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OASIS Standard
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SPECIFICATION WORKFLOW AND TIMELINE

- Request a spec template from OP Admin
- Decide on editor(s)
  - Editor's job is to capture the intentions of the project team/TSC
  - Editor's Manual starting at
    https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lTartcAzlqidzrCxuXFFiwdRDKRipqMnNsMS24SZdjg/edit
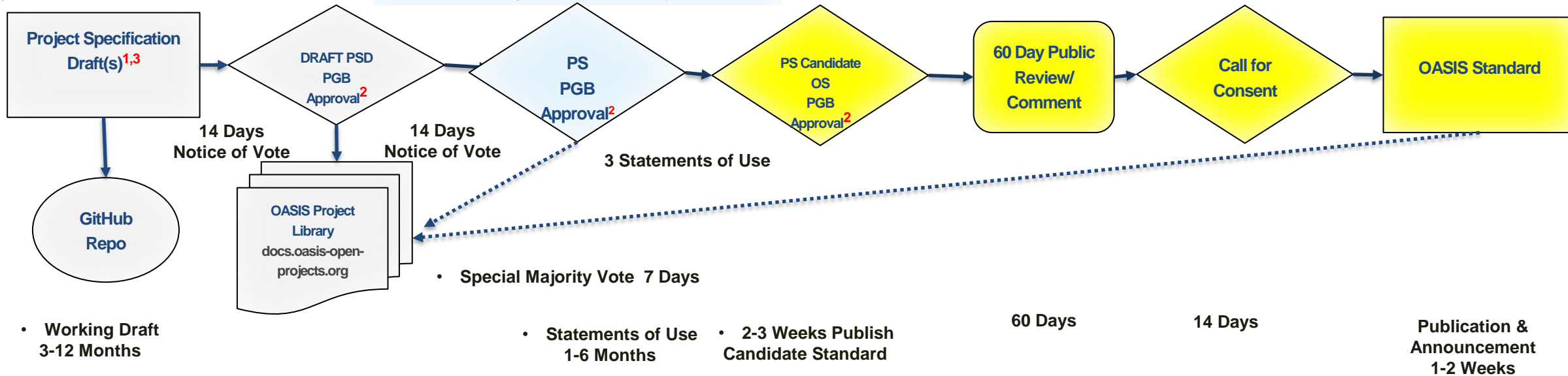- Create Project Specification Draft (PSD)

- PGB can decide to advance PS to OASIS for consideration as an OASIS Standard
  - Requires 3 Statements of Use and a Special Majority Vote run by OP Admin
  - 60-day public comment period
  - The Project Specification (PS) is put to OASIS Members in a 14-day Call for Consent. If no objections, work becomes an OASIS Standard, eligible for submission to other SDOs

- **PSD produced with oversight of TSCs**
- **TSC recommends PSD to PGB**

- **PGB requests Special Majority Vote be run by OP Administrator**
  - **PS has the same standing as an OASIS Standard**
  - **7 days minimum - 2/3 must vote yes, no more than 1/4 nay votes**
  - **OP Admin publishes PS to the library and announces/promotes**

- **Project Specification Approved by PGB**
- **PGB approve PS as Candidate for OASIS Standard**

- **OASIS Standard approved by members under Call for Consent**

Project Specification Draft(s)[1,3] → **DRAFT PSD PGB Approval[2]** → **PS PGB Approval[2]** → **PS Candidate OS PGB Approval[2]** → **60 Day Public Review/ Comment** → **Call for Consent** → **OASIS Standard**

GitHub Repo

OASIS Project Library docs.oasis-open-projects.org

14 Days Notice of Vote

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3 Statements of Use

- Special Majority Vote 7 Days

- **Working Draft 3-12 Months**

- **Statements of Use 1-6 Months**
- **2-3 Weeks Publish Candidate Standard**

60 Days

14 Days

Publication & Announcement 1-2 Weeks

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STATEMENTS OF USE

https://www.oasis-open.org/policies-guidelines/oasis-defined-terms-2018-05-22/#dStatementUse

- A written statement that a party has successfully used or implemented that specification in accordance with all or some of its conformance clauses
  — Identifying those clauses that apply
  — Stating whether its use included … multiple independent implementations
  — Reference a specific version of the Specification
  — Include the specifications approval date
  — Submit only 1 Statement of Use per Specification
- Who can submit?
  — OASIS Member
  — Non-member
    ▪ Must be submitted through PGB's comment facility (mailing list)
  — When issued by an OASIS Organizational Member, a Statement of Use must be endorsed by the Organizational Member's Primary Representative
  — A party can submit only 1 Statement of Use per Specification
- PGB may specify that a Statement of Use must
  — Provide hyperlinks to documents, files or demonstration transcripts that enable evaluation of the implementation or usage
- Approved by PGB as acceptable with respect to the Specification

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STATEMENTS OF USE - CONFORMANCE CLAUSES

OASIS Defined Terms - OASIS Open

J. "**Conformance *clause***" is a statement in a Standards Track Work Product that references one or more Normative Statements in order to describe a condition that an implementation must satisfy in order for it to conform to that part of the Work Product.

