



National Housing Center ■ 1201 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

## Agenda

### Event Overview

As the coordinator of the U.S. standardization system, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) will host this cross-stakeholder discussion of several of ANSI's core procedural requirements as they relate to openness, balance, and disclosure within American National Standards (ANS) process.

Like Alice in the famous tale, event participants will use this neutral and open opportunity to take an earnest look at some of our system's key requirements, and come through that examination with a fresh perspective.

All are encouraged to share their opinions, concerns, best practices and recommendations. A public library for reference materials is available [here](#). To submit a reference document for consideration and posting in the library, please contact Anne Caldas at [acaldas@ansi.org](mailto:acaldas@ansi.org).

### Thursday, March 22, 2018

9:00 am – 5 pm

Moderator for the Day: Lane Hallenbeck, Vice President, Accreditation Services,  
American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

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9:00 – 9:15 am      **Welcoming Remarks**

*Down the Rabbit Hole*

- **Joe Bhatia**, President and CEO, American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
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9:15 – 10:00 am **American National Standards (ANS) and ANSI's *Essential Requirements***

*ANSI Executive Standards Council (ExSC) and ANSI Board of Standards Review (BSR) leadership, together with ANSI staff, will review, discuss and answer questions about current procedural requirements that apply to American National Standards (ANS) as reflected in the 2018 edition of the ANSI Essential Requirements ([www.ansi.org/essentialrequirements](http://www.ansi.org/essentialrequirements)). These current procedural requirements are the baseline for today's discussion.*

*15-minute presentation followed by 30 minutes of audience Q&A*

- **Gaby Davis**, Chair, ANSI Board of Standards Review (BSR)
- **Chris Dubay**, Chair, ANSI Executive Standards Council (ExSC)

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10:00 – 10:45 am **The Role of American National Standards: One Perspective**

**Commissioner Adler, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)**

*Commissioner Adler will share his thoughts on the role and value of American National Standards (ANS) as well as his thoughts for improving the ANS process.*

*20-minute presentation followed by 25 minutes of audience Q&A*

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10:45 – 11:00 am **Break**

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11:00 – 11:45 am **Panel 1 – Openness and Participation in the ANS Process**

**Moderator:** **Claire Ramspeck**, ANSI OMF Chair, ANSI ExSC Standards Advisor

*Panelists will discuss ANSI's procedural requirements related to openness and participation in the ANS process, including outreach, targeted outreach, effective mechanisms for public notice and how these activities relate to balance on an ANS consensus body. Attendees will be asked to consider whether additional requirements should be considered, e.g., requiring a mandatory meeting at the start of the ANS process, and whether some current provisions should be less flexible. The sharing of best practices will be encouraged.*

**Panelists:**

- **Walter Jones**, Laborers Health & Safety Fund of North America
- **Len Morrissey**, ASTM International
- **Elaine Newton**, Oracle
- **Elise Owen**, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- **Greg Saunders**, U.S. Department of Defense
- **Rachel Weintraub**, Consumer Federation of America

11:45 am –  
12:30 pm

**Panel 2 – Balance and Interest Classification of ANS Consensus  
Body Membership**

**Moderator:** Gaby Davis, ANSI BSR Chair

*Panelists will discuss different approaches to the categorization by interest categories of ANS consensus body membership. This will include a discussion of the use of the user/producer/general interest-type classification system versus a specialized classification system specifically aligned with the nature of the standard under development. Best practices for ensuring the accurate identification of relevant interest categories and the associated assignment or selection processes will be sought. As well, attendees will be asked to consider what steps can be taken or should be acceptable when numerical balance is sought, but not achieved. For example, when should a lack of numerical balance on an ANS consensus body doom a proposed ANS development activity? Potential options like the application of a weighted voting scheme will be discussed.*

