



# IEEE P802.3ap

## Backplane Ethernet Task Force

### Agenda and General Information

San Diego, CA  
July 19, 2006



# Agenda

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- Welcome and Introductions
- Approve Agenda
- Approve Meeting Minutes
- Goals for this Meeting
- Task Force Organization
- Reflector and Web
- Ground Rules
- IEEE
  - Structure
  - Bylaws and Rules
  - Call for Patents
  - IEEE Standards Process
- Review Task Force Status
- Comment Resolution
- Closing Business
- Future Meetings



# Goals for this Meeting

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- Respond to comments against IEEE P802.3ap/D2.5
- Move Working Group ballot process to closure...
- Request for approval for Sponsor Ballot



# Task Force Organization

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# Web and Reflector

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- IEEE P802.3ap Task Force web page:

<http://www.ieee802.org/3/ap/>

- To subscribe to the IEEE P802.3ap Backplane Ethernet Task Force reflector send an email to:

[\*listserv@ieee.org\*](mailto:listserv@ieee.org)

with the following in the body of the message (do not include “<>”):

*subscribe stds-802-3-blade <yourfirstname> <yourlastname>*

For complete instructions on reflector usage, subscription, and unsubscription:

<http://ieee802.org/3/ap/reflector.html>



# IEEE P802.3ap Draft Repository

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- IEEE P802.3ap Private Area:

- <http://ieee802.org/3/ap/private/index.html>

- Username: **XXXXXX**

- Password: **XXXXXX**

- The username and password are case-sensitive.  
Write them down...



