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Dear John,

I came across information in my files which is about two years old and fully intended to let the officers know about it at that time, but never did.

At the IEEE SC26 meeting I attended, the matter of international fees came up, with similar arguments to those we heard in our committees. The IEEE position reported at that meeting surprised me with how much it is unlike the X3 policy. Here are the notes I took on the subject:

- IEEE policy is by individual, not by committee participation
- An individual pays the International Participation fee only once, no matter how many committees are involved.
- Committees are considered administrative bodies that assist ANSI in its tasks of making American standards, and are not a direct contributor to international activities.
- Editors who are writing drafts for ISO standards are participants and required to pay the fee unless the standard is being Fast Tracked.

One has to wonder how the two sets of policies could be so far apart. Take a look at the policing policies set in place by X3.

- Participants are levied on a committee so those who belong to multiple committees pay the international fee multiple times.
- Payment is enforced. Members of X3 committees who refuse to pay the International Participation fee because they only want to participate in American standards development lose their voting privileges.

Can you ask that somebody explain why X3 participants are taxed so much more than IEEE participants to participate in making American standards?

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