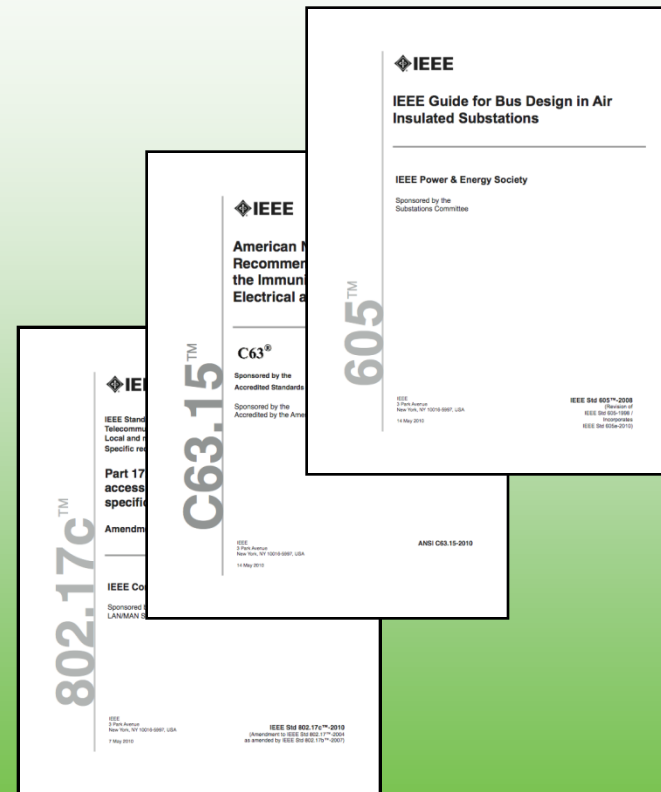


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- Developing standards is a quasi-legal process
- Standards can become legal requirements
- It is possible to break the law inadvertently
- If you follow the rules, you will be covered by the IEEE umbrella of indemnification

Imperative Principles of the Legal Standards Process

- Due Process
- Openness
- Consensus
- Balance
- Right of Appeal

Due Process

Operational Definition

- Develop operating procedures
- Publish and make procedures available
- Follow procedures

Hierarchy of Documents

- Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York
- IEEE Certificate of Incorporation
- IEEE Constitution
- IEEE Bylaws
- IEEE Policies
- IEEE Board of Directors Resolutions
- IEEE Standards Association Operations Manual
- IEEE-SA Board of Governors Resolutions

Due Process cont.

Hierarchy of Documents

- IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws
- IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual
- IEEE Standards Style Manual
- IEEE Sponsor Operating Procedures
- Robert's Rules of Order
- IEEE Standards Companion

Openness

- Everyone has access to the process
- Make information and actions publicly available for examination
- Include all materially interested and affected parties
- Avoid antitrust situations/appearance of collusion
- Opportunity to participate does not necessarily mean membership or a vote

Consensus

- Agreement among the majority
- Not unanimity
- Defined in the IEEE Sponsor balloting rules as 75% of 75%

The Challenge

- Approve and publish expeditiously
- Obligation to majority

Versus

- Obligation to the minority
- Attempt to resolve comments

Balance

- Representation from all materially interested and affected parties
- Lack of dominance by any one category
- Common categories:
 - Producer, user, and general interest
- Ideal to maintain balance throughout development
- Encourage participation
- Mandatory for balloting

Right of Appeal

- The right to take steps to have a case heard
- Follow policies and procedures
- Bases of appeal can be:
 - Technical (within sponsor)
 - Procedural

Summary

- Due Process
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