

Proposed rule changes for March 2014

Guidelines for IEEE-SA Meetings

- ▣ **All IEEE-SA standards meetings shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable laws, including antitrust and competition laws.**
- ▣ **Don't discuss the interpretation, validity, or essentiality of patents/patent claims.**
- ▣ **Don't discuss specific license rates, terms, or conditions.**
 - ▣ Relative costs, including licensing costs of essential patent claims, of different technical approaches may be discussed in standards development meetings.
 - ▣ Technical considerations remain primary focus
- ▣ **Don't discuss or engage in the fixing of product prices, allocation of customers, or division of sales markets.**
- ▣ **Don't discuss the status or substance of ongoing or threatened litigation.**
- ▣ **Don't be silent if inappropriate topics are discussed... do formally object.**

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10.0 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 voting members of the Sponsor.
- We have 6 officers, 10 voting WG/TAG chairs (one overlap)
 - 15 voting members, 2/3 approval is 10 affirmative votes

4.1.5 Revision of OM and WG P&P

- 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 voting 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.
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Proposed P&P changes

Editorial

- Issue: Some instances of “802” with out preceding “IEEE”
- Proposed Resolution: Search and replace all “802” with “IEEE 802” when the preceding acronym is not present
 - For example, see 5.2, fourth paragraph.

Hibernating WG Chairs

- In 5.2.1, change as shown:
 - Hibernating WG Chairs become Non-Voting Members of the Sponsor after their WG enters hibernation. The Sponsor Chair may appoint new ~~non-voting~~ hibernating WG Chairs to replace vacancies as soon as practical, subject to confirmation by the Sponsor at the next plenary meeting. A ~~non-voting~~ hibernating WG Chair of the Sponsor shall be recognized as a full member of the Sponsor, having all rights and meeting privileges except the right of voting on Sponsor motions.

Voting membership clarification

- Pointed out in July 2013 (rewrite?)
- 4.1 Voting membership
 - “Members of the Sponsor that are entitled to have voting rights, obtain voting rights at the end of the plenary session where they are first confirmed or elected by the Sponsor. If election/appointment and confirmation by the Sponsor occur outside a plenary session, that member receives voting rights immediately upon Confirmation.”

Election of Sponsor Chair

- Change 3.1 to be:
 - The Sponsor Chair is elected by the WG Chairs and TAG Chairs who are Voting Members ~~members~~ of the Sponsor and is confirmed by the Standards Activities Board.

Removal of non-voting members

- Add to the end of 4.0
 - A Non-Voting Member may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Voting Members of the Sponsor. Grounds for removal shall be included in any motion to remove a Non-Voting Member. The Non-Voting Member suggested for removal shall be given an opportunity to make a rebuttal prior to the vote on the motion for removal.

WG P&P proposed changes

Remove term limits

- Delete from 6.2
 - An officer who wishes to run for election who has held the office for five (5) or more full or partial terms shall seek permission from the WG. Any full or partial terms for that office count towards this requirement even if not held consecutively. Permission to run shall be sought at the plenary session prior to the session when the election will be held.

Maintaining credit

- Add new subclause to “7.2 WG membership status” titled “Maintaining credit”
 - To encourage attendance in certain target WGs whose subject matter is of significance to a WG, the WG Chair may designate other WGs as target groups.
 - A home group is a WG or TAG in which a person is a member (i.e., has voting rights). A target group is a WG or TAG in which the person is attending and the WG Chair of the home group has approved as target group. Maintaining credit is meeting participation credit that is registered in the home group while the person is attending a meeting in the target group.

Maintaining credit (cont)

- Continuing with a new paragraph
 - The Chair of the home group shall determine if maintaining credit will be allowed for that home group while attending a target group. A person registering attendance in a target group shall obtain attendance credit in the persons home group and the target group. If the person has more than one home group for which the Chair of the home group has allowed maintaining credit, then the person shall select which home group for which they will be given credit.

WG Chair session credit

- Change the following line in 7.2.1 as shown:
 - Membership may be declared at the discretion of the WG Chair (e.g., for contributors by correspondence or other significant contributions to the WG). The WG Chair may authorize meeting attendance credit for individuals while on activities approved by the WG Chair.

Ex-officio members

- Add to 7.2 “Ex-officio members are allowed to vote on any WG motion or ballot, but are not counted towards quorum requirements or ballot return requirements if they don't vote.”

Changes to Chair's Guidelines

Relax commercialization restrictions

- Add to the end of 2.6 in IEEE 802 LMSC CG
- The Sponsor Chair may allow any of the following for a company that provides financial sponsorship for an IEEE 802 session:
 - Logos on meeting website, badges and signage, Host can provide additional signage i.e. banners)
 - Logos on t-shirts and lanyards (provided by Host)
 - Public acknowledgement by the IEEE 802 at the Plenary
 - Limited number of complimentary registrations for the meeting and an earlier meeting for Host personnel to aid in preparation.
 - Limited product exhibition space
 - Table for literature and pop-up banner, outside meeting rooms only.
 - Social media promotion
 - Speaking opportunity at reception, plenary or tutorial, but not a product pitch
 - Joint press release