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To: Multiple recipients of list PRFCMP-L
Subject: Re: Decisions to be made: SE Code

On Thu, 7 Aug 1997 12:35:19 -0400 Don Gotterbarn wrote:

> I need a positive response from each of
> you that you want your name associated with the code and listed officially
> in these publications as part of the task force that developed the code.

Yes, please include my name.

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> GENERAL QUESTION
> 1. Replace the word "assure" with the stronger word "ensure"
>   replace all occurrences in the Preamble
>   Yes   no

YES

>   replace all occurrences in the Principles
>   yes   no

YES

> QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PRINCIPLES
>
>
> 2.   1.02. Strive to understand fully the specifications
>   for software on which they work.
>   Replace with
>
>   1.02. Strive to fully understand the specifications
>   for software on which they work.
>   Yes   no

YES

> 3   1.12 Delete, whenever appropriate, outdated or
>   flawed data.
>   Replace with
>
>   1.12 Whenever appropriate, delete outdated or
>   flawed data.
>   Yes   No

YES

> 4. Add   1.13   "related to any work project" at the end of the
>   sentence.
>   Yes   No

YES

> 5. 2.01 Disclose to appropriate persons or authorities any actual
>   or potential danger that they reasonably believe to be associated
>   with the software or related documents on which they work, or
>   are aware of, may pose to the user, a third party, or the
>   environment.
>   Replace with
>
>   2.01 Disclose to appropriate persons or authorities any actual or
>   potential danger to the user, a third party, or the environment that
>   they reasonably believe to be associated with software or related
>   documents for which they are responsible, or merely know about.
>   Yes   No

YES

> 6. Several comments on this one
> 6a 2.08 Is "feel free" to open-ended and non-committal?
>   It doesn't make it seem as if there is any obligation in this regard.
>
>   Replace with "Donate professional skills to good causes when
>   opportunities arise."
>   Yes   No

YES

> 6b 2.08 Add "and contribute to public education with respect to the
>   discipline."
>   Yes   No

NO

> 7. 3.07 replace "Participate in no.." with "Refuse to participate in."
>   Yes   No

YES

> 8   Replace   4.04. Not knowingly use illegally obtained or

>   retained software on equipment of a client or
>   employer or in work performed for a client or
>   employer.
>
>   Because it reads as though it is otherwise OK to use illegally
>   obtained software!
>
>   Replace with
>   4.04. "Not knowingly use illegally obtained or retained
>software."
>   Yes   No

YES

> 9.   In 4.09.. the unless ethical consideration demand otherwise."
>
>   Replace with
>   "unless a higher ethical concern is being compromised; then in that
>   case the employer should be informed of the engineer's ethical
>   concern."
>   Yes   No

NO

> 10   5.03.   Assign work only after taking into account appropriate
>   contributions of education and experience.
>
>   Add
>   "tempered by a desire to further the education and
>   experience of employees"
>   Yes   No

YES

> 11   5.05.   Develop a fair agreement concerning ownership of any
>   software artifact to which an employee has contributed.
>
>   Only "software artifacts"? What about other intellectual property?
>
>   Replace
>   "Software artifact" with "computer-related artifact"
>   Yes   No

NO

> 12   5.07. Offer only fair and just remuneration.

>   Delete only'.
>   Yes   No

YES

> 13 5.08.   Not unjustly prevent a subordinate from taking a better
>   job for which that subordinate is qualified or experienced.
>
>   Replace with
>   5.08   Not unjustly prevent a subordinate from taking a better
>   job when the subordinate is qualified for the job.
>
>   Yes   No

YES

> 15   7.02.   Review the work of other software engineers, which is
>   not in the public domain, only with their prior knowledge,
>   provided this is consistent with safety.
>
>   Replace with
>   7.02 If another software engineer's work is not in the public
>   domain, review that work only with the appropriate permission
>   provides this is consistent with public health, safety, and welfare.
>   Yes   No

NO

> 17   7.08.   Not take steps to supplant another software engineer
>   after steps have been taken for employment
>
> Replace with
>   7.08   Don't try to undermine another software engineer's job
>   prospects or firm offer for your own personal gain,
>   Yes   No

YES

> 18 8.08.   Consider violations of this code inconsistent with being a
>   professional software engineer.
>   Add
>   "and we must do all we can to help our colleagues meet these
>   guidelines"
>   Yes   No

NO