

Subject: New voting procedure

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Gene,

The new voting procedure for the U.S. TAG for ISO/TC172/SC7 - as it currently seems to be implemented as of January 1, 2010 - will not work well because;

- 1) There is no date established for the SC7 TAG sub group leaders to send the U.S. position to the SC7 TAG leader and
- 2) There is no date established for the SC7 TAG leader to submit the vote of the United States to the ANSI Central Secretariat via OEOSC.

The Vision Council has agreed that Amber Robinson will collect the votes and comments TAG sub-group responsible for any voting action, collate them and send this collated results to the TAG sub-group leader. This is being done, so I am informed, because Michele does not have time for this extra work. I am arranging with Amber to assemble all the comments on a single ISO comment sheet organized by clause in the standard. This will make the task of all much easier as a unified United States position is created. The votes themselves will be recorded on a tally sheet so that all can see how the vote went in a very easy fashion. As most votes have 3 choices - agree, disagree and abstain - the tally sheet needs to have only 4 options - these 3 choices plus 'did not vote'. Amber currently does this for national standards votes within Z80 and it works well. I will supply her with forms for each TAG sub- group so all she has to do is put a title on the tally sheet and put crosses in the appropriate boxes for each member of the TAG sub group.

There is no other role for The Vision Council in this matter. The unified position of the United States on any matter will be created using exactly the same procedure we in SC7 have been using for years - the one set forth in my document on the organization and procedures of the U.S. TAG for ISO/TC172/SC7. When I submit the vote of the United States and associated comments, I am now copying all members of the TAG sub-group. Of course posting these documents on the OEOSC website is good but I think it best to notify all member immediately as I am doing because they may not always take the time to go to the website and certainly will not know exacting when the vote was cast. My method removes any confusion on this matter.

I would like you to change the notifications Michele is now sending out to reflect the above procedure with the next notification she sends.

We will see how this new collection method works. However, I am concerned in that the TAG sub-group leaders will not have as much time as they do now to start forming a unified position because now they get ballots and comments often before the deadline for submission and so can see conflicts that need to be resolved early and start working on them as soon as they become evident. Under the new plan the TAG sub group leaders will be essentially blind to problems until after the submission deadline and then will have very little time to resolve conflicts.

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