

## **GUIDELINES TO CLASSIFICATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

These Guidelines are for use by the Standards Council and the staff to assist in complying with 3-2.5 of the Regulations Governing Committee Projects.

The following classifications apply to Committee members and represent their principal interest in the activity of the Committee.

1. M     Manufacturer: A representative of a maker or marketer of a product, assembly, or system, or portion thereof, that is affected by the standard.
2. U     User: A representative of an entity that is subject to the provisions of the standard or that voluntarily uses the standard.
3. I/M    Installer/Maintainer: A representative of an entity that is in the business of installing or maintaining a product, assembly, or system affected by the standard.
4. L     Labor: A labor representative or employee concerned with safety in the workplace.
5. R/T    Applied Research/Testing Laboratory: A representative of an independent testing laboratory or independent applied research organization that promulgates and/or enforces standards.
6. E     Enforcing Authority: A representative of an agency or an organization that promulgates and/or enforces standards.
7. I     Insurance: A representative of an insurance company, broker, agent, bureau, or inspection agency.
8. C     Consumer: A person who is or represents the ultimate purchaser of a product, system, or service affected by the standard, but who is not included in (2).
9. SE    Special Expert: A person not representing (1) through (8), and who has special expertise in the scope of the standard or portion thereof.

NOTE 1: "Standard" connotes code, standard, recommended practice, or guide.

NOTE 2: A representative includes an employee.

NOTE 3: While these classifications will be used by the Standards Council to achieve a balance for Technical Committees, the Standards Council may determine that new classifications of member or unique interests need representation in order to foster the best possible Committee deliberations on any project. In this connection, the Standards Council may make such appointments as it deems appropriate in the public interest, such as the classification of "Utilities" in the National Electrical Code Committee.

NOTE 4: Representatives of subsidiaries of any group are generally considered to have the same classification as the parent organization.

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