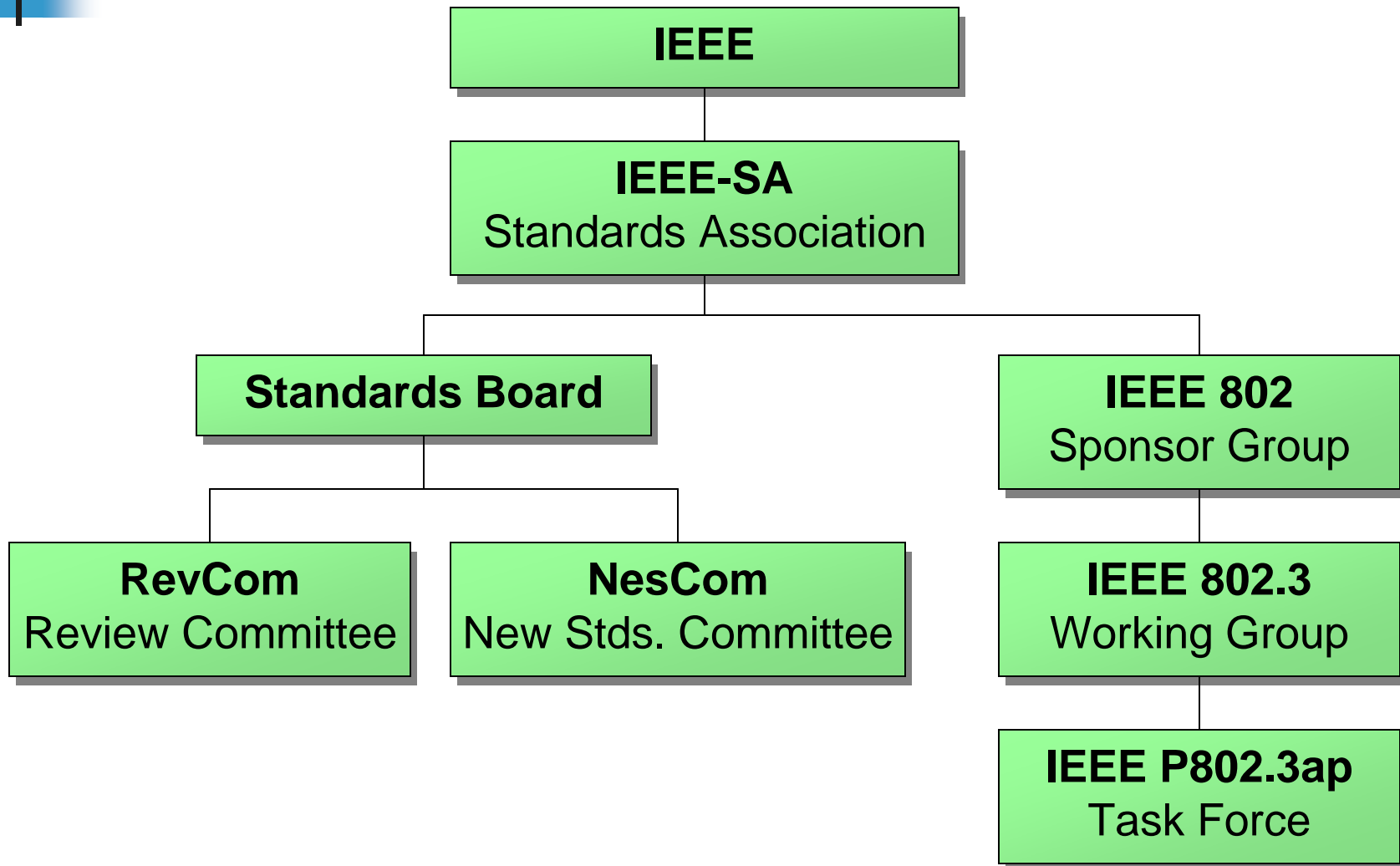
# Ground Rules

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- 802.3 Rules apply...
  - Foundation based upon Robert's Rules of Order
- ...with the following exceptions:
  - Anyone in the room may speak
  - Anyone in the room may vote
- **RESPECT**... give it, get it
- NO product pitches
- NO corporate pitches
- NO prices!!!
  - This includes costs, ASPs, etc. no matter what the currency
- NO restrictive notices



# IEEE Structure





# References

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- IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual:  
<http://standards.ieee.org/guides/opman/sb-om.pdf>
- LAN/MAN Standards Committee (LMSC) Policies and Procedures:  
<http://ieee802.org/policies-and-procedures.pdf>
- IEEE 802.3 Working Group Operating Rules:  
[http://ieee802.org/3/rules/P802\\_3\\_rules.pdf](http://ieee802.org/3/rules/P802_3_rules.pdf)



# IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws on Patents in Standards

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## 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

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- 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.

