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**GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD  
OPERATING PRACTICE**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS ON STANDARDS AND RELATED  
MATTERS**

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- 1.0 Subcommittee and task force recommendations will be set forth in simple declarative language. The text will be in bold face type, and will clearly indicate whether the proposal is a new principle or standard, a modification of an existing principle, standard of definition, or otherwise related to the implementation or interpretation of an existing principle or standard. Proposed modifications shall clearly indicate the existing principle, definition or standard being modified.
- 2.0 The subcommittee or task force shall state the business purpose supported by any proposed change, and why the proposed change is superior to existing GISB standards, principles, definitions or procedures. The subcommittee or task force shall also indicate the "sense of the room," and, if requested at its meeting, a segment check, with respect to its recommendation to the EC. In addition, should the subcommittee or task force consider other clarifying commentary to be necessary, it shall set forth such commentary following the recommendation, the business purpose, and the "sense of the room". commentary shall be labeled as such, and shall reflect the subcommittee's or task force's rationale for the recommendation.
- 3.0 Should the subcommittee or task force have consulted with another GISB subcommittee or task force as a part of the process of making a recommendation to the EC, it shall so indicate in the commentary. Moreover, at the time the chair of the subcommittee or task force determines to request input from another subcommittee or task force, the chair shall notify the GISB office.
- 4.0 For the purposes of voting the original request and any subsequent commentary shall be set forth in an appendix, and shall be cross-referenced to the recommendation upon which EC action is expected.



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- 5.0 Following the recommendation (and, if necessary, the clarifying commentary) there shall be set forth a line item indicating the effect of an EC vote to accept the recommendation. The line item is limited to one of the following:
- a. change to existing practice
  - b. status quo'
- 6.0 Chairs of subcommittees and task forces are strongly encouraged to present proposals to the EC which have been fully staffed at both the technical and the business practice level, recognizing that the primary functions of the EC are to deal with policy issues and to act as across-segment screen for proposals to be sent to the GISB membership for ratification. As indicated in paragraph 3.0, above, chairs of subcommittees and task forces which have been assigned items for consideration are authorized to consult with other GISB subcommittees and task forces in discharging their responsibility to present the EC with fully completed staff work.
- 7.0 Standards and certain other matters are adopted by the Executive Committee following a minimum of 17 affirmative votes including two votes from each segment. Once such a proposed action receives the minimum required number of votes, it has passed, and shall be forwarded to the membership for ratification.
- 8.0 If a matter has passed at a meeting, Executive Committee member who were neither present in person, nor represented by an alternate, or who did not otherwise vote at the meeting in question, will be offered the opportunity to state their vote. Statements of votes received before the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting will be noted as being for informational purposes only.
- 9.0 If a required minimum "17 and 2" vote cannot be achieved at a meeting due to a lack of a sufficient number of votes from Executive Committee members in attendance at the meeting, and votes from absent members could result in the passage of the matter a notational vote shall follow. In such event, those Executive Committee members not present in person; not submitting a notational ballot which was counted at the meeting; or not represented by an alternate shall be asked to vote notationally.
- 10.0 Once a sufficient number of votes has been received following such notational vote, the standard or other matter shall be deemed passed and shall be sent to the membership for ratification. However, all notational votes shall be recorded, as long as they are received prior to the deadline established for the notational vote. Votes received after the deadline but before the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting will be noted as being for informational purposes only.