

# November 2024 Rules Meeting

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# Agenda

Call to order

IEEE SA policies & guidelines

Old Business:

- In-person attendance for gaining and maintaining membership – Awaiting Next Action
- “Deadbeat” consequences – Awaiting Proposal
- Harmonization of LMSC Ops Manual (Sec 15.2, Joint Treasury) with Wireless Chairs Standing Committee Operations Manual on ECJT Chair – Ready for Action?
- Discussion on ICCAIDs in ICCom Auto-renew – Ready for Action?
- Potential chair’s guidelines addition regarding timeline for PAR withdrawals – Ready for Action?
- Potential changes to require timeline for subgroup agenda & imat postings – For Discussion

New Business:

- Removal of “Sponsor” from LMSC Ops Manual – introduction/discussion
- Adding Open Source Positions to 802 WG P&Ps – introduction/discussion
- Any other New Business

Adjournment



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- Clause 7 of the IEEE SA Standards Board Bylaws
  - <https://standards.ieee.org/about/policies/bylaws/sect6-7.html#7>
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- Distribution of Draft Standards (see 6.1.3 of the SASB Operations Manual)
  - <https://standards.ieee.org/about/policies/opman/sect6.html>

# Old Business

# In-person attendance credit: (Status from July 2024)

From March/July 2024:

Further discussion and socialization was needed before presenting a change

Results of Discussion in July 2024 Rules:

See <https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/24/ec-24-0154-04-00EC-july-2024-rules-meeting.pdf>

Status: Determined goals, work needed on next steps

Goals:

- Encourage attendance
- “Effective teambuilding to develop a standard”
- Potential to increase empathy – ability to get consensus – “ability to read the room”
- Get more work done outside of meeting room in an expedient fashion
- Give chair the discretion – a tool to solve problems before they become critical
- Prevent misbehavior / quickly handle misbehavior

Possible Modifications:

- Possibly defer to allow working group choice
- Need better/strong explanation of the rationale (.11) – what our objectives are
- Possibly lower level of in-person credited attendance
- Possibly not change voting rights, but only allow voting / poll participation only by those attending in-person (may not be allowed by rules)
  - Motions used to only be held at in-person meetings... now held on teleconferences with advance notice... this change could cause delaying of motions for teleconferences.
- Some kind of rule that applies at a subgroup level to deal with problems...

Next Action: Subgroup to work to synthesize alternate solution & rationale

Status: Awaiting Next Action: feedback and socialization

# “Deadbeat” consequences

Currently, the consequences were written at a time when we had only F2F Sessions. It is suggested to strengthen the consequences appropriately.

Possible changes to consider:

1. removal from Reflectors.
2. remove ability to post to Reflectors
3. remove deadbeats from telecons
4. Other measures that others may think are more appropriate.

Deadbeat list is growing a little. Most is from first 2 or 3 meetings post pandemic  
Removal from reflectors in .11 requires attendance at a meeting to get back on reflector  
Chair's removing people from telecon is not a preferred solution.  
Possible mod to 1. keep them on 802ALL (auto-subscribed, but only 5 people can post)  
Possible 'chair's choice' to do #3...

**Status: Awaiting Next Action: specific proposal from J. Rosdahl**

# Harmonization of LMSC and WCSC OpsMan's on ECJT Chair

- **Summary of Issue:**
  - LMSC Opsman 15.2 states that one of the WG chairs is the chair of the Executive Committee of the Joint Treasury, while WCSC OpsMan 2.7.1 states it shall be the WCSC chair...
  - For further info, see:  
<https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/24/ec-24-0165-00-00EC-2024-july-rules-re-joint-treasury-officers.pptx>
- **Proposed Change:**
  - Change LMSC Ops Manual at 15.2 (pdf page 29) to let the WCSC Opsman govern this position as follows:  
The Chair of the Joint Executive Committee shall be selected by the Joint Executive Committee ~~and shall be the Chair of one of the participating Working Groups.~~
- **Status: Ready for action? (discussed July 2024)**

# ICAID Auto-Renewals

- Some 802 ICCAID activities are now in the ICom Auto-renewal process, and unchanged ICCAIDs don't need action
  - See <https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/24/ec-24-0151-01-00EC-lmsc-icaid-auto-renewal-proposal.pdf> for detail.
- **Proposal: make this clear in the LMSC Ops Manual:**  
10.2, add new 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph:  
*Notice of intent to revise or withdraw the ICAID shall be submitted to the IEEE 802 LMSC no less than 30 days prior to the day of the opening IEEE 802 LMSC meeting of an IEEE 802 LMSC Plenary Session. An ICAID subject to ICCOM auto-renewal shall not be subject to an IEEE 802 LMSC renewal requirement.*
- **Status: Ready for Action? (discussed July 2024)**

# Timeline for PAR withdrawals

- We currently do not have information describing a timeline for PAR withdrawals.
- Discussion from July 2024: this should fit under the expedited process in the 802 Ops Manual
- Proposal: Add item to LMSC Ops Manual at pdf pg 19 (9.2 IEEE 802 LMSC approval), under “PARs that use the Expedited Review process”:
  - PARs that use the Expedited Review process
    - Corrigendum PAR
    - Revision PAR
    - PAR extension
    - Splitting a project using a PAR modification and PAR for new standard
    - PAR withdrawal
- Status: Ready for Action?

# Timelines for Agendas & IMAT Postings

Do we need rules changes to require a timeline for posting of agendas and IMAT materials for subgroups?

