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Its Organization and Roster of Members

Organization

The ASME Bioprocessing Equipment (BPE) Standards Committee membership in 2014 was made up, in whole, of 195 members holding membership to anywhere from one to five committee/subcommittee memberships. The ASME BPE Standards Committee is, as self-described, considered a "committee," referring to itself as the ASME BPE Standards Committee, or simply Standards Committee. As indicated in Figure 1, organizational chart, the ASME BPE Standards Committee reports to the ASME Board on Pressure Technology Codes and Standards (BPTCS). Aside from the BPE Standards Committee, reporting also to the BPTCS are the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (BPVC) Committees, the B16 and B31 Committees, and other committees related to pressure containing subject matter.

The ASME BPE Committee is divided into a set of subtier groups of interest referred to as subcommittees. In other Standards Committees these subtier groups are referred to as "subgroups," not so with the BPE Standards Committee. Among this group of subcommittees there is no hierarchy. They are simply divided by and focused on the various subject matter interests of the BPE Standard and report directly to the BPE Standards Committee. These subject matter interests are referred to as Parts with the following identifiers as referenced in Table 1.

Referring to Figure 2, it is apparent that each of the subcommittee groups reports to the BPE Standards Committee. The work these subcommittees do, whether it's maintaining an existing part in the standard, respective of the subcommittee's part title, or in developing a new part for the standard, there is an ongoing liaison effort that takes place between all of the subcommittees. This helps in diverting conflicts among the various subcommittees and in improving content of the standard as a whole.

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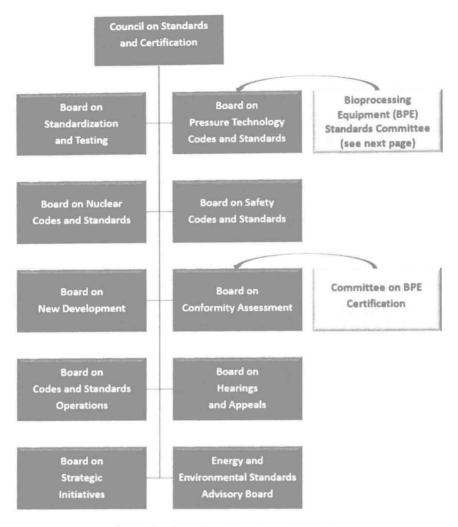


Figure 1 ASME boards and governing groups

Table 1 Subcommittee subject matter part identifiers

Part	Title	Part	Title
GR	General requirements	SG	Sealing components
SD	Systems design	PM	Polymeric materials
DT	Dimensions and tolerances	CR	Certification
MJ	Materials joining	MM	Metallic materials
SF	Surface finishes	PI	Process instrumentation

Each of the subcommittees is made up of a balanced membership wherein each member is assigned an interest category as follows:

- Designer/constructor (AC)—An organization performing design or designrelated services, fabrication or erection, or both
- General interest (AF)—Consultants, educators, research and development organization personnel, and public interest persons
- Manufacturer (AK)—An organization producing components or assemblies
- Material manufacturer (AM)—An organization producing materials or ancillary material-related accessories or component parts
- User (AW)—An organization utilizing processes and/or facilities covered by the applicable standards

No one classification shall be represented by more than one-third of the subcommittee membership. By maintaining this balanced membership, no single interest group, whether it be a manufacturer or end user, or any other group, can monopolize the decisions made and the topics discussed in the subcommittee meetings.

Heading up the committees and subcommittees are elected officers of those groups. Each committee, subcommittee, and task group will have a chair and vice-chair. And depending on the size and complexity of any subcommittee, they may also have multiple vice-chairs and a secretary. The secretary for the BPE Standards Committee is an ASME staff secretary that not only provides a direct in-house link to ASME but also helps the entire membership maneuver through the procedural maze now and then when such procedural questions arise.

A subtier of groups under that of the subcommittees are the task groups. These are ad hoc groups that are assembled for a specific task and report to a particular subcommittee. These groups are where the majority of work gets done in standards development and maintenance. Some projects these groups are tasked to do are relatively small. But rather than take up time trying to resolve an issue during a subcommittee meeting, the issue or task will be assigned a temporary number, and volunteers are asked to work on resolving such issues offline or outside the confines of the subcommittee meeting.

Other task group issues are much more complex and involved. These tasks may take years to resolve and prepare for the balloting process. The balloting process itself is rigorous in that a proposal has to obtain consensus approval at multiple stages of the balloting process. That is, a proposal is balloted at the subcommittee level, then at the standards committee level, then to the board level, and finally to ANSI for procedural approval.

