



**ASC Administrative
Policy and Procedure**

Technical Assessment Subcommittee (X12J) Constitution

(ASC71)

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1 Preamble

1.1 Introduction

The Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) Steering Committee (Steering) is responsible for this policy and associated procedures. X12 members agree to adhere to X12's policies and procedures as a condition of membership. Non-member participants afforded specific collaboration privileges agree to adhere to X12's policies and procedures as a condition of those privileges. Any party may submit a revision suggestion at x12.org/maintenance-requests.

1.2 Authority

X12 maintains corporate rules which define overall corporate policies and procedures. X12 committees are required to establish a committee operating manual and are generally permitted to establish other committee-level rules that apply only to that committee. In some cases, corporate policy is intended to stand-alone and lower-level rules are prohibited. A committee's subordinate groups may be required or permitted to establish group-specific rules that supplement the committee rules except when lower-level rules are prohibited. All supplemental rules shall provide more detail or be more restrictive than the higher-level governance. Supplemental rules are not permitted to duplicate, contradict, countermand, supersede, or overrule any higher-level rules. No accommodation is intended or provided to permit a committee or subordinate rule to override a higher-level rule with a more permissive requirement. In the case of any inconsistency between the corporate, committee, and subordinate group rules, the higher-level governance shall always prevail.

X12's primary organizational policies are established in **CAP01 - X12 Bylaws** and supplemented by other corporate governance. The ASC's committee-specific rules are established in the **ASC01 - ASC Operating Manual** and supplemented by other committee-level governance. The subcommittee-specific rules established herein supplement that corporate and committee governance. Unless otherwise specified herein, these rules may be supplemented by other subcommittee-specific rules as described above. Any such supplemental governance shall be reviewed by the P&P task group, approved by Steering, and posted on X12's publicly accessible policy and procedure web page.

1.3 Name/Formation

The Technical Assessment Subcommittee (X12J) was formed on February 13, 1989.

1.4 Purpose and Scope

ASC70 - X12J Purpose and Scope defines X12J's purpose and scope.

2 Amendments to this Constitution

All proposed amendments to this constitution must be per ***ASC05 - ASC Subcommittees and Other Subordinate Groups***. To this end, the subcommittee may seek input or advice from the Policies and Procedures Task Group (P&P) at any time during the development of such amendments.

Proposed amendments to this constitution must be distributed to subcommittee constituents at least seven (7) calendar days before a vote on the amendments.

Upon approval by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the X12J constituents, proposed amendments shall be reviewed by P&P and voted upon by Steering. Following Steering approval, the X12J secretary will ensure the approved version is posted on X12 websites.

3 Stakeholders and Constituents

X12J is open to any X12 member representative with a material interest in the functions defined in the ***X12J Purpose and Scope (ASC70)***.

X12J recognizes constituents under two categories: Category 1 and Category 2.

ASC05 - ASC Subcommittees and Other Subordinate Groups defines committee-level governance related to Category 1 constituents, including the criteria for the position and the related duties.

An X12 member who has been recognized as an X12J stakeholder is eligible to name one of its member representatives to serve as its Category 2 constituent. The X12J stakeholder may also name one of its member representatives to serve as its Category 2 alternate. The alternate may represent the X12J stakeholder instead of the Category 1 constituent.

An individual shall not be qualified to act simultaneously as a Category 1 constituent and a Category 2 constituent.

X12J constituents have the right to speak in meetings, participate in collaboration activities, and propose and second motions. Voting rights are conferred on one Category 1 representative and one X12J constituent from each X12J stakeholder recognized under Category 2. X12J constituents who are entitled to hold appointed or elected positions per ***CAP04 – X12 Membership*** are eligible to hold X12J offices.

3.1 Subcommittee Representatives (Category 1)

In addition to the governance defined in *ASC05 - ASC Subcommittees and Other Subordinate Groups*, X12J establishes the following subcommittee-specific rules.

Regardless of the number of named representatives for a subcommittee, only one representative will speak and vote for the subcommittee as the constituent at any one time.

Assignment of a Category 1 Constituent or Alternate

When an ASC subcommittee elects or appoints a new primary representative or alternate representative to be their X12J Category 1 constituent, the subcommittee chair shall complete the X12J Category 1 Constituent Notification at x12.org/forms/.

The X12J secretary shall process the notice, inform the X12J chair of the new representative(s), and update the X12J records.

3.2 X12 Member Representatives (Category 2)

X12J requires X12 members who wish to name X12J constituents to register interest in the subcommittee by becoming an X12J stakeholder.

X12 members who meet the specific requirements defined in *Requesting Recognition as a Stakeholder* may request and be granted recognition as an X12J stakeholder. X12J stakeholder recognition resides with the member, not with the member's representatives. Once the X12 member is recognized as an X12J stakeholder, the X12 member's representatives are eligible for recognition as an X12J Category 2 constituent based on the requirements defined below. Each X12J stakeholder is entitled to one vote in X12J ballots, regardless of the number of X12J constituents the stakeholder names.

An X12J stakeholder must meet the requirements defined in *Maintaining Recognition as a Stakeholder* to continue to be recognized as an X12J stakeholder.

