REPORT ON THE 802.20 PLENARY MEETING ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The primary concentration at the 802.20 meeting was review of the proposals received in response to the call for proposals. All of those who submitted proposals made presentations. They then answered questions from the working group in response to their presentations and/or their posted proposals on the 802.20 website. A plan was derived for merging the submitted proposals. This merger of proposals would form the basis for a new draft standard. An editorial group was identified to review and merge the four proposals. This group consisted of representatives from each of the companies that had submitted a proposal.

A schedule was proposed and approved to post the merged proposals 30 days prior to the Montreal interim meeting. This schedule would make the merged proposal available early enough for comments. It was determined that posting of the proposals and the process of commentary would be undertaken as a Practice Ballot rather than as a third letter ballot since the base had been so radically changed.

The rules of the practice ballot will be the same as those for a letter ballot.

Other actions at the Orlando meeting included the establishment of a technical advisory group to assist 802.18 in their efforts to support IMT-Advanced meetings that took place in Orlando.

The working group unanimously approved the self-nominees for Vice-Chair of 802.20. These were Mark Klerer and Jim Mollenauer.

The working group also affirmed the votes, decisions and actions that took place in London since the London meeting did not have a quorum.