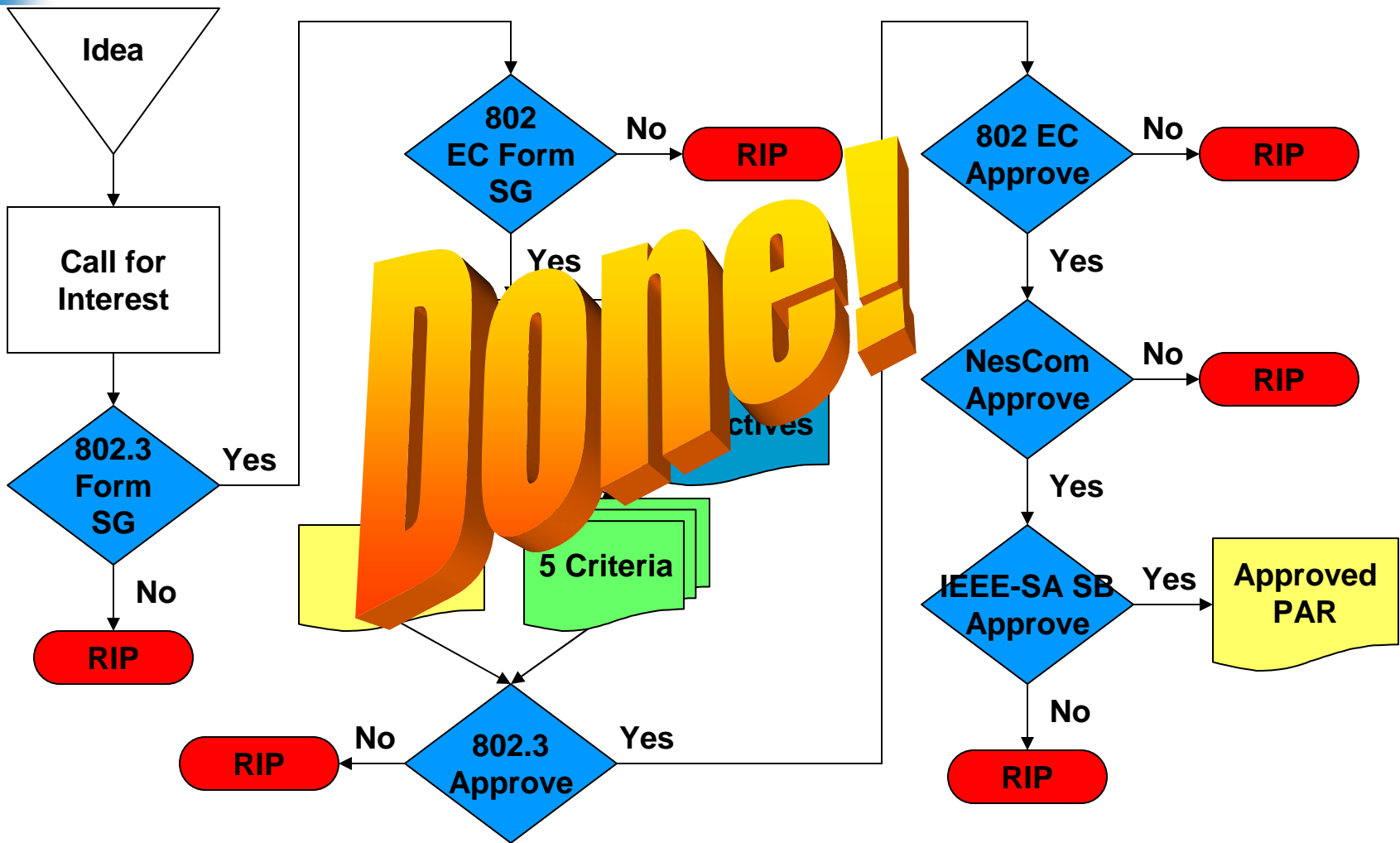
If you have questions, contact the IEEE-SA Standards Board Patent Committee Administrator at [patcom@ieee.org](mailto:patcom@ieee.org) or visit <http://standards.ieee.org/board/pat/index.html>

