

Lyle Bowman's Facilitator Report to B-10  
December 6, 2017

About 50 hours have been spent on various assignments since the June 27, 2017 Meeting.

These efforts included ongoing development of three new test methods, preparation of ten ballot items from approved Information Letters, and one related ballot item.

The ballot of the ROBO test method update was finally approved after several miscues.

Three of the ballots (8, 9, 10) that updated D4485 are still in the unresolved category due to a negative vote cast by Thomas Smith. His original negative vote was cast on the wrong ballot item and has very recently been switched from item (9) to ballot item (10). Ballot items (8) and (9) are being withheld from final approval because of possible relationship with ballot item (10).

I recommend that we withdraw item (10), thereby invalidating the negative vote of Mr. Smith.

His negative vote concerns the possible inclusion of the FA-4 category as a new classification (along with the S and C classifications). It is believed that topic needs considerable discourse before adoption or rejection.

A ballot item for revision of an elastomer test method was originally withheld from completion because of concern about the reference to a supply source, not considered to be a single-source supplier. The surveillance panel finally agreed to remove that specific reference and the ballot item was then successfully processed.

The development of the LSPI test method was transferred to Terry Bates shortly after the June Meeting. My workload was too heavy to finish the job in a timely manner.

Finalization of the Chain Wear test method is being managed by Al Lopez of Intertek. To my knowledge, the procedure is completed except for inclusion of precision data, which is reported to be 'in progress'. I would expect to receive the final version from Al Lopez for my perusal and editing prior to submission for balloting.

Similarly, Cole Hudson of SWRI is guiding the Sequence VH test method to conclusion. This requires considerable updating (parts and procedure) of my original VH document. I'm expecting to receive the final version for any last word-smithing, and then it's on for balloting.

Respectfully submitted,  
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