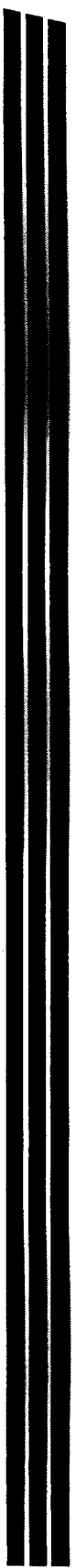


ANSSI Audit

In God We Trust

All Others We Audit

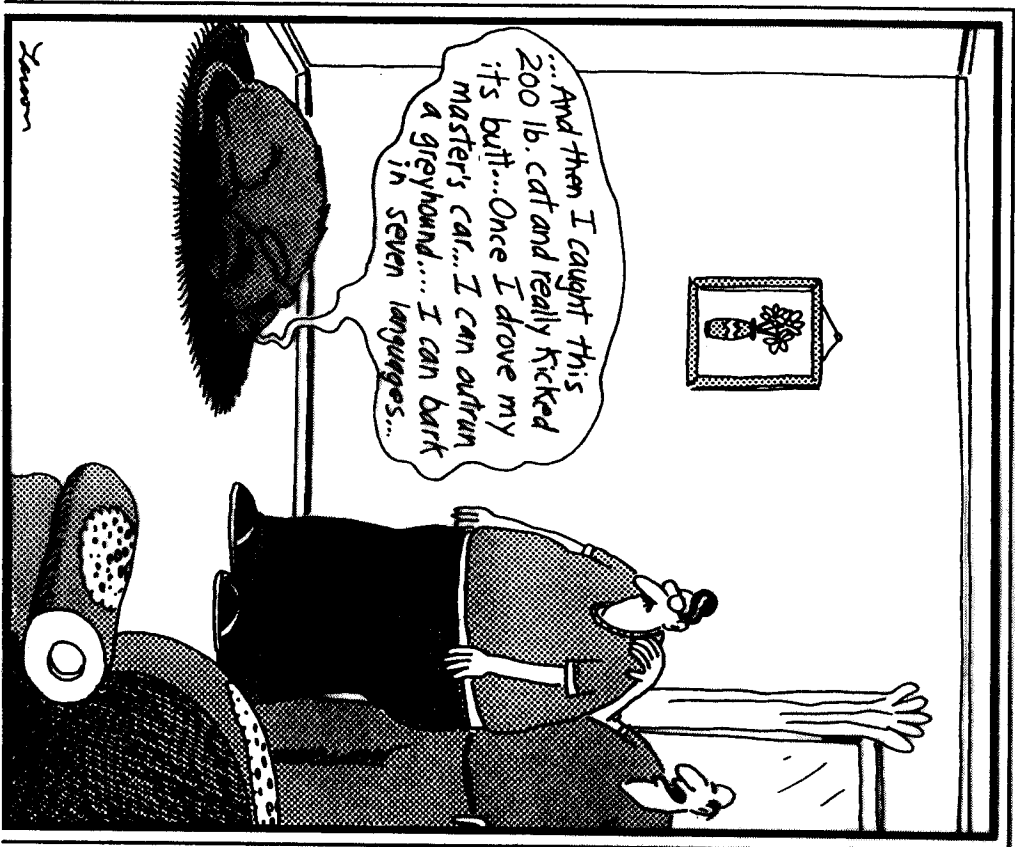




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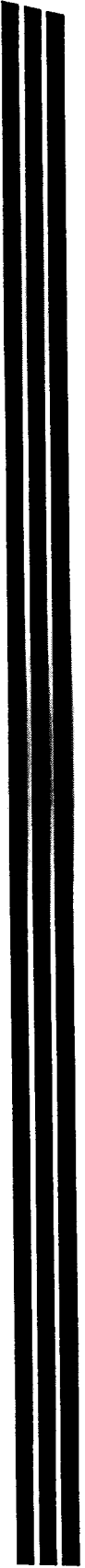
- API was granted status as an ANSI Accredited Organization on March 19, 1996
- CRE and Production Department Accreditations were withdrawn on March 19, 1996





...And then I caught this
200 lb. cat and really kicked
its butt... Once I drove my
master's car... I can outrun
a greyhound... I can bark
in seven languages...

"Edgar! Leave him be! ... Always best to let
sleeping dogs lie."



Definition of "Consensus"

- Clarification proposed in model procedures (Annexes A and B) that to approve a standard there must be both:
 - approval by a majority of the entire consensus body membership and
 - approval by at least two-thirds of those voting, excluding abstentions
- Proposal also provides the same formula for all developers
 - Section 1.3 - the basic definition of "consensus" - would be revised to include this as a requirement
- Rationale: Otherwise, could have "consensus" on an ANS if 50 person consensus body, 6 people vote and 4 vote "yes"

"Balance"

- Rationale:
 - Tortured past
 - "Balance" was always a "should"
 - Mostly was defined as a lack of dominance, which was governed by the "historical criteria" for balance:
 - no category more than 50% if product standard
 - no category more than 33% if safety standard
 - Need to distinguish between "balance" and "lack of dominance" - two separate requirements
 - Difficult to define and implement



Definitions of "Balance" and "Lack of Dominance"

- 1.2.2 Balance
 - Participants from diverse interest categories for each standards project shall be sought with the objective of achieving balance. Typically, balance is achieved if no single interest category constitutes more than one-third of the membership of the consensus body. Unless a directly and materially affected party claims in writing (including electronic communications) that a single interest category dominated the process, no test for balance is required.

"Lack of Dominance"

- 1.2.3 Lack of Dominance
- The standards development process shall not be dominated by any single interest category, individual or organization. Dominance means a position or exercise of dominant authority, leadership, or influence by reason of superior leverage, strength, or representation to the exclusion of fair and equitable consideration of other viewpoints. A lack of dominance can usually be demonstrated if there is a balance of relevant interest categories represented on the consensus body. Unless it is claimed in writing (including electronic communications) with supporting information by a directly and materially affected party that a single interest category exercised dominance in the standards development process, no test for dominance is required.

