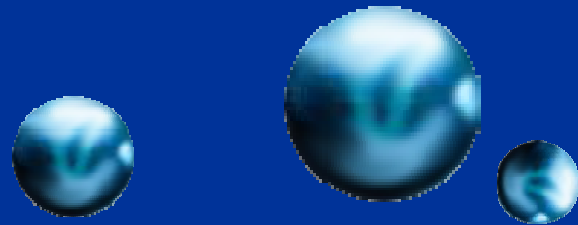


ACP Committee on Voluntary Certification



Two Goals Of The Committee

- Collect and distribute accurate information to our members
- Advocate when appropriate, on behalf of the general ACP membership

ACP Committee Members

- M. Cross – ACP Board Representative
- D. Byrne – Chair, Boston Chapter
- S. Mitchell – President, Boston Chapter
- D. Moore – Prgm Mgr, Boston Chapter
- C. Sidoti – Member, Boston Chapter
- M. Thomson – President, Houston Chapter
- P. Oppenheimer – Member, DC Chapter

Timeline Of Events

5 Feb 08	March 08	29 Apr 08	Summer 08	31 Jul 08	Late Sept
Sloan Group Report	Working Group Formed	Meet w/ W. Raisch C.I. Show	ANAB Goes "Dark"	ANAB Announces Agreement	Next Call Tentative Mid-Sept.
No ACP Involvement	M. Cross And 3 Chapter Members :D Byrne :D Moore :S Mitchell	Introduced To S. Richter ANAB 3 Other Members Added	Asked to Observe "Quite Period"	1 st Con Call Mid August Announcement: "Focus is on Accreditation, Not Standard Selection"	ACP Committee Announced Forming Sub Groups. Focus Is on Education And Information Sharing


Who Is ANAB?

- ANAB: ANSI/ASQ National Accreditation Board
 - US body responsible for oversight of Certifying Bodies (CBs) and Registrars. Around 72 recognized by ANAB
 - Follows International (ISO) standards and ensures that CB's follow "best practices."
 - Current standard is ISO 17021. Defines audit and review process. Tied to overall "Management System" format.
 - For Example: Audits are in 2 "Stages"
 - Firm may not be offered a Pre-Audit Analysis
 - Consultants can not conduct any audit, even a Stage 1 Review
 - Consultants may offer a pre-audit assessment. (Do they understand the issues?)
 - ISO model *Plan, Do, Check, Act*

ANAB Committee

- A. Berman, DRI International
- A. Beauchesne, US Chambers of Commerce
- D. Byrne, North River Solutions
- B. Walrath , AQA International
- W. Bozzo, SPR/ DOE US Gov't
- B. Coursey, DHS US Gov't
- John Bridges, DHS US Gov't
- D. Trujillo, ORI Auditors
- S. Briggs, Textron
- C. Fox, Convergys
- H. Hutton, Loyds Registrar
- P. Cremeens, Acument Technologies
- J. Jackson, Walmart
- M. Janko, Goodyear
- P. Jespersen, Merrill Lynch
- M Messler, NEMR
- M. Deane, ANSI
- W. Raisch, InterCEP
- S. Richter, ANAB
- D. Schmidt, Preparedness, LLC

Which Standard?

- Many specifications exist or have been proposed
 - NFPA 1600
 - HB 221
 - Institute of Internal Auditors
 - BS 25999 
 - ASIS Proposal
 - Others in development
- ACP Takes **No Position** on this issue!!
- Likely more will emerge before the issues are resolved
- Anyone can submit a proposal to ANSI/ASQ for review and consideration

Will One Size Fit All?

- PL 110-53 gives consideration to 3 cases
 - Selection of an general audit standard
 - Special consideration for Small Businesses
 - Recognition of the existing demands on highly regulated businesses
- Key considerations:
 - Is the specification auditable? Use of the word “Shall.”
 - Does the specification align with other ISO standards?
 - Are there people capable of conducting the audit?
 - Does the public understand the role and scope of the audit?
 - Has the agency been “accredited” by an “AB?”

Summary

- Complex topic
- Lots of unknowns
- *Very* political

Open Question:

How will a new administration view this issue?

Questions, Concerns, Suggestions

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