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Subject: RE: ANSI Standards Action - Proposed Revisions to the ANS International Procedures

Hi Anne,

The new language proposed on the subgroups of US TAGs under section 2.1.1 will need to be amended as it's misleading in the current state. While the current language in the procedures doesn't cover subgroups for WGs and the proposed revision is intended to do that, the proposed revision as it currently reads seems to suggest that there is now an opportunity for the creation of an accredited U.S. TAG for an ISO WG, where the US may not be a P-member of the parent committee with an accredited U.S. TAG. This notion is problematic for a number of reasons, such as there are no P-memberships in ISO WGs, WGs do not have official votes, and participation at the WG level is on an individual expert basis. I do not believe that it was the intention of the AAMI proposal to have separately accredited TAGs to ISO WGs. To that end, Steven and I have discussed and agreed on amended text be considered to cover situations where:

1. Subgroups of accredited U.S. TAGs can be established to develop consensus positions on work in either a) a subcommittee or b) working group; and
2. Separate accredited U.S. TAGs can be established only for subcommittees, but not for working groups

Here is the suggestion to amend the current proposal that may correct the issue:

Proposed text for clause 2.1.1 (with ANSI staff amendment):

Subgroups of U.S. TAGs or separate U.S. TAGs may be formed to relate to subcommittees ~~or working groups~~ of an ISO technical committee and subgroups of U.S. TAGs may be formed to relate to working groups of an ISO technical committee or subcommittee. Where the U.S. TAG to an ISO subcommittee subgroup is not independently accredited in accordance with 2.5.4, the degree of independent authority to take actions (including determining consensus on documents) shall be defined in writing (and provided for in the TAG's accredited procedures as part of the TAG procedures, or as a policy or agreement) and shall be approved by the parent U.S. TAG and TAG Administrator, and a copy provided to ANSI. Rules and procedures governing the parent TAG operations and membership shall also apply to the subgroup of the U.S. TAG. The TAG Administrator is responsible for ensuring procedural compliance at the subgroup level and for submitting all U.S. positions and votes to ANSI.

RESPONSE: Accept.

Please let me know if you need any additional information or would like to discuss further.

Thank you,
Sara