

SOCIETY POLICY

SOCIETY-WIDE AFFILIATIONS BETWEEN ASME AND OTHER SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

I. PREFACE

- A. Article C2.1.1 of the Constitution lists the purposes of the Society, including: "Promote the exchange of information among engineers and others"; and "Broaden the usefulness of the engineering profession in cooperation with other engineering and technical societies."
- B. Numerous activities are directed toward achieving these purposes. These include ASME representation to multi-society committees. (See P-4.2, Appointment of ASME Representatives to Other Organizations.)
- C. This Policy addresses ASME affiliations at the Society-wide level with other societies or organizations that do not provide for an ASME representative.
- D. ASME affiliations at the Society-wide level may be with other societies or organizations in specialized mechanical engineering areas, or in other engineering or scientific disciplines.
- E. Society-wide interaction may include joint memberships, membership privileges exchanges, joint support of programs of mutual interest, and administrative relationships.

II. PURPOSE

- A. To provide a flexible yet uniform guide for affiliations between ASME and other, sometimes unique, organizations.
- B. To define the extent of the relationship between ASME and the affiliated societies and organizations.

III. POLICY

- A. The Society encourages appropriate affiliations between ASME and other organizations, including individual societies and multi-society groups. For such affiliations to be considered appropriate, the following criteria shall be satisfied:
 - 1. Affiliations shall further the purposes of the Society defined in the Society Constitution and By-Laws, as well as policy statements.
 - 2. Affiliations shall be limited to other not-for-profit organizations whose purposes and objectives are compatible with those of the Society, and whose level of professionalism is similar.

3. Affiliations with membership societies shall be limited to those with reasonably equivalent and compatible membership qualifications.
 4. ASME membership criteria shall not be affected by the affiliation.
 5. Affiliations shall result in explicit advantages to each party.
- B. The affiliation document shall include the following provisions:
1. All ASME members shall be treated alike, independent of their “protected classes” listed in Society Policy P-15.9 Section I.A.
 2. Areas of agreement, methods of cooperation, respective rights and privileges of the parties entering into the affiliation shall be specified.
 3. The copyright policy of each organization shall be respected by the other organization.
 4. The intellectual property of each organization may not be republished by the other organization without first obtaining written permission from the originating organization.
 5. Provisions for review, amendment and termination shall be included. The review shall be conducted at least triennially by the responsible ASME unit and reported to the Board of Governors.
 6. The independence or autonomy of either party shall not be inhibited and ASME shall not be responsible for actions of the other organization.
- C. Any proposed affiliation or amendment to an existing affiliation is neither valid nor binding until approved by the ASME Board of Governors.

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. A recommendation for affiliation may be made by any individual or group, internal or external to ASME.
- B. A recommendation for an affiliation shall be referred to the appropriate Society unit.
- C. The responsible unit shall submit the proposal to the Committee on Organization and Rules, which shall consult with all affected Society units.
- D. If and when the Committee on Organization and Rules is satisfied with the proposed agreement, it shall submit the affiliation document with its endorsement to the Board of Governors for approval.

- E. Affiliation documents, historical and supporting material shall be placed on file in the ASME executive office and kept current.
- F. Relevant information about the affiliation shall be included in the responsible Society unit's Operation Guide.
- G. Dues
 - 1. Before submitting a proposal for affiliation for approval, the responsible unit shall determine whether or not dues payment is required.
 - 2. If dues payment is required, it shall be included in the appropriate ASME budget.
 - 3. The dues amount shall be stated in the responsible Society unit's Operation Guide.

Responsibility: Committee on Organization and Rules

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