Proposed IEEE 802 Rules Changes on Sponsor Membership and Confirmation

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# Abstract

This document proposes changes to the IEEE Project 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee Sponsor Policies and Procedures (LMSC P&P) and the IEEE Project 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee Operations Manual (LMSC OM) to clarify sponsor membership and confirmation requirements.

# Purpose

To clarify ambiguity in the current LMSC rules with regard to important elements of the Sponsor Membership and Confirmation requirements.

# Proposal

Annexes 1 and 2 of this contribution propose revision of the LMSC P&P and LMSC OM, per the following terms:

(1) Revision of the LMSC P&P, per Clause 12 of the LMSC P&P:

***12. Revision of Sponsor P&P***

*Revisions to these P&P shall be submitted to the sponsor no less than 30 days in advance of a motion (or conclusion of an electronic ballot) to approve them. Amendments in response to comments on the P&P are permitted. Insufficient time to consider complex amendments is a valid reason to vote disapprove. A motion to revise the Sponsor P&P shall require a vote of approve by at least two thirds of all members of the Sponsor.*

(2) Revision of the LMSC OM, per Subclause 4.1.4 of the LMSC OM:

***4.1.4*** ***Revision of the IEEE 802 LMSC OM and IEEE 802 LMSC WG P&P***

*This OM and the IEEE 802 LMSC WG P&P may be revised as follows.*

*Revisions to these documents shall be submitted by a Sponsor member to the Sponsor no less than 30 day in advance of a Sponsor Vote to approve them. The Sponsor member proposing the revision may modify the proposed revision during the 30 days prior to a Sponsor Vote (in response to comments). Insufficient time to consider complex modifications is a valid reason to vote disapprove. A motion to revise these documents shall require a vote of approve by at least two thirds of all members of the Sponsor. Votes to approve revisions shall be taken at a plenary session. If approved, revisions become effective at the end of the plenary session where the votes were taken.*

Annex 1: Proposed changes to IEEE Project 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee Sponsor Policies and Procedures (IEEE 802 LMSC P&P)

# 4. Membership

Membership of the LMSC Sponsor is composed of the following voting members:

*Chairs of Active WGs*

*Chairs of the TAGs*

*Officers as defined in Clause 3*

In addition, the LMSC Sponsor may include the following non-voting members:

*Members Emeritus*

*Chairs of Hibernating WGs*

*Acting positions (prior to confirmation)*

Appointment to each non-voting membership position is subject to confirmation by the Sponsor. The term for each of these positions ends at close of the first plenary session of each even numbered year.

[Rationale: The current rules do not state a term for any of the non-voting positions or a confirmation requirement.]

All members of the LMSC Sponsor shall be members or affiliates of the IEEE-SA and either the IEEE or the IEEE Computer Society.

## 4.1 Voting membership

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Any person to be confirmed or elected by the Sponsor shall, prior to confirmation by the Sponsor, file with the Recording Secretary a letter of endorsement from their supporting entity.

[Rationale: The current rules are not explicit regarding the need for an endorsement letter for the elected position of Sponsor Chair. All other Sponsor membership positions explicitly require confirmation.]

## 5.1 Working Groups

The function and operation of Working Groups, including the requirements for election and confirmation of officers, are described in the IEEE 802 LMSC Working Group Policies and Procedures.

Prior to the Sponsor forwarding a PAR to the IEEE-SA Standards Board for approval...

[Rationale: The current LMSC P&P does not specify the status of, or even reference, the IEEE 802 LMSC Working Group Policies and Procedures. This changes would give the WG P&P status within the LMSC P&P. Also, the requirement for Sponsor confirmation of WG Chairs and Vice Chairs, though stated in the WG P&P, is not stated in the current LMSC P&P, but it should be.]

Annex 2: Proposed changes to IEEE Project 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee Operations Manual

***4.2 IEEE 802 LMSC WGs***

The function and operation of WGs is described in the IEEE 802 LMSC Working Group Policies

and Procedures (IEEE 802 LMSC WG P&P).

[Rationale: This sentence is completely of out place and makes no sense out of context.]

**13. Procedure A: Conditional Approval to Forward a Draft Standard**

[Rationale: It will be easier to use and refer to procedures explicitly if they are given a fixed designation. New procedures can be added at the end. Clause renumbering will not affect the procedure designation.]

**14. Procedure B: Coexistence Assurance**

[Rationale: It will be easier to use and refer to procedures explicitly if they are given a fixed designation. New procedures can be added at the end. Clause renumbering will not affect the procedure designation.]

**15. Procedure C: Confirmation of Sponsor Members and WG Vice Chairs**

Consistent with the IEEE 802 LMSC Policies and Procedures and the IEEE 802 LMSC Working Group Policies and Procedures, the following procedures apply to the Sponsor Member positions:

\*the term for all Members of the Sponsor ends at close of the first plenary session of each even numbered year

\*the Sponsor Chair is elected by the members of the Sponsor; all other positions require the confirmation of the Sponsor

\*the positions of LMSC Vice Chair(s), LMSC Executive Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Member(s) Emeritus are appointed by the LMSC Chair

\*Chairs of the WGs and TAGs are subject to election by the subgroup, per the IEEE 802 LMSC Working Group Policies and Procedures

A letter of endorsement, per subclause 4.1 of the IEEE 802 LMSC Working Group Policies and Procedures, is required for confirmation or election of any person by the Sponsor, and for confirmation to the position of Vice Chair of any WG or TAG.

[Rationale: It will be convenient to establish explicit procedures, in one place, to guide the election and confirmation process. This text brings together information that is currently scattered. It also adds one specific procedure that is otherwise ambiguous; namely, that the Member(s) Emeritus are appointed by the LMSC Chair. It would be better for the procedure to be extended with further procedural details to guide the election administration.]