



ANNOUNCEMENT OF ORIGINAL CONSENSUS GROUP BALLOT OPENINGS FOR MAY 2008

March 24, 2008

Health Level Seven will ballot the following candidate standard before the May 2008 HL7 Working Group Meeting. Comments received in response to this ballot will be discussed at this Working Group Meeting, which convenes May 4 – 9, 2008 in Phoenix, AZ.

- Electronic Health Records
- Version 3 Messaging

A section describing this document follows.

NOTE: Ballot documents each have a unique Ballot ID that can be found at the end of the ballot description. Updated ballot spreadsheets for commenting will be available on the Ballot Desktop at the time of ballot opening.

Per the HL7 Chief Technical Officer and Technical Steering Committee and due to the targeted nature of these ballots, the consensus groups for the items in this announcement will be limited to those members of the previous consensus groups who returned either an affirmative or negative vote. As a member of this consensus group, you will automatically be signed up for this ballot. Any voters not in the original consensus groups who sign up for participation will be administratively removed at the end of the ballot period. Please use the Ballot Desktop (URL below) for voting or removing yourself from a ballot pool.

Ballot Open/Close Dates

The ballot pools in this document will open and close for voting on the following dates:

Ballot open date: March 24, 2008

Ballot close date: April 28, 2008

Ballot Pool Membership

Within two weeks preceding the ballot opening, this pool will be available on the Ballot Desktop. To review your participation in the ballot pool at that time, point your browser to <http://www.hl7.org/ctl.cfm?action=ballots.home>

Ballot Pool Help

All ballot dates are inclusive: votes cannot be cast before the beginning date or after the ending date of a ballot pool. Please note that all times are tracked in the Eastern Time Zone (US). If you have any problems with the ballot desktop, joining, or voting, please contact the HL7 Director of Technical Services at webmaster@HL7.org before the close of the ballot.

Electronic Health Records

The **Electronic Health Records Technical Committee** announces an original consensus group ballot of the following document:

- ***HL7 PHR-System Functional Model, Release 1 (2nd DSTU ballot)***
The HL7 PHR-System Functional Model defines a standardized model of the functions that may be present in PHR Systems. This ballot has been put forward to meet the needs of industry stakeholders that have mid-2008 initiatives that require Personal Health Record System functional standards. There are substantive changes in two Chapters of the PHR System Functional Model:
 - Personal Health, Chapter 3 –
 - For several existing criteria, the conformance level was changed from an optional "SHOULD" to a mandatory "SHALL."
 - For the PH 2.5 function header, a new "SHALL" criterion has been added which will affect all the related child functions.
 - Supportive, Chapter 4 –
 - A new function, S.1.7 has been added to reflect a feature that was determined to be missing in the model

For the purpose of the ballot, your comments should be restricted to the shaded areas of text that represent these substantive changes. Your votes and comments must be restricted to your assessment of the impact of the substantive changes (other comments will be logged, but not address as part of the reconciliation process):

- If it does not change your original affirmative vote, re-vote as affirmative (with comments if you wish).
- If the change(s) resolve your original negative vote, vote as affirmative (with comments).
- If you feel that the change(s) are not responsive to the intent of the negative comment, or change your original affirmative support, then a negative vote is applicable.

Unique Ballot ID: EHR_PHRSFM_R1_D2_2008MAY

Note: This ballot is contingent upon completion of reconciliation activities in accordance with HL7 rules.

Version 3 Messaging

The **Patient Care** and the **Public Health and Emergency Response Work Groups** announce an original consensus group ballot of the following document:

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Immunization, Release 1 (3rd DSTU ballot)***
This domain describes communication of information about immunization: the administration of vaccines (and/or antisera) to individuals to prevent infectious disease. Changes were made in response to negative ballots received in the January 2008 ballot. The current ballot is restricted to the same voter pool as in January 2008 and to the changed material ONLY. A complete list of substantive changes will appear in the preface to the topic.
Unique Ballot ID: V3_IZ_R1_D3_2008MAY

Note: This ballot is contingent upon completion of reconciliation activities in accordance with HL7 rules.

Balloting Procedure

HL7 members in good standing and who were members of the initial ballot group returning a vote will automatically be signed up as members of this ballot pool. Please use the Ballot Desktop for voting or from removing yourself from the ballot pool. This can be accomplished by going to <http://www.hl7.org/ctl.cfm?action=ballots.home>. Alternately, you can call the HL7 office at (734) 677-7777 and request that the Ballot Group Declaration Form be faxed or mailed to you. Please note that due to the targeted nature of this ballot, any persons signing up for the pool who were not voting members of the original consensus group will be administratively removed from the pool and any vote they may have cast will be discounted.

HL7 will conduct these ballots according to its procedure for electronic balloting. Individuals who are signed up for the ballot group will not receive a paper copy of the document or a paper ballot. Instead, they will be notified by e-mail when the ballot package is available. They will download the document from the HL7 web server and will enter their votes and comments using the HL7 web server.

If a member of the ballot group does not have access to the technology being used, or if the person can demonstrate that using the electronic process creates a substantial hardship, he/she may request a paper copy of the ballot package and/or vote using a paper ballot. Because of the extra expense and time delays associated with paper ballots, HL7 does not intend to provide the alternative of using paper to members who have access to the technologies and have no substantial hardship associated with their use.

Comments resulting from this ballot will be discussed by the committees during scheduled conference calls. Interested parties can find postings for these calls on the HL7 Conference Call center at <http://www.hl7.org/concalls>.