

**Minutes  
ICSP/GMF Joint Meeting  
10 am to 12:30 pm  
January 22, 2009**

**National Institute of Standards & Technology  
Dining Room C – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Administration Building (101)  
Gaithersburg, MD 20899**

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**Attendees**

**Jeffrey Feit, DOE  
Chuck Martin, USDA  
Trudie Williams, DOD  
Carol Herman, FDA  
Carol Moyer, NRC  
Michael Case, NRC  
David Capozzi, Access Board  
Don Marlowe, FDA  
Scott Cooper, ANSI  
Amy Michel, ANSI  
Steven Bipes, ANSI  
Colin Church, CPSC  
Greg Saunders, DoD  
David Alderman, NIST  
Maureen Breitenberg, NIST  
Heidi Hijikata, DOC/ITA  
Belinda Collins, NIST  
Erik Puskar, NIST  
Gordon Gillerman, NIST  
Don Marlowe, HHS/FDA  
David Capozzi, Access Board  
Mary Donaldson, NIST  
Katrina Whittington\*, Treasury  
Kathleen Baden\*, GSA  
Jenny Heaps\*, NARA  
Marilyn Redman\*, NARA  
Joe Tretler\*, ANSI  
Don Pittenger\*, DOL/OSHA  
Virginia Fitzner\*, DOL/OSHA  
\*Via Telephone conference**

*Co Chairs: Belinda Collins, NIST, ICSP and Greg Saunders, DoD, ANSI/GMF*

*ICSP Update – Belinda Collins announced that Mary Saunders, former chair of the ICSP has taken a new position as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing and Services, Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration.*

*ANSI / Legislative Update, Scott Cooper, ANSI*

- *Import Safety – Recent food safety conference was held December 2-3, 2008 entitled: [Identifying Essential Third Party Food Safety Audit Criteria](#). Conferees discussed the need for an improved and robust food safety infrastructure with an emphasis on conformity assessment methods and increased cooperation between the government and private sector. A summary of the conference is available at the link above.*
- *Legislative Issues and Changes in the New Congress*  
*Health IT – Interoperability of health records has received the attention of Congress (House of Representatives). Title IV of the Stimulus Package passed by the House has a Health IT Bill- “Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act’ or the ‘HITECH Act’” (Note: The version passed by both Houses and signed into law is contained in Title XIII of the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#).) NIST has a key role in the technical standards development and the development of a testing/certification program for Health IT standards. There was interest in having additional discussion about the impact of the legislation with a smaller group of affected agency representatives.*
- *Personnel changes in several legislative committees of interest – There was mention of a number of changes to the staff and member makeup of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Science Committee. John Dingell is no longer chair of the former; Mike Queer will be the major staff contact on standards-related issues in the House Science Committee.*

*Update on Public Policy Related Standards Issues – Belinda Collins, NIST*

- *ISO Update*
  - *As of January 1, 2009 there is a new ISO Secretary General, Robert Steele of New Zealand. Upon taking the position, he promptly visited the EU standards organizations and plans to visit ANSI in March. ISO is in the process of developing its new 5-year strategic plan (to succeed the 2005-2010 plan) and the National standards bodies will have the opportunity to review the document. ANSI will circulate the draft and comments will be due in September.*
  - *Economic Studies Project – To expand the state of the art in the economic analysis of the impact of standards and to provide a useful tool for ISO TC’s, ISO is sponsoring an Economic Studies Project that is being conducted by Roland Berger (Roland Berger Strategy Consultants). Phase 1 of the project involves the review of the state of the art, i.e. identification and review of existing economic studies of standards; Phase 2 will involve the development of a standard microeconomic assessment methodology; and Phase 3 will involve case studies of specific standards in order to pilot the methodology.*

- *ISO Technical Management Board – US has a representative on this board. A Biotechnology Task Group has been formed with 9 national standards bodies participating. The first meeting is planned for the April-May time period. George Arnold of NIST will chair this task group. The task group will focus on the technical aspects of standards in Biotechnology. In Social Responsibility, the US TAG met in January. Visit the [American Society for Quality website](#) for current information about the activities of the US TAG and the status of the Social Responsibility standard development. The Energy SAG (Strategic Advisory Group) is currently active under the TMB (Technical Management Group.)*

- *ISO/TC 212 - Clinical Laboratory Testing and In Vitro Diagnostic Test Systems – Possible Loss of Secretariat – HHS/USDA/ANSI – ANSI was notified by the current Secretariat of ISO TC 212, the Clinical Laboratories and Standards Institute (CLSI), that it would be relinquishing its role as the ANSI delegated Secretariat. There was concern expressed that this is an important position that the US should retain. ANSI (Joe Tretler) indicated that they were confident that a replacement organization would be found to take over the responsibility and assured the ICSP that if there was any indication that that was not the case, ANSI would inform the ICSP. The announcement may be found in ANSI's [Standards Action, dated January 16, 2009](#), p 19.*

- *Sustainable Agriculture Standards Development Update – Chuck Martin, USDA – The USDA appealed the ANSI accreditation of the Leonard Academy, current developers of a standard for sustainable agriculture. The standard and the process and procedures under which the standard is being developed is causing concern among various affected stakeholders in the broader agricultural community. USDA filed an appeal of the developer's ANSI accreditation that was based on a number of concerns including that the organization was operating outside its defined" scope". ANSI upheld the organization's accreditation, indicating that "scope" was informational only. USDA would like to see the broader issue of operating within one's scope addressed by the Exec Sec.*

- *Standards Duplication Update - NOCA/ASTM activity in Personnel Certificate Standards Development – Gordon Gillerman, NIST. Gordon Gillerman provided a summary of the developments to date on this topic including efforts by NIST to bring the stakeholders together to try to resolve the issue of duplication. Despite these efforts, both parties continue to progress towards publishing separate standards in this area.*

- *Update on the Implementation of the CPSIA – Colin Church, CPSC The CPSIA is far reaching and includes conformity assessment (CA) requirements. For lead in paint, CPSC will use ILAC accredited laboratories to certify products entering commerce into the US. CA rules will phase in for*

*various products on a specified schedule during FY 09. For details, visit [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).*

*[Standards Portal.org](http://Standards Portal.org) – Steven Bipes and Amy Michelle, ANSI presented a [briefing](#) about ANSI's standards portal. The portal receives many requests for information on U.S. regulators and the technical regulations they make, so there was discussion about adding regulatory agency profile pages to include regulatory agency contact information. The recommendation from several agencies is to link directly to agencies' websites rather than developing customized pages for each agency which would duplicate existing information. ANSI agreed and took the action to develop and create profile pages with these links to the agencies and share them with the respective ICSP members for their review.*

*NTTAA Report, Mary Donaldson, NIST provided an update on the status of the completion of the FY 2008 annual report. Most agencies have completed their reports although there were a few who had not. For assistance with finalizing annual reports, please contact either Mike Moore or Mary Donaldson.*

*The next meeting will be announced in the spring.*

*The meeting was adjourned.*

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