

# Rules meetings for May 2021

# 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 of different technical approaches that include relative costs of patent licensing terms may be discussed in standards development meetings.
      - Technical considerations remain the 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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For more details, see IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual, clause 5.3.10 and  
Antitrust and Competition Policy: What You Need to Know at  
<http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/antitrust.pdf>

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# Participant behavior in IEEE-SA activities is guided by the IEEE Codes of Ethics & Conduct

- All participants in IEEE-SA activities are expected to adhere to the core principles underlying the:
  - IEEE Code of Ethics
  - IEEE Code of Conduct
- The core principles of the IEEE Codes of Ethics & Conduct are to:
  - Uphold the highest standards of integrity, responsible behavior, and ethical and professional conduct
  - Treat people fairly and with respect, to not engage in harassment, discrimination, or retaliation, and to protect people's privacy.
  - Avoid injuring others, their property, reputation, or employment by false or malicious action
- The most recent versions of these Codes are available at <http://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/governance>

# Information for Attendees

- Patent Policy, Patent FAQ, Antitrust guidelines, Patent Tutorial, Patent information in the IEEE Standards Companion, what you need to know about standards and the law, the LOA form, the LOA cover letter, the LOA database and the LOA process flowchart.
  - <https://standards.ieee.org/about/sasb/patcom/materials.html>
  - <https://standards.ieee.org/about/sasb/patcom/patents.html>
- Affiliations FAQ:
  - <http://standards.ieee.org/faqs/affiliation.html>
- Ethics policy:
  - <https://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/governance/p7-8.html>
- Copyright for Contributions to IEEE Standards Development
  - <https://standards.ieee.org/ipr/index.html>

# Items for May 19 Call

# Agenda

- Review participation information
- LMSC Mission and Purpose Statement review
- Addressing Participants Concerns
- Defining participation credit for F2F and electronic interim sessions
- LMSC Monthly Meetings: OM addition?
- WG P&P Update

# Mission and Purpose of LMSC

- IEEE 802 develops and maintain standards specifying data link and physical layer protocols to support packet transmission and delivery among network-layer clients.
  - 1) Protocols are specified for various physical channels with sufficient detail to allow multi-vendor interoperability across the interfaces to the communication medium.
  - 2) Interoperability is also specified for transmission of network-layer packets via a set of data links.
  - 3) Supplementary specifications detail related functionality, including control, management, channel coexistence, and power distribution.
  - 4) Supporting outputs include future-looking documentation, standards body interactions, and regulatory contributions.

# Addressing Participants Concerns

- Review ec-20-0236-00-00EC



# Defining Participation Credit, OM

- 5. IEEE 802 LMSC sessions
  - “Additionally, IEEE 802 TAGs are allowed to have electronic meetings to make decisions between meetings, but such meetings do not count for participation credit.”
  - “The WG Chair may designate specific individual experts who are allowed to participate in WG discussions ... they are not required to pay meeting fees and they do not get participation credit.”
- 5.4 Registration Policy
  - Participation credit is revoked if registration fee not paid.

# WG P&P Participation Credit

- In the new baseline, what we call participation is called attendance
- The following text is from our current WG P&P, it will be modified some for the new WG P&P.
- The question we have is: How does participation credit work with electronic meetings?

## 4.2.1 Establishment

- All persons that achieve participation credit for the initial session of a Working Group become members of the Working Group. Thereafter, membership in a Working Group is established by achieving participation credit at the sessions of the Working Group for two out of the last four plenary sessions; one duly constituted recent interim Working Group or Task Group session may be substituted for one of the two plenary sessions required to establish membership. A recent interim is any of the interims after the first of the four most recent plenaries.

## 4.2.1 Establishment (cont.)

- Participation credit at a meeting is granted for at least 75% presence at that meeting. Participation credit at a session is defined as participating in meetings during at least 75% of the meetings slots (designated as required) for participation credit at that session. Membership starts at the third plenary session attended by the participant.
- Membership may be declared at the discretion of the Working Group Chair (e.g., for contributors by correspondence or other significant contributions to the Working Group). The Working Group Chair may authorize meeting attendance credit for individuals while on activities approved by the Working Group Chair.

## 4.2.2 Retention

- Membership is retained by participating in at least two of the last four plenary sessions. One duly constituted recent interim Working Group or task group session may be substituted for one of the two plenary sessions.
- In 4.2.3 “Persons who do not retain membership, as described in 4.2.2 Retention, lose membership but this does not cause the loss of previous participation credit.”

## 4.2.4 Maintaining credit

- A home group is a Working Group or TAG in which a person is a member (i.e., has voting rights). A target group is a Working Group or TAG in which the person is attending and the Working Group 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.
- 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.

# Missing items?

- What is an interim session
  - How is it declared (date, duration, etc.)
  - Who declares it to be an interim session?
    - Are there basic requirements?
    - Declared by the WG or TAG Chair, as many sessions as required by the work of the group.
- Which meetings count as part of the interim session
  - Declared by agenda, most likely
- Other issues?
  - “may be substituted” – change to specify which interim sessions may be substituted
  - Make it clear that an interim session (face to face or electronic) counts.
  - Move all participation credit to the WG P&P
  - Should electronic meetings be allowed as an interim session credit?

# LMSC Monthly meetings

- Teleconferences are in CG (proposed for 4.4) now, probably should move to OM
- Currently says:
  - Tentatively, the LMSC Interim Teleconference is to be held on the 1st Tues of Feb, June, and Oct. The actual date is confirmed by the LMSC during the closing plenary prior to the interim meeting.
- Update to include other months?
- Do we need to confirm the date or simply use the 15 day rule?
- Other updates?



# WG P&P Update

- Newest baseline changes technical approval from 75% to 2/3
  - Older baseline provides option
  - Do we want to change this?
- Proposed update in ec-18-0104-06-0PNP-proposed-802-wg-pnp.doc