

# Governance

Clowder follows a typical open source governance model with a group of committers having final say to what ends up in the master/develop branches and a [BDFL](#) with final say on disputes and arguments within the community.

If you want to become a contributor please review and follow the following instructions [CONTRIBUTING.md](#).

The following roles exist:

- Contributor
  - Makes contributions to the project.
  - See [CONTRIBUTING.md](#) to learn how to become one. Please follow the workflow describe in that document. Thank you.
- Committer
  - Knows the code very well and has made substantial contributions to the project.
  - Helps define how specific features are implemented.
  - Has write permission to develop and master branch.
  - A unanimous vote by current committers is required for a contributor to become a committer.
- Benevolent Dictator for Life (BDFL)
  - Retains the final say in disputes or arguments within the community.
  - Manages releases.
  - Helps define long term direction and software architecture.

Current list of active members follows. Full list available in [CONTRIBUTORS.md](#).

## Benevolent Dictator for Life

- Luigi Marini is the Benevolent Dictator for Life (BDFL).

## Committers

- Luigi Marini
- Rob Kooper
- Max Burnette

**Contributors** - <https://github.com/clowder-framework/clowder/graphs/contributors>

**Insights** - <https://github.com/clowder-framework/clowder/pulse>

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