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Subject: Response to public comments - Proposed revisions to the ANSI Essential Requirements - ADA
Attachments: ExSC_025_2021_ER TG Report from 2019.pdf; ExSC_017_2019_030921.pdf; ExSC_017R_2019_ADA.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) 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:

- **Balance – Original Lines 25 -71 Series of questions concerning 2.3 Balance.**

RESPONSE: ASDs vary in what they require/how they require disclosure and this flexibility will not change. That said, at a minimum, consensus body members will be required to disclose if they receive funding from the sponsoring ASD or another entity. This information is potentially relevant to the member's interest classification so it would not seem that a COI disclosure would suffice, though the question on the membership application sounds more in line with the intent of the revision. Travel reimbursement by an ASD would be included. All of this said, the specific details and language matter in terms of what is acceptable. The ExSC has already agreed to develop related guidance concerning disclosure and will begin work in 2021. ADA's questions will be included in the issues considered by the drafting group.

Again, thank you for your interest and your comments.

Sincerely,
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