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Dear Jim:

SCC20 continues to struggle. They have requested an extension for their effort involving P1636-Software interface for maintenance information and the request has been granted by NESCOM. An inquiry has been forwarded to SCC20 by the Standards Association Ad Hoc Subcommittee on SCCs. This inquiry has requested that SCC20 explain why their current charter "Provide for management, technical development, expansion and improvement of ATLAS and other directly related standards"; is relevant and consistent with the work that they are pursuing. Atlas as a language has diminished dramatically and the PAR in process have little direct relationship to ATLAS. In response the new chair of SCC20 Les Orlidge has in effect agreed that the existing SCC20 charter no longer reflected the concentration and focus of this coordinating committee. He suggested that the SCC20 charter be changed to:

Develops and maintains language and interface standards supporting system level (onboard and Off-board) and automatic test and diagnostic, including (but not limited to) test requirements, test programs, test procedures and programs, diagnostic knowledge and maintenance information; and supports the development of standards for major hardware interfaces between subsystems in Automatic Test Systems.

The only problem with this suggested charter is that the scope is enormous and represents a green light for SCC20 to undertake any and all things that strike their fancy without consideration of overlap with other society work contemplated or already in process. SCC20 must now present their request for a charter change to their sponsoring societies. These societies are Test and Measurement, Computer, Aerospace and Electronic Systems and Logistics.

There were other issues also raised; These included the lack of formal meetings that had taken place as a plenary of the entire SCC20 in a venue devoted to SCC20 interests. The work carried on the SCC20 books that appeared to make little if any progress, the relevance of some of the SCC20 issues and the decreasing membership in SCC20. A response has been received by the Ad-Hoc subcommittee from the SCC20 chair and is being studied.

I have made a request of the current SCC20 chair for a report on the progress and efforts made by SCC20 over the past year from his point of view. I will follow up with you when and if I receive a reply.

Arnie Greenspan

PS It was good to hear from you again. I hope you are well.