

Subject: Re: New voting procedure

From: Michele Stolberg <michlisa@frontiernet.net>

Date: Thu, 03 Dec 2009 16:42:33 -0500

To: Charles Campbell <ceccec@pacbell.net>, Gene Kohlenberg <gene.kohlenberg@toast.net>

CC: Nick Mileti <nmileti@luxotticaRetail.com>, William Brown <brown.william2@mayo.edu>, Jeff Endres <jendres@thevisioncouncil.org>, Dan Torgersen <dtorgersen@walman.com>, Robert Rosenberg <rrosenbergod@verizon.net>, Thomas White <twhite@usd.edu>, Quido Cappelli <qcappelli@tampabay.rr.com>, Carl Tubbs <c2k2tubbs@msn.com>

Charlie-

The dates for the next stage of ballot due dates requested in your note below (WG Leaders to you, you to me/OEOSC) will come out in the next round of emails about the items out for vote. Under the new voting procedure, the items go first to Amber, who copies them to the SC7 WG Leader (if they have not already been copied). The WG leaders can start working on their US positions right away. She has a list of all the US SC7 WG experts (your list from October) and will also forward reminders to those that she has not heard from, to attempt to secure a vote from each WG member. She will generate a log sheet I can post to the OEOSC website.

Once the due date to Amber has arrived, I will send an email to each WG leader, asking them to provide a draft US position to me by a certain date, and indicate that it will be posted to the OEOSC site for a period of 4-5 days for any WG members to comment. The WG members will be emailed that the draft position is available for review, and will be asked to send in any additional comments to the WG Leader before he sends the finalized US position on to you. The WG Leader will be provided with a due date to get the finalized vote to you, and then you to me, for ANSI to receive it in a timely manner.

The first step in this new voting process is a log of each member vote/comments to be posted to the website per OEOSC's new procedure, with the follow-on dates issuing from there. I've tried to make this transition as easy as possible, the new system is certainly more cumbersome than the old-- and a sheaf of dates issued all at once didn't seem to help with that. I can certainly do that if you prefer. Amber is only being asked to track the votes, and send the reminders to the experts and a log sheet to me for posting to the OEOSC website. I'm sure whatever format you already have in place for this will be fine. The WG Leaders will still be working on the US positions as soon as comments begin to come in.

I was also concerned about the shortened lead time for the experts to review the items, but have been advised that OEOSC must become more accountable for the votes cast even if it means less time for review. I'll do my best to send items around as quickly as possible.
Michele

At 01:09 PM 12/3/2009, Charles Campbell wrote:

Gene,

The new voting procedure for the U.S. TAG for ISO/TC172/SC7 - as it currently seems to be implemented as of January 1, 2010 - will not work well because;

1) There is no date established for the SC7 TAG sub group leaders to send the U.S. position to the SC7 TAG leader
and

2) There is no date established for the SC7 TAG leader to submit the vote of the United States to the ANSI Central Secretariat via OEOSC.

The Vision Council has agreed that Amber Robinson will collect the votes and comments TAG sub-group responsible for any voting action, collate them and send this collated results to the TAG sub-group leader. This is being done, so I am informed, because Michele does not have time for this extra work. I am arranging with Amber to assemble all the comments on a single ISO comment sheet organized by clause in the standard. This will make the task of all much easier as a unified United States position is created. The votes themselves will be recorded on a tally sheet so that all can see how the vote went in a very easy fashion. As most votes have 3 choices - agree, disagree and abstain - the tally sheet needs to have only 4 options - these 3 choices plus 'did not vote'. Amber currently does this for national standards votes within Z80 and it works well. I will supply her with forms for each TAG sub- group so all she has to do is put a title on the tally sheet and put crosses in the appropriate boxes for each member of the TAG sub group.

There is no other role for The Vision Council in this matter. The unified position of the United States on any matter will be created using exactly the same procedure we in SC7 have been using for years - the one set forth in my document on the organization and procedures of the U.S. TAG for ISO/TC172/SC7. When I submit the vote of the United

States and associated comments, I am now copying all members of the TAG sub-group. Of course posting these documents on the OEOSC website is good but I think it best to notify all member immediately as I am doing because they may not always take the time to go to the website and certainly will not know exacting when the vote was cast. My method removes any confusion on this matter.

I would like you to change the notifications Michele is now sending out to reflect the above procedure with the next notification she sends.

We will see how this new collection method works. However, I am concerned in that the TAG sub-group leaders will not have as much time as they do now to start forming a unified position because now they get ballots and comments often before the deadline for submission and so can see conflicts that need to be resolved early and start working on them as soon as they become evident. Under the new plan the TAG sub group leaders will be essentially blind to problems until after the submission deadline and then will have very little time to resolve conflicts.

Charles Campbell
Leader, U.S.TAG for ISO/TC172/SC7
2908 Elmwood Court
Berkeley, CA 94705

(510) 612 1990