

# 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