Requesting Recognition as a Stakeholder

To be considered for recognition as a stakeholder, the X12 member must meet the following requirements and the X12 member's primary representative shall complete the X12J Stakeholder Application at x12.org/forms

- The X12 member shall have a material interest in the functions defined in the X12J Purpose and Scope.
- One of the X12 member's representatives shall have participated as an observer in X12J sessions at two consecutive interim meetings. When the X12 member is recognized as an X12J stakeholder, the representative who met the participation requirement shall be recognized as the stakeholder's X12J constituent.

- Exception: If a member representative changes employment or otherwise ceases to represent one X12 member and commences representing another X12 member, previous attendance as an X12J constituent may substitute for participation as an observer.

The X12J secretary verifies the attendance claimed on the petition. Upon verification that the attendance requirements were met, the X12J secretary shall inform the X12J chair of the petition. Upon the X12J chair's verification of material interest, the X12 member is recognized as an X12J stakeholder and the individual who met the attendance requirement is recognized as a Category 2 constituent. The X12J chair shall inform the petitioner and the constituent of the determination.

Revoking Recognition as a Stakeholder

Any stakeholder unrepresented at two consecutive X12J interim meetings shall have their stakeholder status revoked. An X12 member whose X12J stakeholder status is revoked shall be eligible to reapply after again meeting the stakeholder requirements listed in *Requesting Recognition as a Stakeholder*.

Additional Stakeholder Constituents

An X12J stakeholder may name another member representative to be recognized as an X12J constituent by having the X12J member's primary representative complete the X12J Constituent Application at x12.org/forms.

The X12J Secretary will confirm the named individual is a member representative of the X12 member listed on the application and that the X12 member is recognized as an X12J stakeholder. Upon confirmation, the individual will be recognized as an X12J Category 2 constituent.

4 Observers

Any X12 member representative shall be permitted to attend an X12J meeting; however, such individuals shall only be afforded speaking privileges upon invitation of the X12J chair and shall not be entitled to any other constituent privileges.

Non-member attendees of an X12 Standing meeting may attend X12J sessions; however, such individuals shall only be afforded speaking privileges upon invitation of the X12J chair and shall not be entitled to any other constituent privileges.

5 Voting

X12J shall not be obligated to respond, formally or informally, to any comment presented with a vote on an X12J ballot.

6 Meetings

The Technical Assessment Subcommittee meets at each X12 standing meeting and at least once between each X12 standing meeting (interim meeting). For attendance purposes, any number of X12J sessions conducted during a standing meeting shall count as one meeting, likewise, any number of sessions conducted during an X12J interim meeting shall count as one meeting.

X12J requires a 30-day notice for interim meetings instead of the more permissive notice requirements defined in **CAP06 – X12 Meetings**.

Meeting materials that support the published agenda must be distributed to constituents at least seven (7) days before the meeting. However, at the discretion of the subcommittee chair, agenda items may be added to the meeting agenda later and additional meeting materials may be distributed to support those agenda items.

As the first order of business at every X12J meeting, the X12J constituent representing each subcommittee (Category 1) and the X12J constituent representing each X12J stakeholder (Category 2) shall be declared and recorded.

7 Roles and Responsibilities

X12J shall have a chair and may elect a vice-chair at the discretion of the subcommittee. The X12J chair and vice-chair shall be the officers of the subcommittee and shall be elected per **Section 8 Officer Elections** herein. Officer titles are held by the X12J constituent.

The subcommittee's appointed and ex-officio roles are defined below. All appointees serve at the pleasure of the X12C chair, however, appointments shall be confirmed or reassigned every two years.

- The X12J vice-chair serves as the subcommittee's primary PRB representative.
- The X12J chair may appoint a PRB alternate who shall represent X12J when the PRB primary representative is unavailable.
- X12 staff shall serve as X12J secretary.

The responsibilities of the X12J chair, vice-chair, secretary, and PRB representative and alternate are established in **ASC05 - ASC Subcommittees and Other Subordinate Groups**.

8 Officer Elections

Committee-level governance related to subcommittee officer qualification criteria and elections is established in **ASC05 - ASC Subcommittees and Other Subordinate Groups**. X12C hereby establishes the following subcommittee-specific rules to supplement the committee-level governance.

- Officer elections will be conducted as a meeting vote during the Winter standing meeting of even-numbered years.
- Counting and tabulation of ballots shall be conducted by the subcommittee secretary.

Committee-level governance related to the removal of subcommittee officers and handling of vacancies is established in **ASC05 - ASC Subcommittees and Other Subordinate Groups**.

9 Task Groups

Per **CAP01 - X12 Bylaws**, the X12J chair may establish and disband standing and ad hoc task groups as necessary to accomplish X12J's work. However, X12J hereby elects to conduct all activities at the subcommittee level and shall not establish task groups.

10 Subcommittee Work Products

ASC05 - ASC Subcommittees and Other Subordinate Groups establishes a subcommittee's responsibilities and obligations related to its work products.

11 Terminology

To ensure consistent use of terms, definitions, and acronyms across X12 products and activities, X12 maintains the **Wordbook**, a comprehensive corporate glossary. The included terms are either proprietary to X12, cite definitions published by another authority, or represent common terms and definitions that are relevant to X12's work. The terms and definitions defined in the **Wordbook** shall be used in X12 work products when applicable, without modification or revision. The **Wordbook** can be referenced online at wordbook.x12.org.

12 Document History

New versions of this document are effective on the Steering approval date.

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