802.1 Interim - 05/2006

Agenda

Administrative stuff

- **Officers**
  - Chair: Tony Jeffree
  - Vice Chair: Paul Congdon
  - Recording Secretary: Michael Wright
  - Interworking/Link Sec TG Chair: Mick Seaman
  - AV Bridging TG Chair: Michael Johas Teener
  - CM Study Group Chair: Pat Thaler
  - Link Sec TG Secretary: Allyn Romanow
  - Maintenance of website: John Messenger
  - Maintenance of Email exploder: Hal Keen
- **Website**
  - http://www.ieee802.org/1/
  - Username: p8021   Password: go_wildcats

Administrative stuff - contd

- **Voting membership**
  - Current 802.1 membership rules (802 rules currently being revamped):
  - N.B. terminology: A *session* is (the whole of) an Interim or Plenary during which 802.1 meets. A *meeting* is a subset of a session; I.e., a contiguous time period during the session when the WG meets. Generally meetings are ½ day in duration or less.
  - To gain membership: Attend 2 plenaries in the span of the four most recent plenaries (one interim can be substituted) **and** inform the Chair of your intention to become a voter. Membership is then gained at the start of the next plenary attended
  - To maintain membership: Attend 2 out of the last 4 plenaries one interim can be substituted) , and respond to 2 out of 3 most recent WG/TG ballots
  - Attendance is as per signup sheet – must be 75% of meetings during a session in order to count.
  - Signing the signup sheet for a meeting declares that you have (or will have) attended during the majority of the allotted time for that meeting. Hence, at sessions where more than one WG meets, signing up at two parallel meetings is **not** valid.
- Voting rights are properly regarded as an obligation, not a privilege!

Instructions for the WG Chair

- **At Each Meeting, the Working Group Chair shall:**
- **Show slides #1 and #2 of this presentation**
- **Advise the WG membership that:**
  - The IEEE's patent policy is consistent with the ANSI patent policy and is described in Clause 6 of the *IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws*;
  - Early disclosure of patents which may be essential for the use of standards under development is encouraged;
  - Disclosures made of such patents may not be exhaustive of all patents that may be essential for the use of standards under development, and that neither the IEEE, the WG, nor the WG Chairman ensure the accuracy or completeness of any disclosure or whether any disclosure is of a patent that, in fact, may be essential for the use of standards under development.
- **Instruct the WG Secretary to record in the minutes of the relevant WG meeting:**
  - That the foregoing advice was provided and the two slides were shown;
  - That an opportunity was provided for WG members to identify or disclose patents that the WG member believes may be essential for the use of that standard;
  - Any responses that were given, specifically the patents and patent applications that were identified (if any) and by whom.

IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws on Patents in Standards

6. Patents

IEEE standards may include the known use of essential patents and patent applications provided the IEEE receives assurance from the patent holder or applicant with respect to patents whose infringement is, or in the case of patent applications, potential future infringement the applicant asserts will be, unavoidable in a compliant implementation of either mandatory or optional portions of the standard [essential patents]. This assurance shall be provided without coercion. The patent holder or applicant should provide this assurance as soon as reasonably feasible in the standards development process. This assurance shall be provided no later than the approval of the standard (or reaffirmation when a patent or patent application becomes known after initial approval of the standard). This assurance shall be either:

a) A general disclaimer to the effect that the patentee will not enforce any of its present or future patent(s) whose use would be required to implement either mandatory or optional portions of the proposed IEEE standard against any person or entity complying with the standard; or

b) A statement that a license for such implementation will be made available without compensation or under reasonable rates, with reasonable terms and conditions that are demonstrably free of any unfair discrimination.

This assurance is irrevocable once submitted and accepted and shall apply, at a minimum, from the date of the standard's approval to the date of the standard's withdrawal.

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Inappropriate Topics for IEEE WG Meetings

- Don't discuss the validity/essentiality of patents/patent claims

- Don't discuss the cost of specific patent use

- Don't discuss licensing terms or conditions

- Don't discuss product pricing, territorial restrictions, or market share

- Don't discuss ongoing litigation or threatened litigation

- Don't be silent if inappropriate topics are discussed… do formally object.

If you have questions, contact the IEEE-SA Standards Board Patent Committee Administrator at patcom@ieee.org or visit http://standards.ieee.org/board/pat/index.html

This slide set is available at http://standards.ieee.org/board/pat/pat-slideset.ppt

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Use of photographic/recording devices & other techno toys

- **No use may be made of cameras or recording devices in meetings without the express knowledge and assent of all participants in the meeting.**

- Participants are reminded that these new-fangled mobile phone objects are, surprisingly, generally fitted with an "off" switch (or at the very least, a "vibrate" setting). Use of either of these settings would be a considerable courtesy to the speaker and other members of the audience.

Presentation materials

- Power Point bloat
  - At these meetings external bandwidth is not free
  - Please consider this when developing presentations
  - Corporate logos, lots of clip art, etc. occupy lots of megabytes & generally do not help us to make technical progress
  - A comparison: Current 802.1Q-REV plus AD is a mere 2.8 megs; some recent presentations have been of comparable or greater size (but of somewhat smaller content!)
  - I will reserve the right in future to refuse circulation of materials that I consider to be excessive in this regard
- Copyright statements or privacy/confidentiality statements of any kind SHALL NOT APPEAR on contributions to 802

Future meetings

- September interim: John Messenger is investigating York (UK). Week of 11th or 18th or 25th look OK. Could also meet with 802.3 in Montreal, week of 18th.

- January interim: we can join the London joint interim if this is what we want to do

- May interim: Had a suggestion that we could hold one in Korea

802.1H – Bridging of Ethernet

- Due for maintenance action this year
- Was last reaffirmed 2001
- Needs one of the following:
  - Reaffirmation – a bit of a stretch
  - Revision looks necessary.
- March Plenary: View seems to be that we should revise.
  - Need to raise PAR
  - Should we change from Rec Practice to Standard?

What do we want to do about Link Agg?

- Currently in 802.3 standard

- Moving it to an 802.1 standard would make sense from an architectural/re-use point of view

- There seems to be support among the 802.3 leadership for doing this

TG agendas