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**Subject:** Response to public comments - Proposed revisions to the ANSI Essential Requirements - Tim Fisher  
**Attachments:** ExSC\_025\_2021\_ER TG Report from 2019.pdf; ExSC\_017\_2019\_030921.pdf; ExSC\_017D\_2019\_ASSP.pdf

Greetings –

We hope that you are well.

Thank you for submitting the attached public comments in response to proposed revisions to the ANSI Essential Requirements ([www.ansi.org/essentialrequirements](http://www.ansi.org/essentialrequirements)) announced in Standards Action in December 2019. Background on the original proposed revision is included in the attached report (ExSC\_025\_2021). The ExSC has considered all public comments and as a result, edited the original proposed revision, now attached here in its final edited form (ExSC\_017). This edited version was approved by the ANSI ExSC in February 2021 and will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the ANSI Board of Directors for final approval in March 2021 for incorporation into the 2022 edition of the *ANSI Essential Requirements*.

Please also note that consistent with recommendations in the attached ExSC TG Report, ANSI has updated our website to provide easy access to information about the American National Standards (ANS) process and how to participate in it. Please visit the new ANS pages, including these: <https://www.ansi.org/american-national-standards/ans-introduction/overview#introduction> , <https://www.ansi.org/american-national-standards/info-for-the-general-public/general-public> and <https://www.ansi.org/american-national-standards/info-for-standards-developers/standards-developers> .

Responses to your comments and suggestions are presented here by section:

**Original Lines 15 - 18 - 2.1** Proposes revision to the existing definition of "affiliation" by deleting reference to an individual participant's employer or sponsor

- ACCEPTED as follows: The affiliation of a consensus body member refers to the entity that the consensus body member represents, which may or may not be that person's employer. If the consensus body member is serving in an individual capacity, then the name of the individual, their sponsors<sup>[1]</sup> (if any) and interest category shall be made available upon request. Contact information is not required. FN1: A sponsor is defined as an organization that provides funds specifically to support the individual's participation in the standards activities of the consensus body.
- Each consensus body member is expected to represent one of the interest categories relevant to the nature of the standard, even if it is "General Interest", and in the interest of transparency, the voting member's employer or sponsor, if not the employer, should be known. It is unclear how an ASD assigns/selects/assesses the appropriateness of an interest category for each consensus body member without such information, though it may certainly be possible. While individuals may participate as technically qualified members, they and their experience represent an interest and someone is paying for their participation. Both of these points of information are meaningful when assessing whether a consensus body is balanced; for example, a consensus body cannot be populated by all "General Interest" individuals.
- ASSP question re: publication of an ANS: The *ANSI Essential Requirements* does not require the inclusion of a consensus body roster within a published ANS, so what is or is not published is not changed by the proposed revision. The revision relates to the consensus body roster, which must be available upon request, per section 2.1.

**Original Line 52: Footnote 3 – Interest Category examples**

- **FN 3** - With respect to the deletions from the optional list of interest categories listed in FN3, the ExSC views a "professional society" or "trade association" as a general membership category rather than the interest category they represent on a consensus body. For example, a trade association is presumed to represent the industry/stakeholders for which the trade association exists, so an industry trade association is appropriately classified as "industry".

Again, thank you for your interest and your comments.

Sincerely,  
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