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| Abstract | Propused updates to the OM |
| Purpose | Align documented process with reality |
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OM Clause: 5.3 Duration (CRG)

**Proposed change:**

Change

A CRG is chartered from the end of the closing meeting of a session (either Interim or Plenary) to the beginning of the starting meeting of the subsequent session (either Interim or Plenary).

To:

A CRG is chartered by the Working Group for the duration of the ballot series or until modified by the Working Group. During plenary and interim sessions, the Task Group serves as the CRG with membership WG voting members present.

Explanation/rationalization:

Reduce WG overhead. The CRG continues automatically between sessions until modified by the Working Goup. A WG motion is still required to modify CRG membership and so on. During a session the task group becomes the CRG with quorum met by definition (we already have this in the WG P&P). This mirrors what is in the 802.11 OM.

OM Clause: 12.2 Teleconferences (Telecons)Teleconferences (Telecons)

**Proposed Change:**

Change

TG (and subgroup) telecons are not permitted to make formal motions, with the exception of CRGs as per 5.5.

To

WG, TG, SG and SC motions may be held during teleconference meetings with the following conditions:

* The meeting that will consider motions shall be approved by the WG Chair.
* The meeting shall be announced with at least 10 days notice as a meeting where motions will be considered.

**Explanation/rationalization:**

Reality is that we routinely do formal motions in TGs and telecons within the scope of the TG. For example, motions to approve the agenda, minutes, motions to adjourn, and recommendations to the working group. I think the intent may have been that TGs doesn’t do things that require working group approval (working group motions) except as specifically authorized by the WG, e.g. via CRGs.

The recommended text follows the 802.11 OM with deletion of requirement that all motions are roll call votes and all meetings in which motions are considered commence at 09:00 Eastern Time (New Jersey). The roll-call mandate is not needed, roll-call votes may be employed at the discretion of the chair (always). Regarding meeting time, the earth is not flat, nor centered in New Jersey; the rational given in the 802.11 OM states this requirement is to prevent the chair from scheduling motions at an inconvenient time. This rationale is only valid if the earth were flat with exactly one time zone and it is ET. On a spherical earth, it is always in an inconvenient time somewhere (e.g. 11pm somewhere on earth).

For things that require working group votes such as starting recirculation ballots, we have CRGs already.