Differences between a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and an Sponsor Standing Committee (SSC)
Chair of group

- **Status in EC**
  - TAG: Voting member of EC
  - SSC: No special status

- **Selection**
  - TAG: Elected by TAG members
  - SSC: Appointed by Sponsor Chair or by nomination and election (voting)

- **Term**
  - TAG: 2 year term, may be re-elected
  - SSC: No specified term
Differences (1)

• Voting membership
  – TAG: Depends on attendance, same rules as WG
  – SSC: Everyone in the room. Assumed to be 75% to approve motions (but not stated)

• Meeting notice
  – TAG: 5 days (WG P&P)
  – SSC: As decided by members or Chair of SSC.
Differences (2)

• Decision making
  – TAG: Can make binding decision and issue communications (subject to 5 day EC objection and call for vote)
  – SSC: All decisions must be reviewed and approved by the Sponsor

• Document approval
  – TAG: 75% is mandated, electronic ballot is explicitly allowed
  – SSC: 75% is understood, but not required, not clear if electronic ballot is allowed
Similarities

• Scope is determined by the Sponsor
• Groups exist until disbanded by the Sponsor
• Hibernation does not apply, group exists or is disbanded.
• Cannot develop standards, guides or recommended practices, but can generate documents