OSTA/ODAT Charter

I General
Article 1. Name
This Committee shall be called the "ODAT (Optical Disc Archival Test) Committee".

Article 2. Duration
The ODAT Committee shall be formed for an unlimited duration.

Article 3. Objective and Strategies
The objective of the ODAT Committee is to address end user needs for an established practice in media archive life testing and classification. The ODAT Committee strategies will include encouraging testing and classification to an international standard, educating end users on the subject of archival life, and promoting optical disc media technology over competing technologies.

Article 4. Principal Office
The principal office of the ODAT Committee will be located at the principal office of OSTA (Optical Storage Technology Association)

II Membership
Article 5. Membership conditions
Membership on the ODAT Committee is open to any Member of OSTA (Board Members and Associate Members) by registration with the ODAT Committee.

Article 6. Voting Rights
With the exception of Individual Members, to have voting rights in the ODAT Committee, a Member must be registered as a Member of the ODAT Committee. One membership will have one vote. Individual members have no voting rights.

Article 7. Membership Fee
There is no separate membership fee for ODAT Committee membership.
Article 8. Duration ODAT membership
The duration for the ODAT Committee membership is unlimited.

Article 9. Rights of Members
Members of the ODAT Committee shall have the right:
(a) to participate in any ODAT Committee meeting
(b) to request the opportunity to speak in the ODAT Committee meetings;
and
(c) to vote in any ODAT Committee matter for which a vote is called
(Individual members are excluded)

Article 10. Participation by Non-Members
Persons not representing Members of the ODAT Committee cannot attend or participate in any ODAT Committee meeting or any meeting conducted by the ODAT Committee, unless otherwise invited by the ODAT Committee Chairman. The ODAT Committee Chairman can invite non-members, only when request has been received prior to the event with support of more than two ODAT Committee Members. The Chairman shall give notice of proposed non-member attendance to all ODAT Committee Members prior to the subject event. The ODAT Committee Members shall return objections, if any, to the Chairman. The Chairman can issue the invitation only if the number of objections from Members is not greater than Members in support.

Article 11. Resignation
Each member shall be free to resign from the ODAT Committee at any time by sending a written notice of resignation to the Chairman of the ODAT Committee. The resignation shall be effective as from the date of receipt of the notice of resignation or such other date as is specified in the notice.

III Organization
Article 12. Organization composition
The composition of the ODAT organization is depicted as:

Article 13. ODAT Chairman
The ODAT Committee shall have a Chairman selected from
the ODAT Committee Members by majority vote of the ODAT Committee Members and approved by the OSTA Board. The Chairman shall hold that office until the Chairman resigns or another Chairman is elected in his or her place.

Article 14. Dissolution
The OSTA Board may dissolve the ODAT Committee. The OSTA Board shall state the grounds for the decision to dissolve the ODAT Committee. The decision of the OSTA Board will enter into force on the date specified in decision.

Article 15. Language
The official language of the ODAT Committee shall be English.

Article 16. Liability of Members
Members of the ODAT Committee shall not be liable for any commitment, obligations, debts, and the like of the ODAT Committee.

Article 17. Supplementary Provisions
(a) This Charter was approved by the OSTA Board of Directors on the 5th day of March, 2007.
(b) This Charter may be revised by a resolution adopted by the ODAT Committee and approved by the OSTA Board.