Statement of Understanding (SOU)

Defining the relationship between:
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Hereinafter identified as HL7
AND
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Hereinafter identified as AMIA

This SOU shall have an effective date of: January 28, 2018

Statement of Purpose

Recognizing that complementary efforts are underway to create and extend comprehensive standards in the healthcare community, HL7 enters into formal Statement of Understanding (SOU) relationships to further these goals. Associates are independent, non-profit entities whose mission is to advance, nationally or internationally, the acceptance and usage of standards within healthcare. Such entities include, but are not limited to, other Standards Development Organizations (SDO), industry associations or consortia, and other groups that share the vision of improved healthcare through standards.

HL7 is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited standards developing organization dedicated to providing a comprehensive framework and related standards for the exchange, integration, sharing and retrieval of electronic health information that supports clinical practice and the management, delivery and evaluation of health services. HL7 is supported by more than 1,600 members from over 50 countries, including 500+ corporate members representing healthcare providers, government stakeholder, payers, pharmaceutical companies, vendors/suppliers, and consulting firms.

AMIA aims to lead the way in transforming health care through trusted science, education, and the practice of informatics. AMIA connects a broad community of professionals and students interested in informatics. AMIA is the bridge for knowledge and collaboration across a continuum, from basic and applied research to the consumer and public health arenas. AMIA actively supports five domains:

- Translational Bioinformatics
- Clinical Research Informatics
- Clinical Informatics
- Consumer Health Informatics
- Public Health Informatics

AMIA’s program and services are centered around core purposes to:
- Advance the science of informatics
- Promote the education of informatics
- Assure that the health information technology is used most effectively to promote health
and health care

- Advance the profession of informatics
- Provide services to its members for professional development

HL7 and AMIA agree to collaborate in multiple areas including but not limited to:

- Education
- Policy
- Implementation of HL7 standards

1.0 Introduction

1.1 An entity is eligible to be recognized as an Associate, at the discretion of the HL7 Board of Directors, based upon the entity's petition to establish a relationship with HL7.

1.2 AMIA may establish meeting schedules similar to HL7, and in addition may establish meetings with other Associates when convenient. AMIA is also encouraged to work with other standards organizations toward harmonization.

1.3 Official joint meetings between AMIA and HL7 may be scheduled where such meetings serve a common purpose and are convenient to the HL7 meeting agenda.

1.4 The parties to this SOU shall each appoint a liaison for interactions between the parties for the purpose of harmonized standards development. It is expected, although not required, that the liaison hold joint membership in HL7 and the Associate.

1.5 Such projects as might be jointly undertaken by HL7 and AMIA will be clearly defined and delineated by a joint project proposal which, if approved by both parties, must include a succinct description of the proposed project, an estimate of time required and resources expected to be committed by each party.

2.0 Rights Granted

2.1 The HL7 Working Group Meeting (WGM) or the equivalent AMIA assemblage may be convened and conducted as a joint meeting of the two organizations.

2.2 Such joint meetings, when conducted, shall at all times adhere to the rules of the host organization. When voting within the joint meeting context to propose changes to the standard, or to conduct other business specific to either HL7 or AMIA relevant procedures of the respective organization shall be enforced.

2.3 If the Associate is a member-based organizations, then

2.3.1 Members of AMIA, while encouraged to participate in HL7 Work Groups, may not seek leadership positions within HL7 unless they also hold HL7 membership. In turn, HL7 members, while encouraged to participate in AMIA's Work Groups, may not seek leadership positions within AMIA's Work Group unless they also hold an AMIA membership.

2.3.2 HL7 shall provide up to 3 complimentary registrations annually to HL7 and Working Group meetings to the AMIA liaison or his/her designated representative. Likewise, AMIA shall provide up to 3 complimentary registrations annually to a AMIA sponsored conferences to the HL7 liaison or his/her designated representative.
2.4 HL7 shall provide an individual membership to AMIA at no cost. Likewise, AMIA shall provide an individual membership to HL7 at no cost.

3.0 Fees and Payments

3.1 AMIA members are encouraged to attend any HL7 sponsored events. Fees shall be the responsibility of the individual and shall be assessed at the current HL7 rates.

3.2 Similarly, HL7 members are encouraged to register for any AMIA sponsored event. HL7 member’s attendance at AMIA-sponsored events shall be the responsibility of the individual.

3.3 No monies shall be exchanged between HL7 and AMIA as a result of this SOU.

4.0 Obligations

4.1 HL7 and AMIA expressly agree that:

   a. ownership rights to HL7 trademarks or standards or Associate trademarks or standards are neither extended nor transferred; and

   b. there shall be no exchange of mailing lists or general membership information; and

   c. they will comply with all provisions of this SOU.

5.0 Warranties

5.1 HL7 and AMIA make no express or implied warranties other than those that may be contained in or appended to this SOU.

6.0 Termination

6.1 Either HL7 or AMIA may terminate this SOU upon 30 days written notice.

6.2 In the event of such termination, all registrations for HL7 or AMIA sponsored events recorded prior to the termination date shall be honored.

7.0 Term

7.1 This SOU shall have a two-year term, renewable upon expiry by written agreement for subsequent two-year terms.

8.0 Miscellaneous

8.1 This SOU constitutes the entire agreement and complete understanding of the relationship between HL7 and AMIA.

8.2 HL7 or AMIA may propose alterations to this SOU in writing upon appropriate action of their respective governing body. The receiving party shall be afforded sixty (60) days to adopt any proposal for change and/or amendment to this SOU and shall acknowledge such acceptance in writing to the submitting party. In the event such proposals are deemed unacceptable and cannot be resolved through negotiation, either party may execute the Termination provisions afforded above.

8.3 Additional collaborations around joint meetings, policy activities, and educational programs can be amended to this SOU as opportunities arise.
Authorized Signatures:

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