

The InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards INCITS

TC Meetings Discussion
T10, T11, and T13 Leadership
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General Discussion Points

- Covid continues to impact standards organizations
 - The economic downturn has made matters worse as companies are implementing cost cutting measures which limit travel
 - Many companies and individuals still have concerns about protocols and safety
- Virtual meetings are less than ideal due to the lack of collaboration
 - The absence of conversations in the hallway, dinner, bar, etc.
 - Lack of personal interaction limits non-verbal communication. For example by observing body language one can “read” the room which facilitates compromise
 - Some organizations have experienced longer development times as more people participate.
 - For international meetings different time zones are tough to manage
 - Meeting fatigue, participants may suffer from very long workdays and lack of personal time to reflect and be more productive

General Discussion Points - Cont

- Although hybrid meetings are better than 100% virtual, there are still issues.
 - Challenges for meeting hosts due to lack of consistent attendance numbers
 - Many companies have determined that as long as the hybrid meeting format exists, then they will not send representatives to the face to face portion.
 - Development of personal relationships are harder. Relationships as well as technical expertise enables the success of standards organizations.
- Conference facilities have improved to the point where hybrid meetings are fairly successful
 - The use of smaller conference rooms, better conferencing software, speaker systems have helped bridge the gap between remote and physical attendees

T11 Hybrid Experience

- T11 has held meetings using the hybrid format since August 2021.
- Those that attend the hybrid meetings in person enjoy the one on one interactions
- Our receptions are still very popular and allow a relaxed atmosphere to further discuss issues
- 55-60% of voting T11 member companies attend.
- On the average there are 18-20 people attending meetings in person
- Our goal is to return to 100% face to face in the second half of 2022
- Perhaps as a compromise we hold three face to face and three hybrid meetings
- The waiting room feature has helped keep bad actors from attending and/or disrupting the meetings

T10 Hybrid Experience

- Those that attend the hybrid meetings in person enjoy the one on one interactions
- 30 - 35% of meeting attendees are in person.
- On the average there are 6 - 8 people attending meetings in person
- We have not set a goal for when to return to face-to-face only meetings
- Some companies have indicated that if face-to-face is required they will drop to advisory status or may drop T10 all together

T13 Hybrid Experience

- In-person attendance fluctuates only slightly
4-6 persons, representing 3-5 organizations
(out of 12 voting members organizations)
- Comments from those present carry more weight
than virtual attendees, but...
 - virtual attendees can go for more than an hour without speaking
- INCITS policy on hybrid meetings is open ended
 - No specific plan to change away from hybrid meetings
- Small, one-room setup with chairs for 10
 - Minor catering budget
 - Local hotel room rental fees vary from \$800 to \$1,500