



## **PUB-105: INCOSE WG Products as Collective Works – 23 June 2022**

### **Purpose**

This policy establishes the guidelines for participation in an INCOSE working group to develop a technical product in a collaborative environment during meetings such that the product is developed by the group rather than being attributed to individual contributors.

Unlike INCOSE periodicals and event proceedings, for which copyright is held by the authors (or their employer), technical products developed within working groups are treated as a “collective work” under copyright law. When the product is developed using collaboration in WG meetings, the work is the product of the group rather than an individual; copyright is owned by INCOSE.

### **Applicability**

Any material developed during meetings or other correspondence is presumed to be a collective work, whether originating from WG discussions or editing meetings, except as noted below.

The WG may also use “preexisting materials”, in which case the copyright owner must be identified in the technical product. If this is an original work by one of the WG members, an INCOSE IP release form is required for that contribution. If the original work has not transferred rights to INCOSE, the WG must obtain permission from the copyright owner. Typical examples include figures or definitions.

### **Definitions**

A “compilation” is a work formed by the collection and assembling of preexisting materials or of data that are selected, coordinated, or arranged in such a way that the resulting work constitutes an original work of authorship. (Source: US Copyright law).

### **Related Policies**

ADM-103: Intellectual Property

### **Related Procedures**

N/A

**SUPERSEDES:** Not applicable; this is a new policy.

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