



SESSION 3
ON COMMON GROUND – PART 2
US/TAG OPERATIONS

**Conference on U.S. Leadership
in ISO and IEC Technical Committees**

JOINT US/TAG POSITION DEVELOPMENT

- **How to address projects that are of interest to more than one US/TAG.**
- **Know what's out there – track projects and don't be blind sided.**
- **Know the contacts/projects of other US/TAGs which impact yours.**
- **Establish formal LIAISON to be kept advised.**
- **Schedule concurrent US/TAG meetings, if appropriate**
- **Submit positions early on and well before deadline.**
- **Contribute to development of formal US vote/position.**

US/TAG MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

- **What special problems do US/TAGs have when:**
 - **They can only maintain a very small number of members, which may draw into question the validity of the consensus positions?**
 - **They address technical subjects that attract very large numbers of actual or potential US/TAG members, making effective management and administration of the US/TAG difficult?**
 - **They relate to an ISO or IEC committee with a broad scope but lack members with expertise for specific projects?**
 - **How do different US/TAGs implement fee structures?**
- **We invite attendees to share their experiences and recommendations for best practices to address these issues.**

ENGAGEMENT OF IMPORTANT US/TAG MEMBERS

- **How do different US/TAGs review their membership and identify needed expertise or under-represented stakeholders?**
- **How do US/TAGs conduct outreach to attract needed expertise and representatives from specific stakeholder categories?**
- **What negative concerns are being heard about ISO and IEC standardization that present barriers to engaging certain stakeholders?**
- **What financial support do US/TAGs provide to support experts lacking resources in order to keep key stakeholders engaged?**

ACCESSIBILITY TO COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS

IEC

- **US/TAG members in good standing can be authorized direct access to IEC Server for the relevant technical documents.**
- **Some US/TAG Administrators maintain their own servers to make documents available to US/TAG members.**
- **USNC Constituency can subscribe to weekly E-Mail service, NEWDOCS and MYIEC to be advised of new documents added to IEC Server.**
- **Copyrighted documents are made available to US/TAGs for US/TAG BUSINESS ONLY.**
- **Technical Advisor and US/TAG Administrator can obtain watermarked copies of published standards under certain conditions.**

ISO

- **US/TAG Administrators received technical documents from ANSI and make them available to US/TAG members.**
- **Some US/TAG Administrators maintain their own servers to make documents available to US/TAG members.**
- **Copyrighted documents and published standards are made available to US/TAG Administrators for US/TAG BUSINESS ONLY.**
- **ISO Global Directory will soon be implemented which could allow US/TAG members to be authorized for direct access to the ISO/TC Server for documents and alerting notices.**

PREPARATION OF DELEGATES AND EXPERTS TO MEETINGS

Do you:

- **Hold a preparatory meeting prior to each international meeting?**
- **Seek guidance from ANSI staff on any specific issues prior to a meeting?**
- **Seek accreditation of its delegates via ANSI or USNC staff?**
- **Use the Head of Delegation report, not just for reporting to ANSI and the USNC but also to guide future actions within the US/TAG?**
- **Have an individual well-versed in rules of procedure (ISO/IEC Directives, Dresden or Vienna Agreements, etc)?**
- **Accept the word of committee leaders on rules of procedure when they do not sound right? If it does not sound right, it probably isn't. Trust your instincts regarding the fairness of rules and procedures.**
- **Agree to take action on items at meetings that were not previously announced? Instead, request that such action be taken via correspondence to allow for further consultations with other experts at home.**
- **Let ANSI know right away when you experience problems?**

NATIONAL ADOPTION OR ADAPTATION

- USNC Council policy approved 18 September 2003:

”...it is the official policy of the USNC Council to encourage all USNC/IEC Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) to pursue the formal adoption or adaptation with common modifications of the IEC standards under their jurisdiction as American National Standards where appropriate and where the interests of the related constituency are served.”

- Some 75% of CENELEC standards are identical to or based on IEC standards.
- Some 33% of all CEN-approved standards are identical to ISO standards, and 33% are considered similar.
- Some in US say “use” of standard more meaningful than formal adoption/adaptation.
- What are the pros and cons of adoption/adaptation?
- What is the process for adoption/adaptation ISO and IEC standards as American National Standards?