At each step of the process, a consensus has to be reached and each negative response has to be responded to with an attempt made to resolve all objections. But a consensus does not require unanimous approval. It does require approval by a simple majority of all of those voting. And to document all of this, ASME uses a system titled C&S Connect, the C&S standing for Codes and Standards. The basis for these procedures is consistent with the principles established for the World Trade Organization's Technical Barriers to Trade Committee.

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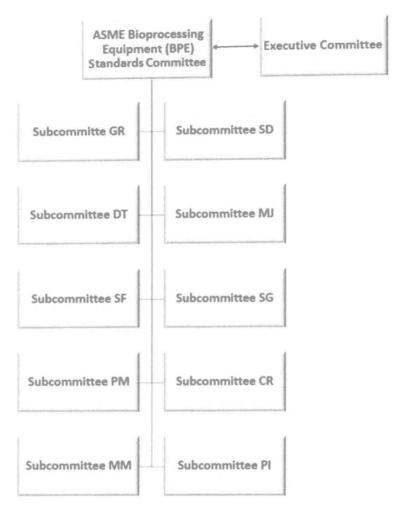


Figure 2 ASME BPE Standards Committee

The BPE Executive Committee, as seen in Figure 2, is a direct subset of the Standards Committee. This group is responsible for recommending approval or discharge of personnel and the governing of administrative items or actions as they relate to ASME policy and procedures. The vice-chair of the Standards Committee automatically serves as chair of the Executive Committee, and the chair of the Standards Committee automatically serves as vice-chair of the Executive Committee. Subcommittee chairs automatically hold membership to the Executive Committee, but membership on the Executive Committee beyond that does not require being a member of the Standards Committee.

In referring to Figure 1, there is an adjunct committee that is closely related to the Part CR subcommittee with the title of "Committee on BPE Certification" (CBPEC). This is a committee on its own and reports, as shown, to the Board on Conformity

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Assessment (BCA). I will refer you to Section 1.2 of this book for a very brief synopsis of the scope of Part CR and all of the other subcommittees. But to clarify here how these two groups, Part CR and the CBPEC, work together is relatively simple.

The Part CR subcommittee is the group that developed and maintains Part CR in the standard, which intrinsically defines what BPE Certification is and how it interacts with the standard. It defines what the requirements are for BPE Certification and provides guidance on how to become a BPE Certificate Holder.

The CBPEC is the assessment and enforcement arm of the certification process. This is the group that, in working with the BCA, performs audits of those applying for BPE Certification; they review the subsequent auditor's assessment report and then make a determination, based on the auditor's report and deliberation, whether or not to recommend approval of the applicant. The final decision on that point is made by the BCA.

BPE Standards Committee Meetings

All committee and subcommittee meetings of the BPE Standard are open to the public. The only meetings not open to the public are those meetings in which discussions and decisions regarding personnel are held. The CBPEC meetings are closed, but these are conformity assessment meetings that typically follow the meetings of the CR subcommittee and are not BPE meetings.

The BPE Standards meetings follow an evolved schedule that runs for four days, Monday through Thursday. The Monday meetings typically include sub-committees CR and GR and task group meetings for any active task groups that need to discuss and finalize any outstanding issue relating to a task group's work.

Most task group activity takes place between the three committee meetings each year via conference calls and e-mail communication. Depending on the complexity and scope of a task group, some discussions and resolution need to take place in a face-to-face setting. These are the meetings that are scheduled for the Monday task group meetings. Tuesday and Wednesday are the two days in which the balance of subcommittees will meet. Thursday is the Standards Committee meeting at which the Standards Committee reports and all subcommittees report on what transpired at each of their meetings during the week.

As mentioned, all meetings are generally open to the public. New attendees should know that they are free to visit any meeting at any time except as explained previously. Only members are permitted to vote on subcommittee business. But any visitor is free to voice an opinion or make a point during a tabled discussion. It should also be known that visitors to these meetings are eligible to participate in task group work. If a visitor is considering membership, their work on task groups elevates their possibility of being approved.

Up until 2016 the BPE Standards Committee met three times each year. These meetings were held each year in January, May/June, and September/October. As a trial run it was voted on and planned that the committee hold only two meetings in 2016, one meeting in January and a second meeting in September. This was to test the waters to see if the committee could maintain the same level of efficiency and production of work on the standard with only two meetings per year.

