

**JLW informal report of X3J3 meeting 117
(Dec 17-20, 1990, Albuquerque)**

The objectives of this meeting were to (1) process the comment letters from the Oct 19 - Dec 18 public review, (2) process member comments on the September X3J3 letter ballot, (3) prepare appropriate corresponding changes to the draft, and (4) review proposed corrections to the change document (S19). All four objectives were achieved. Twenty-two votes were needed to pass proposals, as the X3J3 membership is 42.

The meeting started Monday morning with 15 voting members present, and additional members arrived that day and the next. By Wednesday there were 22 voting members at the meeting, with no further arrivals for the duration of the meeting. Monday and Tuesday actions were recorded on the basis of 2/3 of the members present. On Thursday this collection of actions was approved by a vote of 22-0.

The approved actions were packaged as an "Addendum to S19" (X3J3 document 117-104), and comprise 71 additions to S19, modification of 10 items in S19, replacement of 15 items in S19, and deletion of 33 items in S19. These changes were mainly made in the spirit of fixing errors but not making editorial improvements that did not fix errors. This Addendum has been distributed by email.

A total of 27 comment letters were received, the last one by fax from CBEMA on Wednesday afternoon. All were completely processed, and responses drafted by about noon on Thursday. Though the responses were available, the attendees did not feel comfortable in formally voting on them on such short notice. Therefore most of Thursday afternoon was spent making informal recommendations on response wording, and approval of the responses will be done by letter ballot. The full X3J3 membership will be given an opportunity by email to make informal suggestions on the responses before they are prepared for the letter ballot.

At the US TAG session on Friday the objectives were to (1) update the TAG recommendation to X3 relative to the US vote on ISO 1539 and (2) discuss the US TAG delegation positions at the March 1991 WG5 meeting in London. There were 20 TAG members present (one TAG member present at the X3J3 session was absent and the international (non-TAG) X3J3 member present at the X3J3 session could not attend). The TAG has 35 members, there being seven international members of X3J3, which means that 18 is the magic one-over-half number.

By a 19-0 vote the TAG revised its recommendation to X3 by adding the Addendum to S19 to its ballot comments; that recommendation now is for the US to vote YES on the ISO ballot, with the comment that S19 as modified by the Addendum be applied to DIS 1539 for the final standard.

The next X3J3 meeting is scheduled for April 7-12, 1991, (six days) in Minneapolis, hosted by Sharon Lammers.

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