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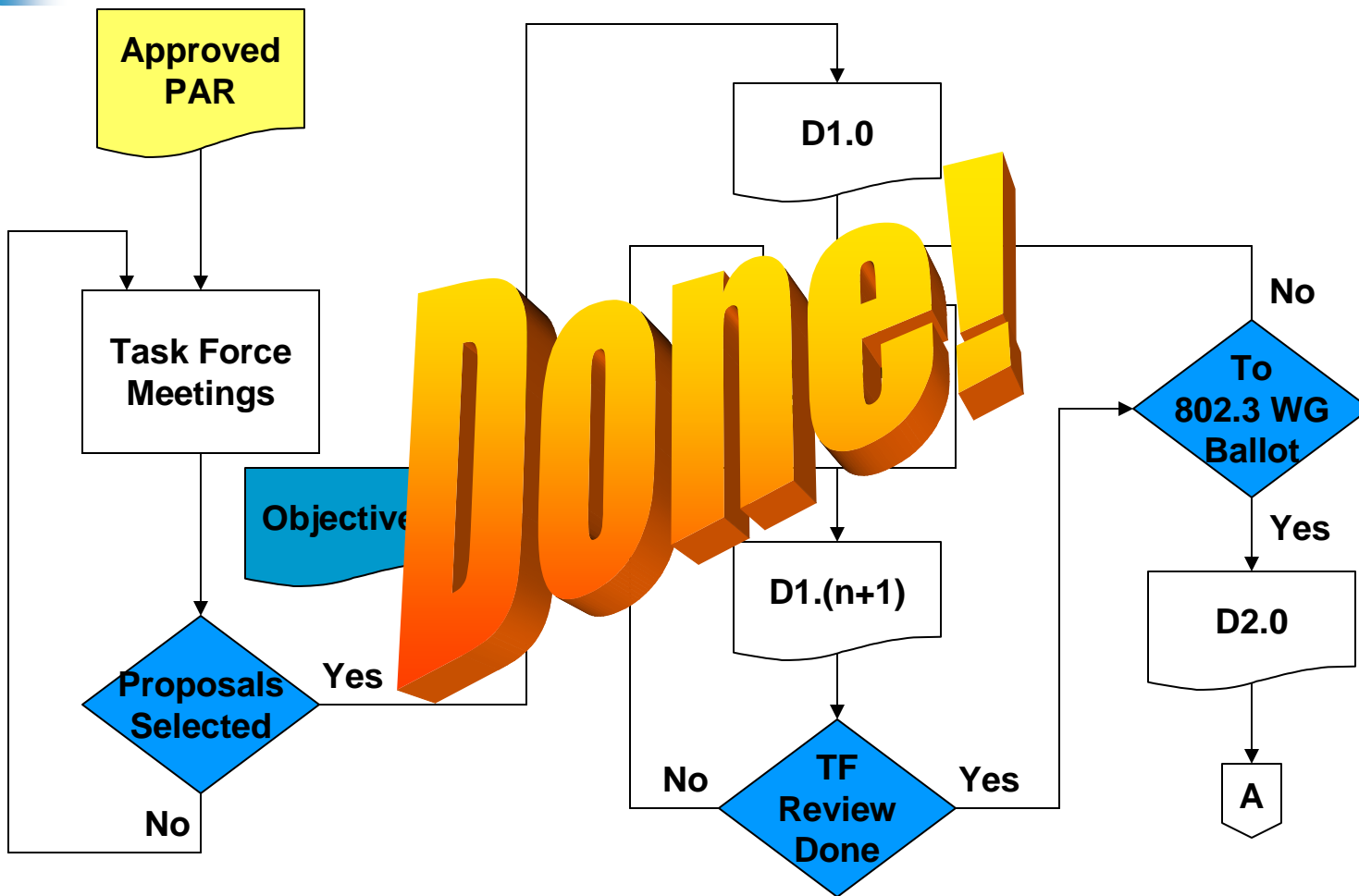
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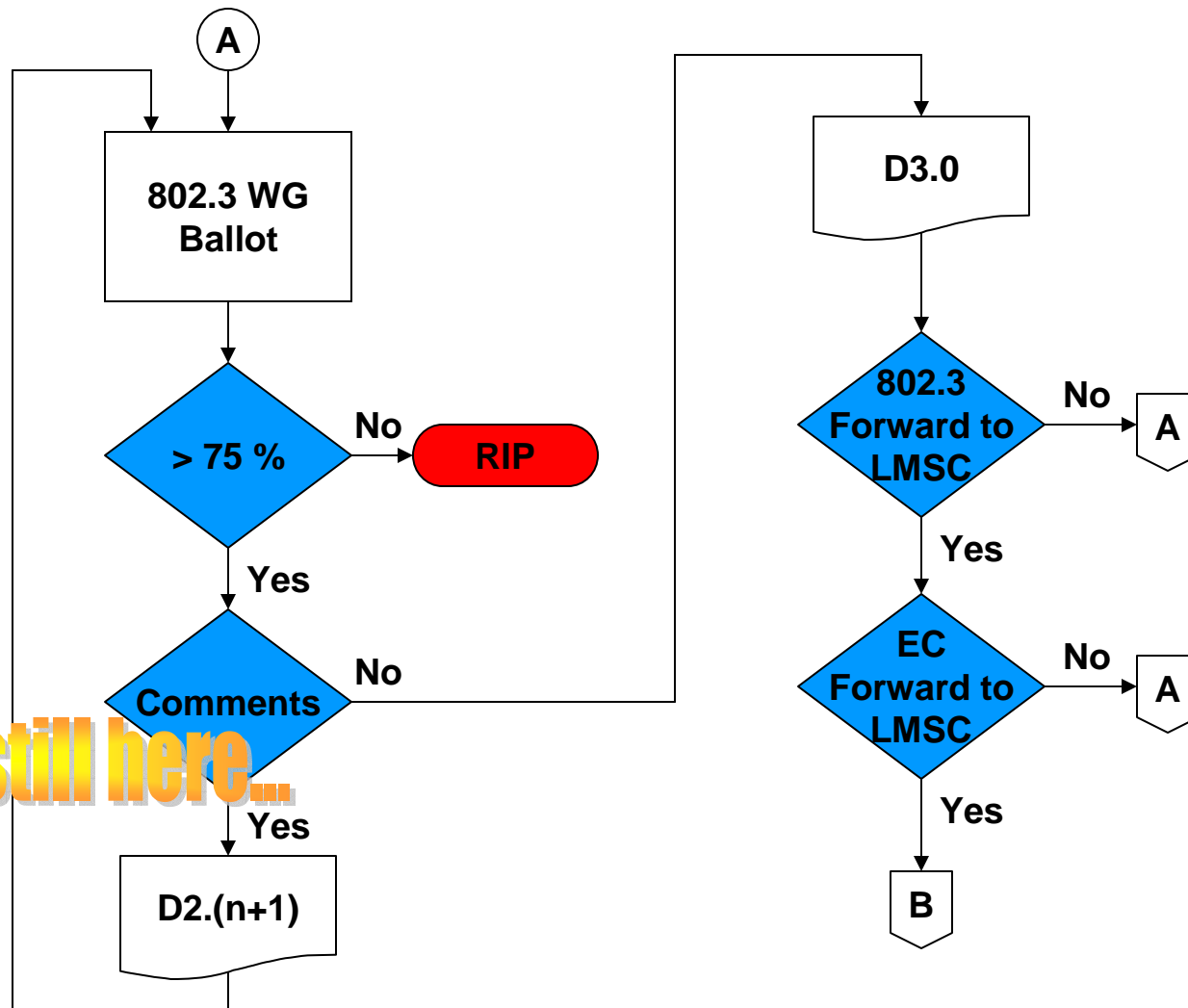
# IEEE Standards Process