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A decision as to whether or not to remain with a two meeting per year format would not be decided upon until possibly the January 2017 meeting. That decision, I suspect, will be based largely on what is accomplished during 2016 and to what extent, good or bad, did the missing third meeting play a part.

Roster of Members

The following is a listing of all members of the ASME BPE Standards Committee and members of subcommittees reporting to the Standards Committee. The names are in alphabetical order and indicate if that person is a chair, vice-chair, or secretary of a committee or subcommittee and which subcommittees they are members of:

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EC - Executive Continuitee DT - Dimensions and Tolerances GR - General Requirements MJ - Materials Joining MM - Metalific Materials PT - Process Instrumentation PM - Polymeric Materials SC - Standards Committee	SD = Systems Design SF = Surface Fundres SG = Sealing Components	Contributing Member: an individual non-voting member whose on a committee is through reviews and comments on proposals (interbers shall possess the technical qualifications necessary for individual selected by the Standards committee to represent a ground outside of the US and Canada. Each group represented has provided interest in participating on BPE subcommittees.						osals. Co or individ es that th a group	ntributin inal votin cy are a of expert	
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Allord, Michael	NewAge Industries					PM				
Anant, Janmeet	EMD Millipore					PM				
Anderson, Paul	Northland Stainless Inc					MM				
Andrews, Jacob	Zenpure Americas, Inc.					PM				
Andrews, Todd	Colder Products Compan	ly .				PM				
Ankers, Jay	Ocean Alloys LLC	SC	E	C		SD	PI			
Anton, George	Qualtech Inc					PI				
Avery, Richard E	Nickel Institute					MM	SF			
Balmer, Melissa L.	Sanoti Pasteur		S	D		SC				
Banes, Patrick H	Astro Pak Corp.		S	F						
Barairi, David	Clifton Enterprises					SC	SG			
Benway, Ernest A	Ironwood Specialist Inc.					SC	GR!	MJ		
Bhaila, Kadeem	ITT Engineered Valves, I	LLC	N	4.1						
Bickel, Neill	Genentech					MJ	SF			
Billinyer, Bryan A	Central States Industrial I	Equip				SC	CR	DT	SD	
Blumenthal, Joel	Perceptual Focus LLC					БI	SG			
Bond, Richard	Anderson Instrument Co.					PI				
Bradley, Jeffrey L.	Eli Lilly and Co.					SD:	GR1	MI		
Bragg, Chuck J.	Burns Engineering, Inc.					Pl				
Brockmann, Dan	Alfa Laval Inc					CR	DT	SF		
Burg, William P.	DECCO Inc.				MJ	GR	MJ			
Cagne, William H	JSG, LLC					SC	EC	GR		
Campbell, Dr. Richard D., PE	Bechtel	MJ				SC	EC	GR	CR.	MM
Canty, Thomas	J M Canty Inc		P	1		SD				
Carl A. Johnson	Genentech Inc		_			SD				
Chapman, Chuck	Gemu Valves		_			DT	SD			
Chih-Feng, Kuo	King Lai International					SF				
Cirillo, Anthony P.	Cirillo Consulting Service		-			SC	ECI	GR	-	-
Cohen, Donald K	Michigan Métrology, LLs		_			SF!	-	-		-
Conley, Indumathi	DPS Engineering		-			SD		-		
Conn. Carlyle C	Top Line Process Equipn	ient Co	-		_	SF	2440	-		
Cook, Todd I	T & C Stainless, Inc.		-	-		MJ	SF	-		
Cooper, Mark	United Stanless		-			SF	101	-	-	-
Cosentino, Rodolfo	Giltec Ltda		-	-		DT	PI	CITY.	-	-
Cotter, Randolph A	Cotter Brothers Corporati		-	-		SC	MJ	SD	-	-
Crawley, Jere Daly, James	Jacobs Engineering Grou	p, me.	-	-		SD		-	-	
Daniels, James R., PE	BSI Engineering ITT Engineered Valves, I	175	+	-		SD	SF	-	-	-
Davis, Kenneth R.	Nordson Medical	alife.	-	-		DT	PM	1	-	-
Defee, John W.	Hoffer Flow Controls Inc		+	-		PI	6301	-	-	+
Defusco, Scan J	Integra Companies Inc.		-	-		PM	SG	-	-	-
Dubiel, Robert J.	Parker Hannifin			-		SG	27	+	-	-
