

# The AARST Consortium on National Standards

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# **REQUESTING PARTICIPATION** (related Information)

We are pleased to inform you that we have received your offer to participate in committee work at the AARST Consortium on National Standards.

Your information will be entered into our records as a candidate for contributing to the vital work these committees undertake. Please note that the final determination of committee assignments will be based on further evaluation and the current needs for a balance of stakeholder interest groups on all committees.

### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Each Consortium consensus body is to be comprised of diverse interest groups with a balance of individuals experienced in the vantage point of the stakeholder interest group.

- Professionals from the field, government and education who routinely interact with the public on multiple related issues are desired for each committee.
- Representatives from product manufacturers and related trades are examples of interest groups sought for a specific standards topic.

Note that the process of filling vacancies and repopulating committees is fluent across each year and different for each committee. Please be assured that your nomination will remain active in our nomination pool for a minimum of three years. During this time, your candidacy may be considered as opportunities arise and as the needs of each committee evolves.

## SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROCESS

Committee member appointments are based on the following criteria:

- Relevant experience in the field or vantage point being represented.
- Technical expertise related to the committee's subject matter.
- Ability to engage diplomatically and contribute effectively to the consensus process.
- Consideration of committee balance and potential conflicts of interest.

#### ACCEPTANCE LETTERS AND ROSTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

If approved for a committee, you will be formally requested to accept a seat on the specific committee as a voting delegate or an alternate voting delegate, and compliance with the participant code of conduct and anti-trust policies. Initial approved committee rosters will be published within 6 months of convening trial meetings for new committees and thereafter updated with public review publications.

#### GENERAL: ABOUT CONSORTIUM PARTICIPATION

Participation includes regularly scheduled webinar meetings typically every 2 weeks when active. After about three years, standing committees are refreshed/reseated. Attendance and acceptance of conduct policies are required. However, 100% attendance is not required, and a person can withdraw from the committee at any time. Opinions expressed are not to be considered formal positions of their employer or all members of the stakeholder interest group they might be listed as representing. All participants are to agree to and abide by the Consortium Code of Conduct.



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Thank you for your interest in contributing to the important work of our committees. Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out at <a href="mailto:standards@aarst.org">standards@aarst.org</a> or 202-830-1110.

Sincerely, Standards Assistance Team

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