2022Sep Announcement of Formation of Late Cycle Consensus Groups

August 13, 2022

Health Level Seven International® invites you to take part in the formation of consensus groups for balloting HL7 candidate standards and documents for the September 2022 ballot cycle. The candidate standards and other documents described in this announcement are expected to ballot starting before HL7’s 2022 September Working Group Meeting (WGM) to be held September 19-23 2022 in Baltimore MD USA. Comments received from consensus group members will be addressed at in regular teleconferences or at a future WGM.

Important News:

Recent changes to ANSI’s Essential Requirements eliminate Associations as an interest type for balloting (this does not affect membership). Beginning with the September 2022 ballot cycle, if your organization falls under the Government/Professional Associations/Universities membership category, it will display as General Interest type for purposes of balloting.

ANSI also changed the requirements such that Consultants and Association voters must identify the interest type they are representing for a particular client, consensus group, or constituency. This change was made because many consultants and non-profit organizations are paid or otherwise represent another interest type and ANSI is of the opinion that those votes should be counted under the interest type they actually represent. For example, a consultant may be hired by a provider to participate in a particular consensus group, and their vote should be counted under the provider interest type. Likewise, a non-profit association may represent EHR vendors, and votes cast by that non-profit should be counted under the vendor interest type.

To accommodate these changes to the ANSI Essential Requirements, all Consultant and General Interest voting members will need to choose which interest type they are representing for each consensus group they join. These voters may be representing themselves and can still choose Consultant, Government/Non-Profit, or General Interest for any given consensus group.

Learn more or review the notification at https://confluence.hl7.org/display/HL7/2022Sep+Announcement+of+Formation+of+Late+Cycle+Consensus+Groups?preview=%2F134945056%2F134945057%2F%5Bhl7news%5D+ANSI+Changes+that+Affect+Balloting.pdf

Consensus Group Enrollment:

Consensus Group Sign-Up Open Date: Saturday, August 13, 2022
Consensus Group Sign-Up Close Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Important Note: Consensus group signup closes when ballot voting begins.
Consensus group enrollment will be available from a date at least four weeks preceding the ballot vote opening date and will continue until the opening of voting. While the exact dates are dependent upon individual ballot open and close dates, in general the consensus group signup period dates are as follows:

**Ballot Open Date:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022

**Ballot Close Date:** Friday, October 14, 2022

Exceptions for a specific ballot are listed with that ballot description.

Please be aware that these dates may not be accurate for all consensus groups. To sign up, point your browser to the Ballot Desktop. Important Note: Consensus group signup will close when ballot voting begins. This is also the final date non-members can sign up for Non-Member Participation in the ballot.

**Ballot Listing**

Any changes from the initial details in this announcement will be identified in the ballot announcement document released when this ballot cycle opens.

Currently known changes will be listed in the Updates to Ballot Announcements document.

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<td>FHIR</td>
<td>HL7 FHIR® Release 5</td>
<td>FHIR Management Group</td>
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<td>1st STU Ballot</td>
<td>FHIR is an interoperability standard intended to facilitate the exchange of healthcare information between healthcare providers, patients, caregivers, payers, researchers, and any one else involved in the healthcare ecosystem. It consists of 2 main parts – a content model in the form of ‘resources’, and a specification for the exchange of these resources in the form of real-time RESTful interfaces as well as messaging and Documents.</td>
<td>Since the last ballot of this material in 2021MAY, the following changes have been made: This is the 5th major release of the FHIR standard. It includes a number of new resources, as well as enhancements and corrections to existing resources and pages. Some of these changes are non-backward compatible. All changes made in this release are being balloted as STU, even changes made to normative artifacts. The intention is for these changes to be vetted and migrated to normative status as part of a future release (e.g. R6). A non-final list of agreed changes to the FHIR core specification that have been or are likely to be included in this release can be found here: jira.hl7.org/issues/?filter=18906</td>
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<td>HL7 Cross Paradigm Implementation Guide: Sex and Gender Representation, Release 1</td>
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<td>A cross-paradigm implementation guide describing how FHIR, V2 and CDA can be used to represent Gender Identity, Sex For Clinical Use, Recorded Sex or Gender, Name to Use, and Pronouns using transformable and consistent data elements as described in the HL7 informative Gender Harmony specification. Examples and minimum value sets will be included.</td>
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<td>HL7 Standard: Version 2.9.1 - An application Protocol for Electronic Data Exchange in Healthcare Environments</td>
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<td>This is an updated to the v2.9 standard to include new capabilities including new segments to share data related to gender concepts as being defined by the HL7 Gender Harmony project. New concepts supported include gender identity, pronouns, recorded gender or sex and sex for clinical use.</td>
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For more information on ballot procedure, such as general guidelines, and voting, see [Ballot Procedures and Guidelines](#).

**NonMember Participation in HL7 Ballots Instructions**

For Help, see [Balloting Help](#).