

## Sponsoring Organizations

### "Why Be a Sponsor?"

1. Most potential sponsors have large memberships that are natural stakeholders for, users of, and individuals and organizations affected by the uses of the standards the JCSEE develops. Through its sponsored member the organization invests in and becomes a part of the development process. Its member has a direct vote on the final adoption of standards and is, quite literally, at the table during development, review, and adoption.
2. Most sponsoring organizations exist because of their commitment to some of the same core principles adopted and espoused by the Joint Committee. By helping to sponsor the Joint Committee, they are furthering their own missions and goals.
3. The Joint Committee itself is a communication node that connects members from some of the most important and dynamic national organizations in action today. By sponsoring a member, sponsoring organizations have direct communication links to other national organization with similar missions and an additional connection for planning, discussions, and activities. There are numerous formal and informal exchanges that provide perspectives and connections among sponsoring organizations.

### "Who are Sponsoring Organizations?"

The Joint Committee's Operating Procedures (Paragraph 4.2.2.1) describes Sponsoring Organizations in the following way:

The Joint Committee shall invite organizations to become Sponsoring Organizations (organizations which primarily reflect client and evaluation specialist perspectives). A Sponsoring Organization is an organization which appoints and sponsors a member of the Joint Committee. Up to 12 Sponsoring Organizations shall be selected to appoint members who shall represent Perspective A (Technical), and up to 12 shall be selected to appoint members who shall represent Perspective B (Practitioner). Each Sponsoring Organization shall be kept informed of the work of the Joint Committee and shall be afforded an opportunity to contribute to the standard-setting process. Travel costs for the member to the annual meeting must be provided by the Sponsoring Organization.

### Attendant Information

- ! The length of each member's term of office shall be determined by the Sponsoring Organization.
- ! If the representative, or substitute, of a Sponsoring Organization does not attend an annual meeting, and if there is no reasonable excuse, the chairperson will inform the Sponsoring Organization that if its representative, or substitute, fails to attend the next

meeting of the Joint Committee, then the organization, as a requirement of continuing membership, must appoint a new representative.

- ! There shall be at least one meeting a year, which shall be designated the annual meeting. The time and venue of the meeting shall be announced to the members at least 90 days prior to the meeting, a notice shall be sent to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) at least 60 days in advance, and the agenda shall be distributed to the members at least 30 days prior. Other meetings may be called by the Chair or the Executive Committee. A simple majority of the membership of the Joint Committee, plus the Chair, shall constitute a quorum of the Joint Committee.

- ! Development of Standards

- " Throughout the development and revision of its standards, the Joint Committee shall seek participation from a large diversity of directly and materially affected persons and groups. For example, school district superintendents, teachers, state government officials, school principals, educational psychologists, school board members, curriculum specialists, school counselors, evaluators, research methodologists, and testing experts are among the many persons and groups that may be affected. These are examples only, and participants will not necessarily be limited to these alone.

- " Representatives of the Committee and project staff will attend and participate in the annual meeting of each Sponsoring Organization. Participation will include giving progress reports at board meetings, presenting papers and symposia, and offering training sessions. The Committee shall also publish accounts of its work in various newsletters and journals. Included will be reports of progress, pertinent literature reviews, analyses of significant issues, and commentary by independent critics. The Committee will prepare and distribute materials to assist interested persons and groups in conducting discussions about and provide training in the area of its standards activities.

- " The first draft of the standards shall be critiqued by a National Review Panel and an International Review Panel. Each panel shall include approximately sixty persons, equal numbers of which will be nominated by each Sponsoring Organization. Specifically, the panelists will be asked to critique the first draft, applying a number of criteria, and to offer suggestions for improvement. The criteria will include at least the following: need for the document; responsiveness to concerns in the field; scope of the standards; validity of their advice; practicality, political viability, legality, clarity, and depth of treatment; and appropriateness of language.

- " Field-testing of the semifinal draft shall be arranged in order to obtain case descriptions and critiques of the standards based on a variety of applications. A stratified sample of participants shall be chosen based on the completed field test plan; nominations shall be made by the Joint Committee members and officials in their Sponsoring Organizations.

- " National Public Hearings shall be held to provide an open forum for discussion and critique of the standards. Hearing schedules shall be publicized and all interested parties will be encouraged to participate. In addition, each Sponsoring Organization will be asked to select members of their organization and encourage them to respond to the draft through the vehicle of the hearings.

- " Validation Panel: The Joint Committee will establish a systematic selection process with assistance from the project staff; it will define the qualifications of each panelist and obtain nominations and supporting information from the president of each Sponsoring Organization. The Committee will review and discuss the recommendations and rank order nominees for each position. Subsequently, the Project Staff will recruit the panelists in accordance with the Joint Committee's specifications.