

March 2022 Rules Report

Process for WG P&P items

- Proposal will be to approve new WG P&P at the closing meeting with these changes.

WG P&P: Retention of Membership

- A Letter Ballot Series is the initial ballot plus any recirculation letter ballots on that question.
- A voting member that fails to return 2 of the last 3 Working Group Letter Ballot Series in which they are eligible to vote loses membership. Their previous Session Attendance Credits do not count towards regaining voting membership. Abstaining, other than for 'lack of technical expertise', is not considered returning a ballot.
- If a Working Group letter ballot closes within 14 days prior to a Session, any changes to voting membership resulting from the ballot shall be delayed until the end of that Session.

WG P&P: Membership retention

- Another suggestion:
 - A voting member that fails to return 2 of the last 3 or 2 consecutive Working Group Letter Ballot Series in which they are eligible to vote loses membership.
- What is the feeling of the LMSC?

Draft Sharing

- In Dec. 2020, SASB clarified the rule for sharing drafts.
- The SASB OpsMan now says:
 - 6.1.3.2.2 Sharing drafts with IEEE SA Working Groups and IEEE Standards Committees When sharing the draft with another IEEE SA Working Group or IEEE Standards Committee, an appropriate cover page shall be included and is available from the IEEE SA Program Manager. The Working Group Chair shall copy their Standards Committee Chair, IEEE SA Program Manager, and IEEE SA IPR Staff.
- Some interpret this as prohibiting draft sharing in 802, something we have been doing forever, without adding a cover page. If this is a case, this is a significant step backwards in collaboration.

Draft Sharing, impact?

- What does the cover sheet say? (Jodi?)
 - It would be a new sheet, one per WG, for each draft
 - The volunteers would need to add these.
- Suggestion is that we send the following to IEEE IPR staff first and then submit to SASB ProCom
 - "unless the originating IEEE Standards Committee allows drafts to be shared among the originating Standards Committee's subordinate Working Groups"
- Or whatever is the most efficacious method to achieve clarity that we can share drafts among 802 WGs without additional work.

Potential Future Work

- Participation in WG letter ballot on drafts is important
 - Participation means critical reading of at least some of the draft
 - This is likely not happening in all cases of affirmative vote
- Some feel that simply encouraging abstain is not a solution either
 - The broad participation of different people with differing views is seen as an aspect of the value we provide
- So, should we form an ad-hoc group on “Methods to improve ballot participation”?