

802.20 July 2003 election process

802.20 WG Officer Nomination and Election Process:

Members will be reminded of their responsibility to vote as professionals and individual experts (in essence following the principals executive committee members follow as outlined in 3.4.1 Voting Guidance of the LMSC P&P).

A) BACKGROUND:

The election of the IEEE 802.20 WG Officers (Chair, procedural and liaison Vice-Chairs and Recording Secretary) is held at the initial session of the WG. Since the elected officers were not confirmed at the initial March 2003 plenary session, a new election will be held at the July 2003 plenary session. (This does not imply the July 2003 session is equivalent to an initial session, it will, in fact, be the 3rd official session of the 802.20 working group.)

B) NOMINATIONS:

The call for nominations for the WG Officers shall be announced at the WG Opening Plenary meeting. Nominations shall be closed at the end of the Opening Plenary meeting.

1. The Acting Chair (may be the interim Vice-Chairs) shall open the floor for nominations.
2. The Acting Chair (may be the interim Vice-Chairs) shall close nominations after the nominations have been made.

C) ELECTIONS:

The interim WG Vice-Chairs shall designate a WG member or SEC member as an Acting Chair Pro Tem if the interim WG Vice Chairs are running for election. If not running for election, an interim WG Vice-Chair may become the Acting Chair Pro Tem and conduct the election process.

This election process will be conducted by the Acting Chair. The following election process shall be used for each WG officer election. If there is only a single candidate for an office then the election for that office may be held immediately after the close of nominations. If there are multiple nominees, then the election shall be held during the closing meeting of the session.

- 1). Each candidate shall be given a short time (nominally, two minutes) for an introductory statement of acceptance that should nominally contain the candidate's:
 - a) Summary of qualifications and declaration of affiliation.
 - b) Commitment to participate and accept duties and responsibilities.
 - c) Vision for the WG.
2. The floor shall be opened for discussion (nominally for five minutes total).
 - a. The Acting Chair should limit the duration of comments and promote open participation, both pros and cons. If only one candidate is nominated, the Acting Chair may choose to sharply limit the debate.
3. The Acting Chair shall conduct the election. The election officer shall count the votes and notify the Acting Chair of the results. The Acting Chair shall notify the membership of the results.
 - a. Voting tokens shall be used to obtain ballots to cast valid votes during the session.
 - b. In order to be elected, any candidate must receive a simple majority (over 50%) of the votes cast in the election for the respective position.
 - c. Should no candidate receive a majority in the election, a runoff election shall be held. The process shall be similar to the initial election, except that:
 - i. New nominations shall not be permitted once the election starts and shall not be permitted during an election runoff.
 - ii. In the runoff election, the nominated candidate having received the fewest votes in the previous election round shall not be an eligible candidate (in case a tie prevents this possibility, all the

nominated candidates shall remain eligible).

d. If the process is inconclusive, another runoff shall be held, as in the point above.

4. Should a runoff process not lead to the election of a Vice-Chair, the election may be deferred to the next WG session, at the Acting Chair's discretion. However, every reasonable effort should be made to conclude the election of the Chair.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS:

If there is a request to have a roll call vote, it must be made by motion. Given the large size of the meeting, a roll call vote may be viewed as delaying tactic. It is in order to move "that a signed ballot be taken by tellers." A "teller" (per Roberts) is one who distributes, collects and counts votes and reports the votes. The motion will require a second and a majority of the members present to pass (per Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised Tenth Edition). If the group votes in favor of a signed ballots, The ballots will be distributed, collected, counted and the vote reported by a "teller(s)" who is appointed by the Acting Chair. The number of "teller(s)" appointed is dependent on the number of voters, and the number of offices to be filled or the number of candidates. Robert's Rules of Order at section 45, p. 400, recommends that for a small group, two or three tellers are usually sufficient. Robert's Rules also state that "the tellers should be chosen for accuracy and dependability, should have the confidence of the membership, and should not have a direct personal involvement in the result of the vote...Often their position with regard to the issue involved is well known, however, and they are frequently chosen to protect the interest of each opposing side. They normally vote themselves." To ensure accuracy in the voting, each ballot should be folded in a manner announced in advance or stated on the ballot. . The presiding officer, if a voting member, can cast a ballot at the time other members do. When the balloting is completed, the chair will direct the tellers to collect the ballots. It is the teller's responsibility to see that no member votes more than once. Voters may drop their ballots into a receptacle passed by a teller, accompanied by another teller as watcher and checker or the voters can hand their ballots to a teller. The method of collecting ballots should be fixed by rule. After all have voted who wish to, the polls can be closed on the Motion of a member by a two-thirds vote, but it is usually best, according to Robert's Rules of Order, section 45, at p. 401, to rely on the chair to close the polls. When everyone appears to have voted, the chair may inquire, "have all voted who wish to do so?" If there is no response, he says, "If no one else wished to vote...[pause], the polls are closed," The polls are now declared closed by unanimous consent. The tellers will proceed to count the ballots –in a secluded location or in another room. The tellers will ignore blank ballots and do not credit illegal votes to any candidate. If in unfolding the ballots it is discovered that two or more filled-out ballots are folded together, the are recorded as illegal votes. On the other hand, a blank ballot folded in with a filled in ballot is ignored, but does not cause the rejection of the properly completed ballot. After all the votes are counted and tallied, the chairman of tellers, standing, addressed the chair, reads the tellers' report, and hands it to the chair without declaring the result. Election results should be reported as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, section 45 at p. 403. The tellers' report should not include the number of member eligible to vote. The tellers' report is entered in full in the minutes as is a record of the votes. The names of all members voting need not be called.