

Standards Committee of the Board (SCB) MEETING MINUTES

PLACE OF MEETING: Online
Meeting Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/181072717>
Dial-In: 1 872 240 3311
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DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, September 18, 2024
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Eastern Time)

PRESIDING OFFICER: Jonathan Colby

I. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Chair's Introductions & Announcements
- B. Review of Antitrust & Meeting Guidelines

The secretary read the ARESKA guidelines which are applicable:

The purpose of antitrust laws is to preserve economic competition in the marketplace by prohibiting, among other things, unreasonable restraints of trade. In ARESKA activities, it is important to recognize that participants often represent competitive interests. Antitrust laws require that all competition be open and unrestricted.

It is ARESKA's policy, and the policy of each of its committees and subcommittees, to conduct all business and activity openly and transparently, and in full compliance with international, federal and state antitrust and competition laws.

- C. Quorum Determination and Roster Review

The committee presently consists of 14 voting members. One more than 50% of the voting members need to be present to constitute a quorum to establish a duly constituted meeting for the purpose of conducting business.

Present: Jonathan Colby (chair), Brian Hill, Linkesh Diwan, Toby Gillespie, Ryan O'Connor, Ben Coco (observer), Taylor Geer, Lars Samuelsson, Alton Payne, Gabe Alsenas, Chris Oliver (observer), George Kelly (secretary)

Absent: Kyle Wetzel, Bob Sherwin (ex officio), Steve Hogan, John Bosche, Arielle Cardinal, Brian McNiff, Mark Goldman (observer), Maisha Mena (observer)

A quorum was present (9 of 14 voting members).

There is still one available slot on the SCB.

OPEN ACTION: We need to designate a vice chair.

D. Review/Approve Agenda

The meeting agenda was accepted with no changes.

E. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

The minutes from August 14 were accepted without changes.

II. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. ANSI Audit:

i. Procedure revisions

1. Due by end of October; Johnathan prepared a draft.

- a. Addressed all requested changes from audit findings.
- b. Some additional improvements were made to streamline and clarify the rules.

C. ACTION: George and Steve to proofread; then send to ARESKA board for approval.

2. Rules will be reaccredited after public commenting period (expect 4-6 months for final approval).

ii. Communications plan

1. Used for last set of PINS (July); it worked well.

iii. Best practices guide

1. George prepared draft which includes:

- a. Selection of members.
- b. Ballot/voting process.
- c. ANSI Forms submission.
- d. Communications plan.
- e. Document retention.

2. George will make a few more changes before sending to Jonathan for review.

3. Will distribute to SCB for comments prior to Oct deadline.
- B. National Adoptions Subcommittee:
- i. Publications
 1. 3 ARESKA standards published 11-Sep (42 total)
 - a. -8
 - b. -26-4
 - c. -11-2
 2. George updated the ARESKA price list to match new ANSI prices.
 3. **ACTION:** George to submit pdf files to ANSI.
 4. Jonathan expects we will adopt 5 more ME standards and total will be 54 sometime next year. Should confirm where the cutoff is for next level
 - ii. ANSI review
 1. Nothing at present
 - iii. Public review
 1. Nothing at present
 - iv. New PINS
 1. Nothing at present
- C. National Differences:
- i. On hold pending procedure revisions.
 - ii. Expect Kyle to schedule next meeting later this year.
- D. SC8A and 8B Microgrid Standards:
- i. Callum McSherry (Cascadia Renewables) volunteered. Jonathan spoke with him on 28-Aug. Callum was very interested in SC8B standards and he will try to recruit additional experts.
 - ii. **ACTION:** Jonathan to invite Callum to attend the next meeting as an observer.
 - iii. Linkesh volunteered to help (but not lead).
 - iv. **ACTION:** Jonathan to follow up with Jason MacDowell.
- E. Offshore Safety Standards
- i. Cost of publishing – no update. **ACTION:** George and Bob need to prepare an estimate.
 - ii. Lars will speak about offshore wind standards at API conference on 24-25 Sept.

- iii. Ben will also be a speaker at SC2 meeting on 23-Sep and Lifting conference on 24-Sep; he provided valuable information about the conference schedule. He will also provide a debrief in October.
- iv. Topics to be addressed include safe lifting and RE standards (SC2). Ben will mention standards that ARESKA has published.
- v. Center for Offshore Safety (COS) will also meet at the end of next week. Their focus is on gathering incident data and sharing information between BSEE and industry. (API RP-75 and -75W for wind).

- F. Cybersecurity standards
 - i. We provided some background information to support the “hot topic” recommendation for the SMB meeting in October. Gap analysis needs to be done.

III. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Robotics standards
 - i. Alton is receiving requests about robotic inspections.
 - ii. IEC recently started TC129 for this topic. It is relevant to all RE technologies. All the officers are from China (which is unusual).
 - iii. The US is a P-member; George got contact info for TAG administrator UL 129 TA: Joseph Bablo, TAG Sec: Derrick Martin.
 - iv. TC82 has established liaison with TC129. TC88 and TC114 are also invited. George will share documents as they are available.
 - v. We need to make sure that TC129 projects are consistent with US needs.
 - vi. ASTM also has a robotics committee (F45) which is working on PV robots.
 - vii. Many of these robots are using AI extensively. There is an ISO/IEC subcommittee (JTC 1/SC 42) on artificial intelligence.
- B. ARESKA was approved as TAG administrator for TC57.
 - i. They have a meeting in Edinburgh; **ACTION:** Jonathan will try to meet them.
 - ii. The new voting page is ready; needs to be populated.
 - iii. We have an interest in adopting some TC57 standards.
 - iv. Bob and George followed up with ANSI. They told us to proceed with TAG administration as planned. **ACTION:** George and Bob to contact TA and DTA again.
- C. 61400-3-2 MT will meet in Aberdeen on 8-Oct at floating wind conference.

- i. They will begin a new amendment based on technical comments received.
 - ii. <https://events.renewableuk.com/fow24-overview>
- D. USNC Management meetings were held at ARESKA headquarters last week. The meeting went very well with about 40 people in attendance.
- E. Proposal from China for a new TC on meteorological terminology and techniques relevant to power systems. We will probably want to get involved. **ACTION:** George to send SMB document with these minutes.
- F. Ongoing discussion about the sale of standards which are incorporated by reference in regulations.
 - i. Court cases in both EU and US claiming that such standards should be freely available to the public.
 - ii. Previously the law allowed for “reading room” access, but this has recently changed.
 - iii. Would have a significant impact on the business model of IEC, ARESKA and other SDOs.
 - iv. George will add this as a standing topic in the SCB agenda.

IV. **ACTION ITEM REVIEW**

- A. The SCB needs to designate a vice chair.
- B. George and Steve to proofread revised procedures; then send to ARESKA board for approval.
- C. George to submit pdf files to ANSI for three new standards.
- D. Jonathan to invite Callum McSherry to attend the next meeting as an observer.
- E. Jonathan to contact Jason MacDowell about SC8A.
- F. George & Bob to provide an estimate of how much is required to cover the cost of publishing.
- G. Jonathan will try to meet TC57 in Edinburgh.
- H. George and Bob will contact TA and DTA again.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT** 4:06 PM - Next meeting 16-Oct.