

LMSC June Teleconference Agenda Item #6.03 (other business):

# Voting Next Steps

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# Supporters

# Recap

Discussion in multiple rules meetings (1+ year)

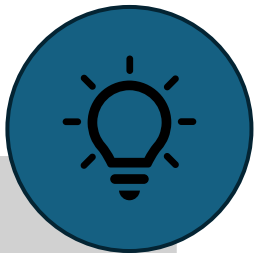
3 presentations and 90min discussion at November workshop

Wanting to better understand the problems


- Offline conversation is easier/more natural in person
- Lack of identity proof
- Full, authentic participation
- “Balance of all interested parties” goal at risk (WG P&P, sect. 6)
- Don’t want to exclude those with travel restrictions

Three principles emerged after 90+ minutes  
of discussion at the November Workshop:

- 1) Encourage in-person attendance.
- 2) Personal attendance is better.
- 3) Remote participation adds value



# Range of Options

- a) No change – hybrid meetings, voting and attaining rights
- b) *Hybrid meetings – voting in person only (count in room)* 
- c) Hybrid meetings – adding some in-person requirement to voting rights
- d) Hybrid meetings – only grant attendance for in-person attendance
- e) Remove hybrid – Meetings in person only

# Proposed Solution (1/2); WG P&P

Option B. Attaining voting rights remains unchanged.

## • 6. Meetings

- Working Group meetings may be conducted either exclusively in-person or in-person with one or more participants contributing via electronic means, or exclusively via electronic means.
- Working Group meetings shall be held, as decided by the Working Group, the Chair, or by petition of 15% or more of the voting members, to conduct business, such as making assignments, receiving reports of work, progressing draft standards, resolving differences between subgroups, and considering views and objections from any source.
- All meeting notices shall be distributed or made available by notification to members at least 30 calendar days in advance of a face-to-face meeting and at least 10 calendar days in advance for an electronic (including teleconference) meeting. A meeting agenda (including participation information and known potential actions) shall be distributed or made available by notification to members at least 14 calendar days in advance of a face-to-face meeting, and at least 5 calendar days in advance for an electronic meeting.
- Meetings of subgroups may be held as decided upon by the members or Chair of the subgroup.
- While having a balance of all interested parties is not an official requirement for a Working Group, it is a desirable goal. As such, the officers of the Working Group should consider issues of balance and dominance that may arise and discuss them with the Standards Committee.
- All IEEE standards development meetings are open to anyone who has an interest and wishes to attend. However, some meetings may occur in Executive Session (see subclause 6.2).
- 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.”

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Working Group meetings may be conducted in various formats:

- Face-to-face – exclusively in-person or in-person with one or more participants contributing via electronic means.
- Teleconference/Electronic – exclusively via electronic means.

These meetings are convened to address essential business activities, such as making assignments, receiving work reports, progressing draft standards, resolving subgroup differences, and considering views and objections from any source. The decision to hold a meeting can be made by the Working Group, the Chair, or through a petition by 15% or more of the voting members. In-person attendance at face-to-face meetings is encouraged.

Meeting notices must be distributed or made available to members with sufficient advance notice.

- For face-to-face meetings, notifications must be sent at least 30 calendar days in advance. Meeting agendas, including participation details and potential actions, should be shared at least 14 calendar days in advance.
- For teleconference/electronic meetings a minimum of 10 calendar days' notice is required. Meeting agendas, including participation details and potential actions, should be shared at least 5 calendar days in advance.

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# Proposed Solution (2/2) ; WG P&P

Option B. Attaining voting rights remains unchanged.

## 7. Voting

### 7.1 Approval of an Action

Approval of an action requires approval by a majority (or three-quarters) vote as specified in subclauses 7.1.1 (majority) and 7.1.2 (three-quarters) and may occur in the following instances:

a) At a meeting (including teleconferences) where quorum has been established, a vote carried by majority (or three-quarters) 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 majority (or three-quarters) 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.

- The Chair (or presiding officer) may exercise their vote only when it could affect the outcome or when the vote is by electronic or letter ballot.

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a) At a face-to-face meeting (with greater than 30% attendance in-person), where quorum has been established, by only the voting members in in-person attendance.

b) At a teleconference/electronic meeting (or a face-to-face meeting with less than 30% attendance in-person), where quorum has been established, by the voting members in attendance.

c) At a meeting (face-to-face or teleconference/electronic) where quorum is reached with attendance under 15 persons, by the voting members in attendance.

d) By electronic means (including email), a vote carried by majority (or three-quarters) 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.

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# Proposed Next Steps

## Process

- Rules meeting in July
- Socialize to WG about the potential change in July
- Announce change via email, as well, as interims and plenary for next 6 months
- Rule goes into effect at the 2<sup>nd</sup> plenary after rule change

## Messaging

- Attending face-to-face meetings in-person is encouraged
  - Adds a richness to the discussion
  - Allows for quick offline discussions with opposition
  - Connecting and meeting co-collaborators
- Attaining and maintaining voting rights remains unchanged.
- The Standards Committee (LMSC) has set world-wide plenaries as a goal for future meeting planning. 1 Americas / 1 Europe / 1 Asia