

FACTS ABOUT ACCREDITED STANDARDS COMMITTEE X9 – FINANCIAL INDUSTRY GLOBAL STANDARDS



If the financial industry did not follow standards, we would soon notice. This is because standards make an enormous contribution to our industry—even though the contribution is often invisible, or taken for granted. Every day, we come in contact with financial standards - the size of a paper check, protocols for messaging, electronic security systems, and paperless contracts are just a few. Standards simplify our lives, increase productivity, and allow interoperability and straight through processing in banking and financial services. Accredited Standards Committee X9, Inc. or more simply X9, takes the lead in developing the technical financial industry standards needed to act efficiently and competitively in the market place. Join today visit - <https://x9.org/join-x9/membership-application/> to become a member.

WHAT IS X9?

X9 develops, maintains and promotes standards for the financial services industry to facilitate the delivery of financial products. It focuses on current and future standard needs of the financial services industry and participates in and grows the development of international standards. X9 is an independent non-profit corporation comprised of its Board, technical subcommittees and working groups.

The Board is the consensus body, voting on acceptance/rejection of X9 standards for submittal to ANSI to become American National Standards. The organization naturally divides into expert subcommittees and reporting to them working groups.

X9's subcommittees have domain over specific subject areas:

- X9AB** - Payments (Retail, Cards, Checks, Mobile Payments)
- X9C** - Corporate Banking (B to B, BTRS)
- X9D** - Securities
- X9F** - Data and Information Security

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Depending on the level of membership, X9 members receive:

- **Voting privileges** on American National and ISO standards, technical reports, new work items, X9 policy and leadership positions,
- **Opportunity** to be a Board of Director member,
- **Participate** on multiple subcommittees and working groups,
- **Serve** on Board, Executive or Management Committees,
- **Represent** the USA internationally at ISO/TC68 or other TC Subcommittees,
- **Access** to all draft standards both ISO and ANS and full X9 collection of standards - free of charge,
- **Full access** to the X9 website member workspace,
- **Ability** to help direct and anticipate the needs of the financial industry and provide leadership in the development of financial industry standards,
- **Develop** unique peer-to-peer technical based relationships.

X9 MEMBERSHIP

More than 140 companies/organizations, with more than 800 participants are members of organizations representing:

- **Banks**
- **Vendors & Suppliers**
- **Corporate Practitioners**
- **Government Agencies**
- **Auditors**
- **Associations**
- **Securities Firms**
- **Depositories**
- **Security Consultants**
- **Regulators**

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

X9 is the USA Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to the International Technical Committee on Financial Services (TC68) under the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), based in Geneva, Switzerland.

As the USA/TAG, X9 provides the U.S. vote on proposed international standards and authorizes representatives from X9 member organizations to serve as delegates and experts on international working groups and committees and to represent USA positions. Many X9 developed standards become international (ISO) standards.

X9 approves voting members in the ISO 20022 RMG which is made up of senior industry banking experts nominated by ISO TC68. The RMG is the highest standards registration body. It monitors the overall registration process and reports directly to ISO/TC68.

For more information, contact admin@x9.org or visit X9's website <https://x9.org/>.

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ASC X9 has four membership categories each offering benefits to various organizations. Top membership levels provide participants with extra privileges and responsibilities important to leading organizations. The following is a listing of categories:

Category A – Board Level: \$8750

Description: The Category A membership provides an organization with the opportunity to name a representative to the ASC X9's Board of Directors. Category A members belong to and participate in multiple subcommittees and their working groups. The Category A member votes on new work projects, standards, the association's procedures/ policies, and directs the work of all subcommittees and working groups.

Benefits: The Category A member may represent the U.S. internationally. The Category A member may serve as an X9 Subcommittee chairman. Category A membership allows for Board membership, voting privileges (including USA TAG participant voting on all international standards) and the ability to participate on all Subcommittees and all Working Groups. Members in this category also receive access to the entire X9 collection of standards free of charge and the rights to develop and vote on X9 policy.

Category B- Subcommittee Voting Privileges: \$5,200

Description: Category B membership provides an organization with voting privileges on a single X9 subcommittee and access to that subcommittee's working groups. A Category B member votes on the standards under their subcommittee of choice.

Benefits: Category B members receive member access to X9's website and the full collection of X9 standards and can download all X9 Standards and Technical Guidelines free of charge. Such members also have voting privileges on one Subcommittee and ability to participate in all working groups within that Subcommittee.

Category C- Small Firm and Limited Voting: \$2,750

Description: Members of Category C have access to one subcommittee and the ability to vote and participate on all standards in that single subcommittee. The Company must qualify for this level which is open to organizations with gross revenues of less than \$1 million and who employ fewer than 100 persons (letter of confirmation required from CPA or other financial person in organization).

Eligibility: Executive approval

Benefits: Category C members voting privileges are for ballots related to a single X9 subcommittee and access to that subcommittee's working groups. Category C members receive member access to X9's website and can download all X9 Standards and Technical Guidelines free of charge.

Category E- Working Group Only: \$1,400

Description: The Category E membership limits participation to a single ASC X9 national/US Working Group (domestic) and a non-voting level membership. This is access for one individual for each membership.

Benefits: Category E members are provided access to the document(s) under development in the working group of their choice.



Membership Enrollment Application

Name of Organization _____ Enrollment Date (mm/yyyy) _____

Category Levels

Please select the appropriate Category for your organization:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Category A \$8,750 | <input type="checkbox"/> Category C \$2,750 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Category B \$5,200 | <input type="checkbox"/> Category E \$1,400 |

(Categories A, B, and C, have free access to all ASC X9, Inc. standards on the www.x9.org website.)

Working Groups

Please indicate the Working Group(s) you would like to participate in:

(e.g., X9F1) _____

Subcommittees

Please select the subcommittees that interest you:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> X9AB Payments | <input type="checkbox"/> X9D Securities Processing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X9C Credit | <input type="checkbox"/> X9F Data and Information Security |

Please complete both sections below.

Principal Contact

Name _____ Title _____
 Organization _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Alternate Contact

Name _____ Title _____
 Organization _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Method of Payment

- Check enclosed (Make check payable to Accredited Standards Committee X9, Inc.)
 Discover VISA MasterCard American Express

Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____ Date _____

We, _____, understand that we are making application to join ASC X9, Inc. as a member. We understand that upon receipt of our application and membership dues by ASC X9, Inc. they will provide appropriate access to the member side of the ASC X9, Inc. website. We have read, understand and will accept ASC X9's Membership Policy.

Signature _____

Date _____