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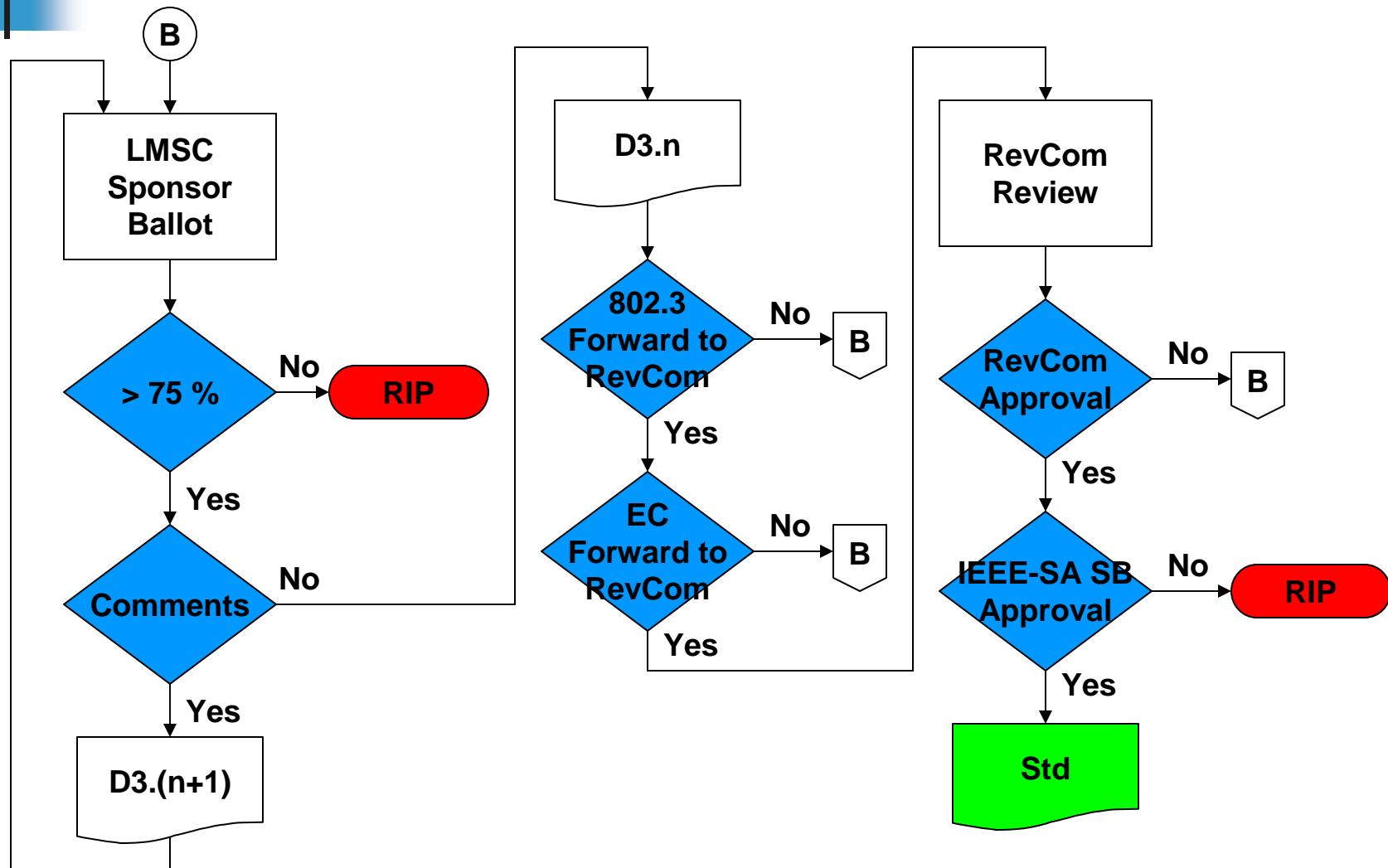