- Discussed during NTAC meeting on 3/18/23
- New conformance language being included in Model Version 6.0 PS02 – next slide

> **Are statements in a prospective COS referencing draft or "work in progress" documents (PSDs) (i.e., conformance clause doc and NDR) allowed?**

PS02 CONFORMANCE LANGUAGE

https://github.com/niemopen/niem-model/blob/dev/niem-model-v6.0-ps02.md#3-conformance

3 Conformance

This specification normatively defines NIEM Model Version 6.0 with a set of reference XML schemas.

The NIEM Naming and Design Rules [NIEM-NDR-v6.0] defines conformance targets, Schematron and text rules, and guidance for the conformant use of NIEM in messages and message specifications.

The NIEM Conformance Specification [NIEM-Conformance-v6.0] describes NIEM conformance.

Appendix A. References

A.1 Normative References

[NIEM-Conformance-v6.0]

NIEM Conformance Specification Version 6.0. Work in progress.

[NIEM-NDR-v6.0]

NIEM Naming and Design Rules Specification Version 6.0. Work in progress.

QUESTIONS

- What is the difference between an OASIS Member and an Organizational Member?
- What is the PGB's comment facility? <mark>Mailing list?</mark>
- Can tools satisfy as Statements of Use?
  — Were not 6.0 model updates included to specifically accommodate CMF tool, so is not a functioning CMF tool an implementation (Statement of Use) of those attributes of the model? Could not a similar argument be made for AIP 2.0 or MEP?
- Can implementations using only model semantics be considered a Statement of Use?
  - EY Sonoma County Use Case?

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CANDIDATE OASIS STANDARD (COS) STAGE

Sequential Steps

1. A Special Majority Ballot indicating the PGB's approval to submit the CS to the OASIS membership for consideration as an OASIS Standard

2. The formal submission request

Request a Special Majority Vote to approve a candidate for OASIS Standard

3. A (minimum) 60-day Public Review

Request a first public review

4. Depending on the results of the review:

    1. Withdrawing the Candidate OASIS Standard,

    2. A Special Majority Ballot to approve proceeding with the member-wide ballot, or

    3. Member-wide 14-day ballot to approve the COS as an OASIS Standard.

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1. PGB'S APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE CS TO THE OASIS MEMBERSHIP

Special Majority Ballot Request

- Only Project Specifications can be approved as Candidate OASIS Standards. A Special Majority Ballot is required and must be conducted by the OASIS OP Administrator. The **PGB must first approve a motion to request a Special Majority Ballot which must include the CS number and approval date**. The PGB must also have received at least three Statements of Use before it can proceed.

- [Request a Special Majority Vote to approve a Specification](#)

- Upon approval, the Chair or other representative of the PGB must notify OP Administration by completing a [Committee OASIS Standard Submission Ballot Request](#).

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REFERENCES

Light Weight Rules – Statement of Use: https://www.oasis-open.org/policies-guidelines/oasis-defined-terms-2018-05-22/#dStatementUse

Light Weight Rules – OASIS Standard: https://www.oasis-open.org/policies-guidelines/oasis-defined-terms-2018-05-22/#dOASISstandard

2.8.1 Submission of a Committee Specification as a candidate for OASIS Standard: https://www.oasis-open.org/policies-guidelines/tc-process-2017-05-26/#OSsubmission

2.8.2 Public Review of a Committee Specification candidate for OASIS Standard: https://www.oasis-open.org/policies-guidelines/tc-process-2017-05-26/#OSsubmission

2.8.3 Call for consent for OASIS Standard: https://www.oasis-open.org/policies-guidelines/tc-process-2017-05-26/#OSsubmission

TC Handbook: https://docs.oasis-open.org/TChandbook/Reference/CandidateOASISStandards.html

OP Support Requests: https://www.oasis-open.org/project-administration-support-requests/

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OP SUPPORT REQUESTS

Request a ballot
- Request a Special Majority Vote to approve a Specification
- Request a Special Majority Vote to approve a Specification with Non-Material Changes
- Request a Special Majority Vote to approve a candidate for OASIS Standard
- Request a Special Majority Vote on continuing a Specification to the call for consent despite comments received
- Request a Special Majority Vote on submitting a revised Specification to the call for consent
- Request a Special Majority Vote to approve submitting an OASIS Standard to another organization

Start a public review
- Request a first public review
- Request a second or subsequent public review

Publish an approved work
- Publish an approved specification
- Publish an approved note
- Publish a revised candidate for OASIS Standard
- Publish an OASIS Standard
- Publish an Approved Errata

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