ANSI's Executive Standards Council (ExSC) was asked recently to consider the PINS language contained in clause 2.5 Notification of standards development and coordination, and to respond to several questions, the responses to which are presented below. Please be reminded that each deliberation is different, based on the presenting facts and interactions leading to the deliberation.

1. Is a PINS deliberation required if the commenter agrees that one is not specifically required or otherwise notes that his/her comments have been addressed by the developer?

RESPONSE: No

2. Can a “deliberation” take place via correspondence?

RESPONSE: Yes

3. Does a “deliberation of stakeholders” require more than communication between the commenter and the standards developer?

RESPONSE: No. The deliberation may involve the developer and the commenter only; however, both should be open to engaging additional stakeholders, if appropriate.

4. Can the deliberation take place after the 90 day period?

RESPONSE: Yes