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TO: Organizational Members of ASC S12
M. Bahtiarian, Chair S12/WG 47

CC: P.D. Schomer, Standards Director
R.D. Hellweg, Vice Chair ASACOS

FROM: S.B. Blaeser, Standards Manager

RE: Result of voting Doc/LB S12/728 – Ballot to approve **BSR/ASA S12.64-200x Quantities and Procedures for Description and Measurement of Underwater Sound from Ships – Part 1: General Requirements** as an American National Standard

The ballot to approve the proposed draft standard referenced above closed on May 12, 2009 with a vote of:

Yes	16
No	0
Abstain	23
<u>Not returned</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	45

To see the breakdown by interest category please refer to Attachment A.

ASC S12's operating procedures state that a draft standard "will be considered approved if a majority of the consensus body casts a vote (counting abstentions) and at least 80% of those voting approve (not counting abstentions)." This means that voters who abstain remove themselves from the voting pool for this document and the total number of potential voters becomes smaller. In this case, the first criterion was met in that 39 out of 45 (87%) members of S12 responded by casting a vote, including abstentions. The second criterion was also met in that all of those voting either "yes" or "no" voted yes (100%). So, even with the relatively small number of members who wished to take a position on this subject, the result of this ballot meets S12's criteria to progress toward eventual approval. The next step will be to attempt to resolve the comments that supported affirmative votes.

Comments supporting affirmative votes were received from R. Fischer, representing Noise Control Engineering; R.D. Hellweg, representing ASA; A. Konheim, representing U.S. DOT; W.J. Murphy, representing NIOSH; and M.J. White, representing U.S. Army CERL. The 23 abstaining members stated in their comment that, in general, the subject was outside their areas of interest, expertise or knowledge.

We did not receive any input from working group chairs or individual experts, and no public comments were received.

The comments have been compiled and will be forwarded to the WG Chair, M. Bahtiarian, for consideration. The working group is meeting in Portland on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, to resolve the comments, and the proposed responses will be circulated to the committee as soon as they are available.

Thank you all for taking part in this ballot.