

July 2021 Rules Report and Motions

Changes to Chair's Guidelines

Background

- The goal here was to re-organize the Chair's Guidelines into three distinct areas:
 - Guidelines
 - Interpretations
 - LMSC Policy decisions (aka, binding motions).
- This is reflected in the current proposed document,
 - <https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/21/ec-21-0108-03-00EC-proposed-chairs-guidelines-v31.odt>
 - Revision 3, editorial changes from Revision 2

Changes to Chair's Guidelines

- This motion is brought under the normal process of approving actions of the Sponsor.
- Motion: The EC approves ec-21-0108-03 as the IEEE 802 LMSC Chair's Guidelines.
- Moved: Gilb
- Second:

Changes to WG P&P and OM

Background

- Updating the LMSC P&P triggered a review of one of the WG P&Ps
- We have one P&P for all WGs
- We magically had to update to the 2020 baseline, not the 2017 baseline we had been editing.
- I think I have a possible candidate for the WG P&P (ec-18-0104-08)
 - <https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/18/ec-18-0104-08-0PNP-proposed-802-wg-pnp.doc>
- But, it requires simultaneous edits to the OM and CG
 - Proposed OM (ec-21-0169-00) is at:
 - <https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/21/ec-21-0169-00-00EC-proposed-om.odt>

• Discussion follows

Various updates

- 3.2 Term Limits: “An officer should serve no more than two consecutive terms ...”
- Add to 4.2 Voting Membership
 - A duly constituted interim session is a one that has been declared by the Working Group Chair to be an interim Working Group or Task Group session.
- 4.2.1
 - Their ~~existing attendances~~ previous session attendance credit do not count towards regaining voting membership.

Updates to 3.4 Removal of Officers

This clause may be modified, but shall include an opportunity for rebuttal by the officer suggested for removal.

An officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the voting members of the Working Group meeting in Executive Session. The meeting shall not be Chaired by the officer suggested for removal. Grounds for removal shall be included in any motion to remove an officer of the Working Group. The officer suggested for removal shall be given an opportunity to make a rebuttal during the Executive Session, and shall leave the Executive Session directly after responding to questions pertinent to the rebuttal and, prior to the discussion and ~~prior to the~~ vote on the motion for removal.

Removal of officers requires notification to and affirmation by the Standards Committee.

Updates to 4.4 Review of Membership

The clause may be modified. Text in brackets may be removed. Remove the brackets around text that is retained.

Membership privileges may be lost through persistent violation of the fundamental principles of standards development or disregard of standards of conduct (see Clause 1 of these P&P).

The Chair shall review the list of voting members at least annually. Voting members are expected to fulfill the ~~obligations~~ requirements of active participation as defined in Clause 4.2. When a voting member ~~is found in habitual default of~~ does not meet these obligations, the Chair shall consider the matter for appropriate action, which may include ~~termination of membership~~ a change in membership status and the loss of voting rights.

The Chair may “specially maintain” a voting member’s status that would otherwise be lost by failing to meet their obligations. Reasons for such an action might include consideration of personal hardship, medical emergency or outstanding contributions.

The Chair shall, at least annually, review the status of any members that are specially maintained to validate that the reasons are still applicable.

When the Chair takes action regarding an individual’s membership status, the Chair shall notify the individual of their new status, along with the reason the action was taken.

Additions from new baseline

- Added by SA to 6. Meetings
 - Participants shall be asked to state their employer and affiliation at each Working Group meeting as required by the IEEE SA Standards Board Operations Manual clause on “Disclosure of affiliation.”
- Added by SA to 6.4 Minutes
 - Minutes shall be published to meeting attendees within 60 calendar days of the end of the meeting.

6.1 Quorum

- ... When the voting membership is fewer than 50 voting members, a quorum shall be defined as a majority of the current total voting membership. When the voting membership is 50 or more voting members, a quorum shall be defined as 50% of the current total voting membership or 26 whichever is greater. Voting members who recuse themselves shall not be counted in the equation to determine whether a quorum exists.

6.1 Quorum (cont.)

- We have added in the past:
 - No quorum is required at meetings held in conjunction with the plenary session since the plenary session time and place is established well in advance. No quorum is required for any Working Group meeting publicly announced at least 45 days in advance. A quorum is required at other Working Group meetings.
- This may cause issues and get rejected.
- As an alternative
 - modify 6.1 to say a minimum of 10% or 26 (whichever is greater) for regularly scheduled meetings, and a minimum of 50% or 26 (whichever is greater) for ones that are not.
- May still have issues. Which should we try first?

Changes related to WG P&P

- Move 6.2, directed position, to WG P&P
- Move 4.4 IEEE 802 EC interim teleconference meeting from Chair's Guidelines to OM in some nice location

6.4 WG Voting

The IEEE 802 LMSC requires that Working Groups achieve a three-fourths approval for specific actions.

A three-fourths approval vote is defined as either:

- a) At a meeting (including teleconferences) where quorum has been established, a vote carried by three-fourths approval of the votes cast (i.e., Approve or Do Not Approve votes, excluding abstentions) by the voting members in attendance.
- b) By electronic means (including email), a vote carried by three-fourths of the votes cast (i.e., Approve or Do Not Approve votes, excluding abstentions), provided a majority of all the voting members of the Working Group responded.

6.4 (continued)

The following actions require approval by three-fourths vote:

- a) Approval of change of the Working Group scope*;
- b) Establishment of fees, if necessary;
- c) Approval to move the draft standards to the Standards Committee for Standards Association ballot*;
- d) Any matter regarding the establishment or modification of a PAR or CSD;
- e) Adoption of content into a draft standard, any non-editorial change to a draft standard and approval of a draft standard;
- f) Initiate officer elections other than at the first plenary session of even numbered years;
- g) Adoption of an Operations Manual or revisions thereof;
- h) Formation of a subgroup (with the exception of a Working Group PAR Study Group or industry connections activity) including its procedures, scope, and duties;
- i) Disbandment of a subgroup when no other provisions to disband are in place or prior to its completion;
- j) Approval of public statements;
- k) Any other technical matter not defined elsewhere in this document.

* Items a) and c) require approval of the IEEE 802 LMSC to take effect

Future Rules meetings

- Suggest using the August EC Teleconference time to review.
- Also August 10, 10 am-11 am, Arizona time.
- Email discussion during the time.
- Suggest email ballot to approve WG P&P starting August 20 and ending August 30