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Networks (WPANs)**

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Abstract: Report for the TG3m meeting in Atlanta, GA

Purpose: 802.15.3 revision.

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<http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/bylaws/sect6-7.html#6>

IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual

<http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/opman/sect6.html#6.3>

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<http://standards.ieee.org/about/sasb/patcom/materials.html>

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<https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/Public/mytools/mob/slideset.ppt>

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 - Cause an LOA to be submitted

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Plan

- Review proposed comment resolutions
- Approve comment resolutions from SB1
- Form BRC
- Approve starting recirculation

Initial Sponsor Ballot

- Ballot dates:
 - 19 November 2015 to 19 December 2015
- Ballot tally: 93 yes, 1 no, 7 abstain
 - 81% return rate
 - 98% approve
 - 6% abstention.
- 135 Comments (15-16-0041-00)
 - 14 must be satisfied (13 Technical, 1 General)
 - 96 Editorial, 27 Technical, 12 General

TG Motion for Recirculation

- Move to request that 802.15 WG authorize a recirculation Sponsor Ballot on document 802.15.3RevA-D00.pdf, edited in accordance with the instructions in document 15-16-0715-02-003m.
 - Moved: Rolfe
 - Second: Estrada
 - Results: Unanimous consent (y/n/a)

TG Motion to form BRC

- Move to request that 802.15 WG approve the formation of a Ballot Resolution Committee (BRC) for the WG balloting of the 802.15.3RevA draft standard with the following membership: James Gilb (Chair), Thomas Kuerner, Andrew Estrada, Ko Togashi, Ben Rolfe, Pat Kinney. The 802.15.3m BRC is authorized to approve comment resolutions and to approve the start of recirculation ballots of the 802.15.3RevA draft on behalf of the 802.15 WG. Comment resolution on recirculation ballots between sessions will be conducted via reflector email and via teleconferences announced to the reflector at least 7 days in advance.
 - Moved: Kuerner
 - Second: Togashi
 - Results: No objections, passes by unanimous consent

BRC conference call

- 9 February, 2016, 21:00-22:00 PST
 - 9 February, 2016 6:00-7:00 CET, 14:00-15:00 JST
 - Agenda
 - Resolve comments from recirculation Sponsor Ballot
- Subsequent ones, if needed, same time on 22 February 2016 PST (23 February CET and JST).

WG motions

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