

2.6 Consideration of views and objections

Prompt consideration shall be given to the written views and objections of all participants, including those commenting on the PINS announcement or public comment listing in *Standards Action*.

In connection with an objection articulated during a public comment period, or submitted with a **negative** vote, an effort to resolve all expressed objections accompanied by comments related to the proposal under consideration shall be made, and each such objector shall be advised in writing (including electronic communications) of the disposition of the objection and the reasons therefor. If resolution is not achieved, each such objector shall be informed in writing that an appeals process exists within procedures used by the standards developer. In addition, except in the case of Audited Designators, each objection resulting from public review or submitted by a member of the consensus body, and which is not resolved (see definition) must be reported to the ANSI BSR.

When this process is completed in accordance with the written procedures of the standards developer, the standards developer may consider any comments received subsequent to the closing of the public review and comment period, or shall consider them in the same manner as a new proposal. Timely comments that are not related to the proposal under consideration shall be documented and considered in the same manner as submittal of a new proposal. The submitter of the comments shall be so notified.

Each unresolved objection and attempt at resolution, and any substantive change¹ made in a proposed American National Standard shall be reported to the consensus body in order to afford all members of the consensus body an opportunity to respond, reaffirm, or change their vote.

4.2 Approval of actions in connection with American National Standards

A standard developed by an ANSI-Accredited Standards Developer may be approved as an American National Standard by the ANSI Board of Standards Review (BSR) or by an ANSI Audited Designator. In either case, the essential due process and consensus criteria defined herein shall apply. In addition, approval assures the user that each American National Standard is generally acceptable to those that participated in the development of consensus for the standard.

Evidence of procedural compliance in support of the approval of a proposed new American National Standard or a proposed revision or reaffirmation of an American National Standard to be approved by the BSR shall be submitted via the BSR-9 form to the secretary of the BSR within one (1) year from the close of the comment period listed in *Standards Action* using the appropriate form provided by ANSI, unless the standards developer notifies the secretary of the BSR in writing of good cause for a different schedule for submittal. Failure to make the submittal within two (2) years from the close of the comment period listed in *Standards Action* shall require consideration by the BSR, i.e., withdrawal, extension for cause, or another listing in *Standards Action*. ANSI-Accredited Standards Developers that have been granted the status of ANSI Audited Designator shall take action in connection with candidate American National Standards in a timeframe that is consistent with that specified for all other ANSI-Accredited Standards Developers.

4.2.1 Approval by the ANSI Board of Standards Review

Approval, withdrawal, revision or reaffirmation of an American National Standard is based on the evidence submitted that the requirements set forth herein have been met.

The ANSI Board of Standards Review (BSR) shall review **standards the BSR-9** submitted to ANSI with unresolved objections on record. This includes negative consensus body votes as well as public review

¹ **Any substantive change made in a proposed American National Standard shall also be listed for public comment in accordance with 2.5.2 Public Review.**

comments. Standards submitted without objections and identical national adoptions processed in accordance with the expedited procedures contained in the *ANSI Procedures for the National Adoption of ISO and IEC Standards as American National Standards* may be administratively approved by the BSR. The BSR does not have jurisdiction over the standards of ANSI Audited Designators unless an ANSI Audited Designator chooses to submit one or more standards to the BSR for approval.