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# 1 PURPOSE

**This contribution is intended to clarify the nature**

**of Contributions that are appropriate for the GSC Opening Plenary.**

# 2 REFERENCES

*GSC Governing Principles*

*GSC15-ADMIN-02*

# 3 CONTENT

The GSC Governing Principles document in clause 6.2 lists the functions of the GSC Opening and Closing Plenaries. The list includes presentations of HIS Contributions in panel format. It is understood, but not stated explicitly, that the presentations of HIS contributions are made in the GSC Opening Plenary.

A long-standing feature of the GSC Opening Plenary is the presentation of Member activity reports.

Proposed changes to clause 7.1.5 of the Governing Principles (see GSC-15-ADMIN-002) will add a definition of the HoD-approved term “New and Novel Contributions.” The proposed changes also make clear that typically the New and Novel Contributions will be presented in the GSC Opening Plenary.

Clause 4.1 of the Governing Principles states that Observers may present Contributions if invited to do so by the host Organization. The precedent is that such presentations are made in the GSC Opening Plenary.

In addition, other Contributions have been and may sometimes be presented in the GSC Opening Plenary. Presentations of contributions on Fora and Consortia have been made to GSC Opening Plenaries many times in the past. At GSC-14, Opening Plenary agenda 13.1 *Availability of reference standards for standards development* was a Contribution presented by the host Organization.

ISACC proposes that the text of clause 6.2 in the Governing Principles be expanded to include mention of Member Contributions, New and Novel Contributions, Observer Contributions and other Contributions at the discretion of the host Organization or by decision of the HoDs. The proposed modifications are shown below.

## 6.2 Plenary

Normally in GSC meetings, there are two Plenary sessions (Opening and Closing) foreseen in order to:

* Exchange and discuss the state and progress of the global standards environment (e.g., via presentation of Member activity reports, or presentation of Observer contributions (if invited by the host Organization), or presentation of other appropriate Contributions at the discretion of the host Organization or by decision of the HoDs – *Opening Plenary,*
* Discuss Contributions (i.e., presentations) on the Plenary HISs in panel format – *Opening Plenary*,
* Discuss New and Novel Contributions (i.e., presentations) – *Opening Plenary,*
* Address issues of common interest (including addition/removal of HISs) – *Opening and/or Closing Plenary*,
* Approve the Communiqué – *Closing Plenary*,
* Ratify the Resolutions – *Closing Plenary*, and
* Approve the Meeting Report – *Closing Plenary*.

# 4 SUMMARY

By incorporating the changes to the Governing Principles proposed in this contribution, the full range of appropriate contributions to be presented in a GSC Opening Plenary will be specified.