Proposed IEEE 802 LMSC Policy and Procedure Revision Ballot on Unregistered Meeting Attendees

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Purpose: To clarify the P&P on the issue of individuals who attend but do not register for LMSC standards development group meetings

Rationale for proposed text:

It became clear during a recent SEC email discussion that the current text of the 802 Rules is ambiguous with respect to the consequences of an individual not complying with the registration requirements for an LMSC meeting. There were at least two conflicting interpretations of said rules put forward. The first purpose of this proposal is to clarify said rules and bring them into alignment with the expressed opinion of a number of SEC members.

The current rules on LMSC meeting registration requirements and their consequences are also restricted to LMSC sponsored sessions, and in some cases only LMSC Plenary sessions. Given the current size of the LMSC groups and the difficulty of getting corporate sponsorship for interim sessions, it has become necessary to charge a registration fee for interim sessions and it is highly desirable that the registration requirements and their consequences be the same for all LMSC sessions. The second purpose of this proposal is to make the Registration requirements and their consequences uniform across all LMSC standards development group and subgroup sessions.

Proposed Text:

Delete the first and last sentence from the last paragraph of Section 2 as follows.

There is no membership requirement for attendance at the Plenary session; it is an open forum. The Plenary meetings are conducted by the LMSC Chair or a designated delegate. The LMSC Treasurer may collect fees from all attendees of any meeting held in conjunction with the Plenary session to cover the expenses of operating the LAN MAN Standards Committee.

Delete the fourth paragraph of Section 5.1.3.1

No participation credit will be granted to any individual who has outstanding financial obligations to LMSC; retroactive credit for participation in meetings shall not be granted if payment is not made prior to the start of the next meeting. (Note: Assumes LMSC Treasurer personally contacts individual, verbally or in writing, but with some assurance that communication was, in fact, received, and in sufficient time to respond.)

Add a new Section 6

6. LMSC Meetings

There is no membership requirement for attendance at an LMSC Plenary or LMSC interim session; they are open forums. However, those who attend a meeting of an LMSC standards development group or
subgroup are obligated to comply with the registration requirements for the LMSC session of which the meeting is a part.

6.1 Meeting Registration Fees

The LMSC Treasurer may collect fees from all attendees of any meeting held in conjunction with an LMSC Plenary session to cover the expenses of the Plenary session and the expenses of operating the LAN MAN Standards Committee. The LMSC Treasurer may collect fees from all attendees of any meeting held in conjunction with an LMSC interim session that is financially sponsored by the LMSC to cover the expenses of the interim session.

6.2 Meeting Registration

Meetings of LMSC standards development groups (Working Groups, Technical Advisory Groups, Executive Committee Study Groups or any of their sub groups) are open to anyone who has fully complied with the registration requirements for the session of which the meeting is a part. Such compliance requires that an individual must:

1. have complied with the registration requirements for all previously attended LMSC standards development group or subgroup sessions, and
2. have completed a valid registration for the session in question, including payment of any required registration fee.

An individual who attends any portion of an LMSC standards development group or subgroup meeting is obligated to comply with the registration requirements for that meeting.

An individual who attends any portion of an LMSC standards development group or subgroup meeting but does not comply with the registration requirements for that meeting, and further has not complied with those requirements within 60 days after the end of the meeting, including payment of any required registration fees, shall be subject to the following sanctions:

1. No participation credit will be granted for said session.
2. Any participation credit acquired before said session toward membership in any LMSC group is revoked.
3. No participation credit will be granted for attendance at any subsequent LMSC session until the individual has complied with the registration requirements for all previously attended 802 meetings by the start of said subsequent meeting.
4. Membership in any 802 group is terminated.

An individual who has lost membership in an LMSC group due to failure to comply with the registration requirements for an LMSC session may again earn membership in an LMSC group as follows.

1. Comply with the registration requirements for all LMSC sessions previously attended by the individual.
2. Acquire the participation credit required for group membership as required for an individual that had never previously attended an LMSC session.

The interpretation and implementation of this policy shall be the responsibility of the LMSC Treasurer and the LMSC Executive Secretary.