Dunbar, Peter M	VNE Corporation		-	-	_	CR	DT	-	-	
Dvorscek, James	Abbott Laboratories	MJ	-	-	_	SC	EC	CR.	SD	-
Dymess, Albert D., PE.	Advent Engineering Inc.	NI)		D	_	SD	EU	CK	2D.	-
Elbich, Robert	Exigo Manufacturing		- 5	U.			There	-	-	-
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Elkins, Curtis W	Central States Industrial Equip				MI	SF		
Embury, Mark	ASEPCO	GR			EC.	EC	SD	
Esbensen, Preben	Alfa Laval Kolding A/S				SG			
Evans, Greg	Ace Sanitary				PM			
Featherston, Jan-Marc	Weed Instrument Co.				PI			
Feldman, Jason	Yula Corporation				SD			
Fisher, F. Burrell	Fisher Engineering				SC.	SD		
Fitts, Robert B	Spraying Systems Co				DT	GR		
Foley, Gerard P	PBM. Inc.				SG	SD		
Foley, Raymond F	DPS Engineering				DT:	SD		
Fortin, Jonathan	Lonza Group				SD			
Franks, John W.	Electrol Specialties Company				MM	SD.		
Fridman Tamara	Vanasyl LLC		PM	GR				
Fritz, James	TMR Stainless				MJ	MM		
Gallagher, Eoghan	Alkermes Pharma Ireland Ltd				ES			
Galvin, Paul G	GF Piping Systems LLC			PM	PM			
Cayer, Ms. Evelyn L.	Holloway America				CR	MJ	SF	
George, Daryl	Hallam IC'S				SD			
Gerra, Ronn	Shire Pharmaceuticals				SD			
Giffen, Jay	PBM Inc		1		SG	SF		
Gillespie, David A	BMW Constructors				CR	M3	MM	
Gleeson, John	Hamilton Company				Pi			
Gonzalez, Michelle M., PE.	Engineering Consultant				SC	CR	SF	
Gorbis, Vladama	Genentech Roche		CPI			1-17		
Govaert, Roger	Mettler Toledo Process Anal				PI			
Gregg, Bradley D	Top Line Process Equipment	-			SG			1 1
Gu, Mr. Zhenghui ²	Shanghai Morimatsu Pharma	_			SC	SD		
Guftzeit, Maik	GEA Lyophil GmbH				SD	2.4.5	1	
Haman, Scott	Fristain Pumps	_	_	-	SG	_	1	
Hamilton, Jody	RathGibson	_	SF	-	00	-	1	+ - +
Hanselka, Reinhard, PhD, PE		-	- SI		SC	MJ	SD	-
	CRB Engineers Wika Instruments, Ltd	_	-	-	GR	SG	31/	
Harper, Larry		+	-	-	MM	SF		-
Harrison, S. Tom	Harrison Electropolishing, LP		-	-		24		-
Hartner, Scott M. PE	Baxalta US, Inc.	_	-	-	SD	-	-	-
Harvey, Tom	Gemu Valves, Inc	_	-		SG	0.0	-	-
Helmke, Dennis R	Flow Products LLC	_	-		CR	SG	1000	
Henon, Dr. Barbata K	Magnatech LLC	_		-	SC	MJ	SF1	
Hobick, Troy L.	Holland Applied Technologies	_	CR	-	SD	_	-	
Hogenson Dr. David	Amgen				SD		-	
Hohmann, Michael A	Quality Coalescence				SC	CR	GR	MJ
Hustt William M	W. M. Huitt Company				GR	CR	MJ	MM
Hutton, L. T.	Arkema Inc		PM		SC	CR	MJ	
Inoue, Mikio	Funkin Inc				SG	SD		
Irish, Declan	Carten-Fujikin				SG			
Jam, Mukesh K	W.L. Gore & Associates				PM			
Janousek, John	Abbott				SD			
Jensen, Bo B B	Alfa Laval		SD		SD			
Johnson, Carl A	Genentech Inc				SC	SG		
Johnson, Michael W	Entegris				PM			
Juntsch, Daruel	Zeta Biopharma Gmbh				MJ			
Kelleher, Ciaran	Janssen Supply Chain				SG	SD		
Kettermann, Carl	RathGibson	CR			SC	EC	MJ	MM
Kimbrel, Kenneth ()	Ultraclean Electropolish Inc	SF			SC	EC	CR	
Klees, Daniel T	Magnetrol International, Inc.	PI			SC	EC		
Klitgaard, Lars Beck	NNE Pharmaplan				SD			
Knox, Marianne	W. L. Gore & Associates				PM			
Kollar, Csilla	Dow Coming Corporation				PM			
Kranzpiller, Johann	GEA Tuchenhagen GmbH				ES			
Kresge, Ms. Denise	CRB Consulting Engineers				Pl			
Kroehnert, Gerhard	Neumo				DT	DT	SF	
Kubera, Paul M.	ABEC, Inc.				SG	SD	100	
Kwilosz, David	Elanco Global Engineering			PI	GR	Pl		
Lamore, Andrew	Burkert Fluid Control Systems	_			PI	1.5		-
Larkin, Thomas Jr	Amgen	-			PM			
arsen, John D.	DCI, Inc				SD		1	_
Lisboa, Ivan	RathGibson	-		-		DVE	-	-
Mahar Jeffrey T		-			SC	DT	DVC	
	3M Purification	_			SC	SD	PM	
Manfredi, Marcello	ZDL Componentes De Proc.	-	FOOT	-	DT	7101	-	
Manning, Frank	VNE Corp		DT		SC	SF		
Manser, Rolf	DCI, Inc				SD			
Marks, David M., PE	DME	SD			SC	EC		
Marshall, Jeff	Perngo-Inc				SG			
Matheis, Kenneth J. Sr.	Complete Automation Inc.				CR	MJ	MM	

