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INCITS Comment in Response to ExSC_095_2021, the Proposed Revisions to the Current (2019) ANSI International Procedures

Clause No: A5.9, Review of Membership

Line Numbers: 957-960

Comment: INCITS agree with the principle that TAG Members should fulfil their roles and responsibilities for participation and that if a TAG member regularly fails to fulfil their roles and responsibilities, they should be removed after appropriate written warnings. However, we disagree with proposed ANSI's role in directing TAG administrators to remove certain TAG members who fail to follow the TAG participation obligations. Instead, the TAG administrations should have flexibility in implementing this rule in their own procedures. The current language is also unclear on how the lack of knowledge of a certain TAG member is going to be assessed.

Proposed Revision: We propose that the following sentence should not be added, *"TAG members who regularly and without good cause fail to attend meetings, do not return ballots, or otherwise exhibit lack of interest, knowledge, or responsibility may be removed for the stated causes, after one written warning of pending removal, by the TAG Administrator."*

RESPONSE: Thank you, but disagree in part. This language is included in ANSI's Model Procedures for ANSI-Accredited U.S. TAGs, i.e., for those TAGs that are accredited to use the Model Procedures. TAGs that operate under unique accredited procedures may depart from this text. TAGs and TAG Administrators do indeed have broad flexibility in that a TAG may submit and be accredited under procedures that do not track ANSI's Model Procedures.

Accept limited edit: delete "knowledge" from the sentence at issue.