**Panelists:**

- **Hany Demian**, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- **Linda Golodner**, Chair, ANSI Consumer Interest Forum (CIF)
- **Megan Hayes**, Plastics Industry Association
- **Monica Leslie**, NSF International
- **Mary McKiel**, American Academy of Forensic Sciences
- **Christine Niero**, Professional Testing, Inc.
- **David Pittle**, Former CPSC Commissioner

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12:30 – 1:15 pm

**Lunch**

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1:15 – 2:30 pm

**Panel 3 – Affiliation, Disclosure and Accurate Accounting of ANS Consensus Body Members**

**Moderator:** Paula Watkins, ANSI ExSC Member

*Attendees will be asked to consider the importance of a consensus body member's affiliations and funding sources in relation to their interest classification, and whether mandatory disclosure in some or all circumstances would be feasible and improve the resulting ANS. Current and suggested practices in this area will be solicited. ASDs with financial (or other) disclosure requirements will be asked to share them – and any related lessons learned. As well, presently any legal entity can apply to ANSI for accreditation as a standards developer; should the accreditation - or ANS process - requirements be different for some types of applicants, e.g., trade associations or private companies seeking this status?*

**Panelists:**

- **Robert Adler**, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
- **Neil Bogatz**, IAPMO
- **Cristine Fargo**, International Safety Equipment Association
- **Len Morrissey**, ASTM International
- **David Pittle**, Former CPSC Commissioner
- **Jeff Smith**, Phillips Nizer, LLP

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2:30 – 3:15 pm

**Panel 4 – Should the ANSI Essential Requirements Be Further Refined to Distinguish among Types of ANS?**

**Moderator:** Dan Ryan, ANSI ExSC Vice Chair

*With limited exceptions in some aspects of the ANS process for "safety-related standards", ANS due process criteria apply equally to all types of proposed ANS. Should a separate set of criteria for "safety-related" or "safety-and-health-related standards" (or some other subset of ANS) be established? What are the pros and cons of a single set of ANS criteria versus bifurcated or multi-pronged requirements based on the nature of the proposed ANS? How do ASDs distinguish "safety-related vs. other-than-safety-related" standards now?*

**Panelists:**

- **Patricia Edwards**, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
- **Cristine Fargo**, International Safety Equipment Association
- **Tim Fisher**, American Society of Safety Engineers
- **Gordon Gillerman**, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- **Timothy Klein**, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, U.S. Department of Transportation
- **Christine Niero**, Professional Testing, Inc.
- **David Pittle**, Former CPSC Commissioner

## Through the Looking Glass Workshop Agenda – March 22, 2018

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3:15 – 3:30 pm      **Break**

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3:30 – 4:45 pm      **Moderated Full Group Discussion**

*“Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?”*

*“That depends a good deal on where you want to get to,” said the Cat.*

**Moderator:** **Chris Dubay**, NFPA, ANSI ExSC Chair

*In this moderated open discussion, we’ll discuss the issues, commentary, and ideas voiced throughout the day. We’ll consider the mechanisms that the ANSI ExSC has used to advance the ANS process in the past – guidance documents, best practice summaries, limited pilot programs to test a concept, and procedural revisions to the ANSI Essential Requirements. We’ll also discuss innovative ideas and suggestions that the ANSI ExSC can consider in the future.*

*75 minutes of open dialogue*

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- **Gaby Davis**, IAPMO, ANSI BSR Chair
- **Linda Golodner**, ANSI CIF Chair
- **Timothy Klein**, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, U.S. Department of Transportation, ANSI Government Member Forum (GMF) Chair
- **Claire Ramspeck**, ASME, ANSI Organizational Member Forum (OMF) Chair
- **Dan Ryan**, Underwriters Laboratories, ANSI ExSC Vice Chair
- **Greg Saunders**, U.S. Department of Defense, ANSI National Policy Committee (NPC) Vice Chair

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4:45 – 5 pm      **Closing Remarks and Next Steps**

*Through the Looking Glass and What Today's Session Tells Us*

- **Joe Bhatia**, President and CEO, ANSI
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