

PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION
between
The Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA)
and
The INCITS Technical Committee T11

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This document defines a set of Principles of Cooperation (PoC) between the Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) and INCITS Technical Committee T11 (T11).

This PoC recognizes that SNIA has produced and continues ongoing development of several specifications which are highly regarded by the storage community and receives assistance from T11 to submit certain of these specifications to ISO/IEC JTC 1 for the purpose of having them adopted as International Standards.

This revision (Rev ~~54~~) recognizes organizational changes in both organizations and that the relationship has expanded, and brings the PoC in line with those changes.

The following principles represent the joint understanding of the two groups:

1. SNIA will periodically advise T11 regarding the status of development of its specifications, and will provide T11 with early access to development versions of specifications which SNIA wishes to gain T11 assistance with.

~~2. SNIA will advise T11 regarding Change Requests (CR) it submits to the Distributed Management Task Force (DMTF) related to CIM for the purpose of having T11 consider these definitions in regard of its various projects, and specifically with regard to its efforts to ensure the consistency of management information.~~

~~23.~~ T11 will assist SNIA, upon request, to pursue adoption of specific SNIA specifications as ISO/IEC JTC 1 International Standards. Such assistance may include, but not be limited to, acting on behalf of SNIA to submit ANSI standards based on SNIA specifications to JTC 1 for JTC 1 Fast Track processing, or submitting a SNIA specification as a starting point for a new T11 project to be brought to JTC 1 under the JTC 1 Classic/Normal process. SNIA may, under JTC 1 rules, decide at any time during a Fast Track process to withdraw a specification which has been submitted.

~~34.~~ T11 will make no changes to the specifications which SNIA has produced.

~~45.~~ T11 and SNIA will communicate regarding any issues either party wishes to raise regarding SNIA specifications or the actions SNIA requests T11 perform on behalf of SNIA related to submission of SNIA specifications to ISO/IEC JTC 1.

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56. The SNIA and T11 will establish a bi-directional communication mechanism to allow for the exchange of information. T11 will advise SNIA regarding T11 projects and documents that are relevant to SNIA and will solicit SNIA input on both project proposals and its ongoing developments. Similarly SNIA will advise T11 regarding SNIA projects and documents that are relevant to T11 work and will solicit T11 input on both project proposals and its ongoing developments.

67. SNIA will be noted as the party responsible for ongoing revisions and maintenance for all SNIA specifications brought by T11 to JTC 1, or will assist T11 with ongoing revisions and maintenance if T11 is required to be designed as the primary maintainer under JTC 1 process.

78. SNIA standards adopted by ANSI that are considered by INCITS to be within the T11 charter are adopted in the T11 body of work and INCITS requires T11 to advise INCITS if a standard being reviewed should be reaffirmed as an active standard or retired. T11 will seek SNIA input on such requests.

89. When a SNIA standard is up for adoption by INCITS and it falls within the T11 body of work, T11 will request an opinion from SNIA regarding the adoption. If both agree, T11 will recommend to INCITS that the ISO/TEC JTC 1 International Standard version of the spec be adopted as an ANSI standard

ANNEX A - Organizational Backgrounds

SNIA

The Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) is a non-profit organization made up of member companies spanning information technology. A globally recognized and trusted authority, SNIA's mission is to lead the storage industry in developing and promoting vendor-neutral architectures, standards and educational services that facilitate the efficient management, movement and security of information.~~SNIA is a trade association founded in 1997 which currently has over 400 member organizations worldwide dedicated to ensuring that storage networks become complete and trusted solutions across the IT community.~~

INCITS Technical Committee T11

The Fibre Channel (T11) Technical Committee (FC-TC) is responsible for storage interconnect and networking families of standards, including Fibre Channel, Fibre Channel protocol mappings to higher level architectures, Fibre Channel mappings to alternate physical transports, SBCON, HIPPI, and a number of related management and API standards. FC-TC is co-TAG to ISO/IEC/JTC 1/SC 25/WG 4 along with INCITS TC T10 and INCITS TC T13.