Summary:

Would change LMSC Ops Manual at 5.1.3 (Plenaries) and 5.2.4 (Interims) to require:

- 60 day prior notice for LMSC, WG, SC, and Tutorials agendas

- Calendars for 802, WGs, and SCs 30 days prior (w/access info)

- IMAT 5 days prior

- Allow updates until 4 hours prior

Minor changes to wording for 5.3.2 Notifications of LMSC Electronic Interims

For detail see ec-24-0169-00-0PNP.docx

<https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/24/ec-24-0169-00-0PNP-rules-discussion-on-when-agenda-calendar-and-imat-information-should-be-available.docx>

STATUS: For discussion



# New Business

# LMSC Ops Manual – Removal of “Sponsor”

There are 8 instances of “sponsor” in the OM: (page numbers are PDF)

Page 1 (footnote to 1.3) – In previous documents, the IEEE 802 LMSC was also referred to as the Sponsor, IEEE 802 LMSC Executive Committee, or EC.

Recommendation: Keep as is.

Page 9 – 4.1.4 Procedure for limiting the length of the IEEE 802 sponsor meetings

Recommendation: Change “sponsor” to LMSC (this also fixes 1 entry in the table of contents)

Page 18 – 7.2.2(b) ... For public statements not presented for review in a sponsor meeting...

Recommendation: Change “a sponsor” to “an LMSC”

Pages 22 & 23 – 12. (four instances) ... “sponsor ballot” and “sponsor recirculation ballot”

Recommendation: Change “sponsor” to “SA”

**Status: Introduction/Discussion**

# Addition of Open Source Positions

The 802.3 WG has been pursuing trialing an Open Source project.

Standards Board Ops Manual:

- “A Standards Committee may form one or more Open Source subgroups that coordinate Open Source development for multiple Working Groups under that Standards Committee, or delegate responsibility to the applicable Working Group to establish its own Open Source subgroup.” (6.5.2)
- “An Open Source subgroup shall be led by an IEEE Open Source Project Lead who shall be designated as an officer of the responsible Standards Committee or Working Group. The IEEE Open Source Project Lead is responsible for the vitality, organization, development, evaluation, operation, security, and maintenance of an IEEE Open Source Project. The IEEE Open Source Project Lead is the point of contact for the IEEE Open Source Platform team regarding technical and administrative matters.” (6.5.2)
- “Each IEEE Open Source Project developed by the Standards Committee or Working Group to be incorporated in an IEEE standard shall have at least one Maintainer, who may be the IEEE Open Source Project Lead”

Issue: IEEE 802 P&Ps lack the relevant sections for the OS Project Lead, Maintainer, and Leadership Subgroup.

# Status of Open Source in the 802 WG P&Ps

802 WG P&Ps have the necessary definitions and the description under 3. Officers:

“When Open Source is included in the approved project, there shall be an IEEE Open Source Project Lead. The Open Source Project Lead shall be designated as an officer of the Working Group or may be an officer of the Standards Committee. The Open Source Project Lead may also serve as the Open Source Maintainer for an Open Source Project. A person may simultaneously hold the position of Open Source Project Lead and another office.”

But:

3.5.5 Open Source Project Lead, 4.5 Open Source Maintainer, and 5.1 Open Source Leadership Subgroup are marked “Not Applicable”.

# OS Proposal (pg 1 of 2)

Add Audcom Approved sections into 802 WG P&Ps:

- **Add to 2. Responsibilities of the Working Group:**  
Developing, governing, and maintaining any Open Source projects within the Working Group;
- **Replace “Not Applicable” under 3.5.5 Open Source Project Lead with:**  
There is only one Open Source Project Lead in a Standards Committee and its subgroups (this includes the Working Group). If the Standards Committee has an Open Source Project Lead, the Standards Committee Open Source Project Lead is the Open Source Project Lead for all Working Group Open Source Projects. If the Working Group is the only subgroup of the Standards Committee that has Open Source incorporated into an IEEE standard(s), then the Open Source Project Lead may be an officer of the Working Group and not an officer of the Standards Committee.  
The responsibilities of an Open Source Project Lead, when Open Source is being developed by the Working Group, are defined in the *IEEE SA BOG Open Source Committee (OSCom) Operations Manual*.
- **Replace “Not Applicable” under 4.5 Open Source Maintainer with:**  
Open Source Maintainer(s), if applicable, shall be members of the Working Group responsible for the Open Source project.  
Prior to the election or appointment of the Open Source Maintainer(s), the Working Group shall determine if an Open Source Maintainer(s) is also the Open Source Project Lead within their group. The Open Source Maintainer(s) is appointed by the Working Group Chair.  
The responsibilities of the Open Source Project Maintainer(s) are defined in the *IEEE SA BOG Open Source Committee (OSCom) Operations Manual* and *IEEE Open Source Maintainers Manual*.

# OS Proposal (pg 2 of 2)

Add Audcom Approved sections into 802 WG P&Ps (cont'd):

- Replace “Not Applicable” under 5.1 Open Source Leadership Subgroup with:  
When Open Source projects are being developed within the Working Group or its subgroups, the Working Group shall form an Open Source Leadership subgroup to manage the Open Source project or multiple Open Source projects of the Working Group and its subgroups. An Open Source Leadership subgroup may exist at both the Standards Committee and Working Group levels.

The Working Group Open Source Leadership subgroup shall consist of the Open Source Project Lead and Maintainer(s), and may include Working Group participants.

The responsibilities of the Open Source Leadership Subgroup are defined in the *IEEE SA BOG Open Source Committee (OSCom) Operations Manual* clause on “Project Governance” and the *IEEE SA Standards Board Operations Manual* clause on “Open Source.”

Status: For discussion

# Backup/Reference