B16 Committee

Supplement to Procedures for ASME Codes and Standards Development Committees

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B16 Committee Procedures

These procedures include the latest edition of the Procedures for ASME Codes and Standards Development Committees, as supplemented below:

Charter (Ref. 1.1):
The ASME B16 Standardization of Valves, Flanges, Fittings, and Gasket Committee is responsible for standards covering valves, flanges, pipe fittings, gaskets, and valve actuators for use in pressure services.

Number of Members (Ref. 3.1):
The ASME B16 Standardization of Valves, Flanges, Fittings, and Gasket Committee consists of consensus committee members plus delegates. The consensus committee shall consist of no more than 30 voting members. No more than two members of the consensus committee may be supported in their B16 work by the same organization.

Member Interest Categories (Ref. 3.2):
Members shall be classified in accordance with their major interest from among the following categories, as appropriate:

- Manufacturer (AK)
- Distributor (AD)
- Material manufacturer (AM)
- Consumer/User (AW)
- Designer/Constructor (AC)
- Regulatory (AT)
- Insurance/Inspection (AH)
- General Interest (AF)

Determining Subordinate Group Membership (Ref. 5.1.1):
Subordinate Groups under the B16 Committee will be referred to as subcommittees. The membership (appointments, reappointments and terminations) of the subcommittees shall be approved by the standards committee.

The membership of subordinate groups that do not report directly to the Standards Committee shall be approved by the subcommittee to which they report.

Determining Project Team Membership (Ref. 5.2):
When a project team is chosen for work on a standards action, its membership shall be approved by an officer of the standards committee, the standards committee, or officer of a subcommittee, and the appointment shall be noted in the approving committee’s minutes. If not otherwise specified, the Cognizant Subcommittee shall serve as the project team for work on standards actions.

Interpretations (Ref. 6.1.6, 10.2):
The B16 Subcommittee or Special Task Group for Inquiries will provide interpretations for all B16 standards under its responsibility. If the Subcommittee or Special Task Group
cannot reach agreement on a response, the inquiry may be forwarded to the B16 Standards Committee for consideration and reply.

Cases (Ref 8.1, 8.4, 9.2)
Cases may be issued to provide early implementation of an approved revision. Cases are effective for use upon the approval date of BPTCS.

Cases require approval by the standards committee and BPTCS by the same approval process as Standards Actions except for 8.1 and 9.2 of the ASME procedures.

All approved cases will be made available on the applicable Committee Page on C&S Connect.