Contributing Member of the Standardization & Testing Department

A contributing member is an individual non-voting member whose contribution to a committee is through review and comment on proposals. Contributing members shall possess the technical qualifications described for individual voting members.

Contributing Members are usually:

a) a standards committee member who wishes to participate, but may be unable to fully participate for the foreseeable future and is from a category of interest that is lacking on the committee or the committee feels their expertise would be missed.

b) an active subtier committee member or new member that the committee wishes to give experience.

Appointment of Contributing Members. The consensus committee recommends the appointment of contributing members to the cognizant board for appointment for a term not exceeding five years. Contributing members are eligible for reappointment.

Duties of Contributing Members. Except for weighted votes and votes on personnel items, contributing members will be provided the opportunity to participate via review and comment on all proposals submitted for consensus committee vote. The participation by the contributing member shall be agreed by the contributing member and the standards committee chair. They will be included on all standards committee electronic mailings (including minutes, agendas and ballots). Contributing Members will receive notification concerning all standards committee meetings. Contributing Members may be asked to perform special, finite projects consistent with their expertise.

Attendance at committee meetings is optional. Participation may be accomplished through attendance at meetings when possible, by correspondence, and by telephone, teleconference, or other means. Contributing members failing to carry out their duties shall be subject to having their appointment terminated.

Policies. Contributing members shall comply with Society Policies P-15.7, Ethics; P-15.8, Conflicts of Interest; P-14.6, Society Name, Seal, Emblem, Initials, Titles, Identification, and Certificates; and P-15.9, Policy Against Discrimination.

Classification of Contributing Members. Because this is a non-voting member position, contributing members need not be assigned an interest classification.

While the Contributing Members do not have voting rights but are able to submit comments.

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Delegates to the Standardization & Testing Department

Delegates are individuals representing a group of experts outside of the U.S. and Canada, and is intended to allow participation on ASME committees. Each group represented shall have a clearly defined interest in participating on ASME committees. A group is intended to be interpreted broadly to mean jurisdiction(s), company(ies), professional society(ies), trade organization(s), or user group(s). The method for selecting a prospective delegate shall be at the discretion of each group. The appointment of a delegate may be limited in scope relative to the charter of the standards committee, as determined by the consensus committee.

Application for Delegates. Each group shall recommend an individual to represent them. The group shall also provide an explanation of their interest in participating.

Appointment of Delegates. The consensus committee recommends the appointment of delegates to the cognizant board for appointment for a term not exceeding five years. Delegates are eligible for reappointment. Reappointments approved by the consensus committee need not be submitted for board approval.

An alternate is a person intended to vote in place of the delegate on standards actions. Alternates are proposed by the group, are subject to acceptance by the consensus committee and approval by the cognizant board. An alternate has all the privileges of a delegate during the period of his/her service in this capacity. Such service by an alternate automatically terminates on request of the group, or when the delegate is no longer on the standards committee.

Duties of Delegates. The duty of each delegate is to take active part voting on first consideration votes for standards actions, and contributing the expertise of their group in preparation of new actions. Such duties may be carried out by attendance at meetings when possible (attendance at meetings is encouraged but not required), by correspondence, and by telephone, teleconference, or other electronic means. Delegates failing to carry out their duties shall be subject to having their appointment terminated. Delegates whose appointments have been terminated may appeal this action. Delegates are not eligible to vote on personnel, administrative actions, or editorial actions.

Policies. Delegates and their alternates shall comply with Society Policies P-15.7, Ethics; P-15.8, Conflicts of Interest; P-14.6, Society Name, Seal, Emblem, Initials, Titles, Identification, and Certificates; and P-15.9, Policy Against Discrimination.

Classification of Delegates. Delegates shall be classified in accordance to the predominant interest of the member’s group, for information only. The classification will not be used in determining whether the committee has balanced representation.

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Honorary Member of the Standardization & Testing Department

Honorary Member status is reserved for an active standards committee member who wishes to participate, but may be unable to fully participate for the foreseeable future or a standards committee member who in the past was an active member but recently has not been able to fully participate and the committee feels their expertise would be missed. Under these conditions, a member may volunteer or be nominated for honorary membership. The member shall have served on the standards committee for a minimum of 5 years to be eligible.

Additionally, a former standards committee member who has made significant contributions to the activities of the committee may be nominated for honorary membership. The member shall have served on the committee for a minimum of ten years with at least five of the ten years as a member of the standards committee.

Once nominated by the committee Chair, the proposal is sent to the entire consensus committee for consideration. A 90% affirmative vote of the consensus committee is required for election to honorary membership. Subsequent, approval by the Board is required.

Honorary membership is effective immediately and the Honorary Member shall be appointed for a term not exceeding five years and expiring June 30 of the appropriate year. An Honorary Member is eligible for reappointment and subject to approval by the standards committee. No Board approval is required for reappointment of an Honorary Member. Preferably, the Honorary Member should not serve more than three terms. There is no limit to the number of Honorary Members.

While Honorary Members do not have voting rights they are able to submit comments. They will be included on all standards committee electronic mailings (including minutes, agendas and ballots) and will receive notification concerning all standards committee meetings. Honorary Members may be asked to perform special, finite projects consistent with their expertise.

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