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McCauley Nicholas S	A&B Process Systems				MJ				
McClune, Paul L. Jr	ITT Pure-Flo				DT				
McCuno Domal P	Allegheny Bradford Corp			-	MM	SD.	-	-	-
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McGomgle, Robert	Active Chemical Corp.	-	-	CT	SF:	0.0	SD	+	-
Michalak, Ryan A.	Eli Lilly and Co.	+	+	SD	S	SG	512	_	-
Minor, John W., PE	Paul Mueller Co	-	-	+	GR PM	SD	+	-	-
Mogul, Rehan	Crane Flow Technologies Ltd	-	-	+	SD	20	+	+	-
Monachello, John F	SP INDUSTRIES	-	-	+	SE	+	+	-	
Mondello, Matthew	MECO	-	+	-	121	-	+	_	-
Montgomery, Gabe	Tank Components Industries NNE Pharmaplan A/S	-	+	+	SD	-	1		_
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Muller, Scott R.	Hitachi, Ltd.	+	-	+	S	+	+	_	-
Murakami, Ser	SCIP Inc	+	1	+	PI	_	+	_	_
Nerstad, Joseph Richard Norton, Vickie L	SOR, Inc. T&C Stainless Clark-Reliance Corporation	+	+	+	GR	_	1	_	_
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Pacheco, Christopher N., PE	Amgen				SC	SG	SD		
Page, George W. Jr.	Page Solutions				SG	SD			
Parker, Alton K. Jr	W.L. Gore and Associates Inc.				SG				
Pelletier, Marc PHD	CRB Engineers	EC	SC		GR	SD			
Peterman, Lloyd J.	United Industries Inc.				SC	DT	SF		
Petrillo, Peter A.	Millennium Facilities Resources				PI PI	SF			
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Pitchford, Ernic	Parker Hannifin Corp				PM				
Pitelaj, Steve	Garlock Sealing Technologies				SG				
Placide, Gilbert	Crosspoint Engineering				PI				
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Powell, Alan L.	Merck & Co. Retired				SG	SD			
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Ratt, Dr. Jan	Dockweiler AG		MM		SF				
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Roll, Daryl L., PE	Astro Pak Corporation	-		-	MM		-		
Roth, William L., PE	Procter & Gamble Company	-	MJ		SC	CR	MM		
Sams, William R.	Richards Industries	-	_		SG		_		
Schmidt, Neil A., PE	Boccard Life Sciences	-	-	MM	MM				
Schnell, Russell W	DuPont Company	-	-	-	PM	SG	-	-	_
Schroder, Richard	Newman Gasket	+	-	-	PM	SG	-	-	-
Sedivy, Paul D Seibert, Kathy	RathGibson Abee Inc	+	-	-	SF	-	-	-	-
Seiler, David A	Arkema inc.	+	-	-	PM		-	-	
Shankar, Ravi	Endress - Hauser USA	+	-	-	PI	-	-	-	-
Sharon, Steven	Genenteck, Inc.	+	-	-	PI	SD	-	-	
Sisto, David P.	Punty Systems Inc.		-	-	MI	OLA.	-	-	
Smith, Robert A.	Flowserve Corp	+		_	SG		-	-	-
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Solamon, Michael S	Feldmeier Equipment Inc.	_			MJ	SF	30	+	
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To my wife
Doris
My children and their spouses
Monique and Michael
Robert and Daryl
And my grandchildren
Connor, Shayfer, and Willamina
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