

Path Forward

IEEE P802.3bs 200GbE and 400GbE
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Introduction

Votes

	Summary	% Summary	% Required
Voters	134		
Approve	106	95.5%	(\geq 75%
Disapprove	5		
Abstain	4	3.5%	(< 30%
Returns	115	85.8%	(\geq 75%

Comments

	3.0	3.1	3.2	Total
Commenter #1	5	6	13	24
Commenter #2	1		1	2
Commenter #3	1	2		3
Commenter #4			1 (?)	1 (?)
				30

Imperative Principles of the Standards Process

<https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/Public/mytools/mob/imperative.pdf>

- Due Process
- Openness
- Consensus
- Balance
- Right of Appeal

Applying the Principles Now

- Operational Definition - **Follow procedures**
- Openness - **Everyone has access to the process**
- Consensus -
 - Agreement among the majority
 - Not unanimity
 - The Challenge
 - Approve and publish expeditiously –
 - Obligation to majority
 - Versus
 - Obligation to the minority
 - Attempt to resolve comments

RevCom - Acceptable Responses For Rejection

- **The CRG disagrees with the comment**
- **The comment is out of scope**
- **The proposed change in the comment does not contain sufficient detail so that the CRG can understand the specific changes that satisfy the commenter**
- **The CRG cannot come to a consensus to make changes necessary to address the comment**
- **The comment is in support of an unsatisfied previous comment associated with a disapprove vote and does not provide substantive additional rationale**
- The comment includes an attachment that does not meet the criteria indicated by the myBallot system; that the CRG cannot address as a single issue; or that does not relate to a specific line, paragraph, figure, or equation in the balloted draft
- **The commenter has indicated to the CRG chair that they wish to withdraw the comment**

Sources: <http://standards.ieee.org/about/sasb/revcom/guidelines.pdf>

IEEE-SA OPS Manual -

5.4.3.5 Completion of the standards balloting process and submittal to RevCom

- A minimum of 75% of those voting Approve or Do Not Approve (Negative with comment) must approve the draft in order to submit the ballot result to the IEEE-SA Standards Board. In the event that 30% or more of the returned ballots are Abstentions, the standards balloting process shall be considered invalid.
- In the event that a 75% return cannot be obtained, the standards balloting process is considered to have failed and further disposition of the proposed standard shall be the responsibility of the Sponsor.
- Once all required recirculations have been completed and 75% approval has been achieved, the IEEE requirements for consensus have been met. **Efforts to resolve Do Not Approve votes may continue for a brief period; however, if such resolution is not possible in a timely manner, the Sponsor should forward the submittal to RevCom because the IEEE has an obligation to the majority to review and publish the proposed standard quickly.**
- Copies of all unresolved Do Not Approve votes, together with the reasons given by the Do Not Approve voters and the responses by the Sponsor, shall be included with the ballot results submitted to RevCom.
- The Sponsor shall, if not included in a recirculation package, provide to the Do Not Approve voter and to RevCom an explanation why any comments associated with a Do Not Approve vote were not required to be recirculated. In order for a Do Not Approve vote to be changed to an Approve or Abstain vote, the Sponsor shall obtain and provide to RevCom written confirmation from each voter (by letter, fax, or electronic mail) that indicates concurrence with any change of his or her vote. Any Do Not Approve vote with comment that RevCom is asked to consider as a Do Not Approve (Negative without comment) shall be explained to RevCom.

http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/opman/sb_om.pdf