effect until terminated by written notification from either party to the other. At a minimum, review of the Agreement will be conducted annually.

Terms

1. SISO will serve as NTSA’s liaison with the modeling and simulation standards community. Likewise, NTSA will serve as SISO’s liaison with the training community.

2. SISO and NTSA will work together to foster cross-fertilization of simulation technology and for the overall betterment of the simulation profession.

3. Each organization will identify a primary representative to the other to manage implementation of this Agreement. Representatives will be identified within thirty days of final approval of this Agreement.

4. Each organization will serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the other organization’s principal planning body. For SISO, that body will be the Executive Committee. For NTSA, that body will be the I/ITSEC Conference Committee and/or NTSA Executive Committee.

5. When scheduling events, each organization will attempt to avoid conflicts with events sponsored by the other organization.

6. Each organization will post significant events from the other’s calendar of events and will include those events in e-mail announcements as appropriate.

7. Each organization will provide hyperlinks to the other's web page.
8. Each organization will encourage publication of papers in the other's conferences and/or workshops as appropriate.

9. Upon request, each organization will make an effort to provide space, at no cost, in its exhibit areas for the other to promote their organization and activities.

10. Each organization will consider opportunities for the leadership of the other to address its membership, in ways such as participation in panels or as invited speakers and plenary sessions at conferences and workshops.

11. Financial involvement by either organization in activities of the other is prohibited. Neither organization shall be in any way liable for legal, financial or other obligations incurred by the other organization.

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