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# IEEE Standards Process (cont.)







# IEEE P802.3ap Task Force Documents

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- Approved PAR

<http://standards.ieee.org/board/nes/projects/802-3ap.pdf>

- 5 Criteria

[http://ieee802.org/3/ap/802\\_3\\_ap\\_5criteria.pdf](http://ieee802.org/3/ap/802_3_ap_5criteria.pdf)

- Objectives

[http://ieee802.org/3/ap/802\\_3\\_ap\\_objectives.pdf](http://ieee802.org/3/ap/802_3_ap_objectives.pdf)



# IEEE P802.3ap Objectives

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- **Preserve the 802.3/Ethernet frame format at the MAC Client service interface.**
- **Preserve min. and max. frame size of current 802.3 Std.**
- **Support existing media independent interfaces.**
- **Support operation over a single lane across 2 connectors over copper traces on improved FR-4 for links consistent with lengths up to at least 1m.**
  - **Define a 1 Gb/s PHY**
  - **Define a 10 Gb/s PHY**
- **Define a 4-lane 10Gb/s PHY for operation over the 802.3ap channel model.**
- **Consider auto-negotiation.**
- **Support BER of  $10^{-12}$  or better.**
- **Meet CISPR/FCC Class A.**

# Project Timeline Detail

- Draft Submission Deadline
- ◆ Standards Board Meeting
- Meeting (P = Plenary, I = Interim)

