

**IEEE 802.3 Maintenance Task Force**  
**January 2009 Meeting Minutes**  
**New Orleans, LA**  
**Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
<http://www.ieee802.org/3/maint/index.html>

Meeting called to order by Wael William Diab (Chair) at 9.15AM 01/14/2009.

Hugh Barrass volunteered to act as recording secretary and record the minutes.

For the meeting agenda and slides, please refer to:

[http://www.ieee802.org/3/maint/public/diab\\_1\\_0109.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/maint/public/diab_1_0109.pdf)

### **Patent Slides**

Wael displayed the patent policy slides, reading aloud the highlights and guidelines and allowing time for the group to digest the information.

Patent slides shown at 9:17 AM. Call for any known LOAs. Response: none.

### **Attendance**

Wael informed the attendees about the attendance recording mechanisms and briefly described the rules for voting membership. The following individuals recorded their attendance:

Wael Diab, Broadcom	Brad Booth, AMCC
Geoff Thompson, Nortel	Glenn Parsons, Nortel
Hugh Barass, Cisco	Gavin Parnaby, Solarflare
Howard Frazier, Broadcom	Shimon Muller, Sun
Sanjay Kasturia, Teranetics	David Law, 3Com
Steve Carlson, HSD	Mike Grimwood, Broadcom
Fred Schindler, Cisco	Mike McCormack, TI

### **Agenda**

Wael went through the agenda:

#### Proposed Agenda

- Review and approve agenda
- Review patent slides
- Approve November minutes
- New maintenance requests
  - 1200, 1201, 1202, 1203 and 1204
- 802.3ay final update
- 802.3bb
- 802.3bc
- 802.3.1
- IEEE 802.3 maintenance web site

**Motion to approve agenda.**

M: H. Barrass

S: B. Booth

Approved by voice vote without opposition.

**Previous Minutes**

**Motion to approve the September 2008 minutes.**

M: B. Booth

S: F. Schindler

Approved by voice vote without opposition.

**New Maintenance Requests**

Wael described that we have 24 open maintenance requests: 5 new, 10 balloting, 4 ready for ballot.

**Maintenance item #1200**

It appears that the issue was fixed in Rev .3ay (very recently published as 802.3-2008). There was no objection to changing the state of the maintenance request to "rejected."

**Maintenance item #1201**

It was agreed that this fixes a simple oversight and should be accepted as proposed. The state of the maintenance request will change to "ready for ballot."

**Maintenance items #1202 and 1203**

After vigorous discussion, it was suggested that the upper bound of the frequency range could be removed. Following a straw poll on the modified new text (4 in favor of the change vs. 0 against the change) it was decided to change the state of the maintenance request to "ready for ballot."

**Maintenance item #1204**

There was some discussion regarding the merits of the proposal there was no proposal or consensus regarding status change, so the request stays in state "received."

**802.3bb**

There draft was reviewed and discussed. A minor change was requested and agreed to.

**Motion (802.3bb)**

Move:

- Submit draft D1.0 with comments captured in diab\_1\_0109.pdf for Working Group preview at the March 2009 plenary.
- Request that the 802.3 Working Group conduct a ballot on the draft.

M: D. Law

S: H. Barrass

Y: 5 N: 0 A: 0

Technical (75%)

Motion passes

### **802.3bc**

There was some discussion regarding the PAR, also regarding the details in the draft – particularly with respect to the containment structure between .3bc & .3at.

Break at 11AM. Meeting Resumed at 11.20am

### **802.3.1**

There was discussion regarding the responses to comments made by NesCom on the submitted PAR.

#### **Document structure**

Howard presented the results of his work so far. The project is progressing and Howard hopes to have a draft for review in March. There was some discussion regarding style – particularly whether the style should be homogenized or whether it should reflect the historical nature of the development. Additionally, there was a comparison between the import of IETF MIBs into 802.1 and the general structure of IETF MIBs themselves. Howard recommends that we should follow the IETF structure, each MIB has its own clause with commonly numbered subclauses – this also matches the approach of 802.3. There was general agreement with this approach.

There was a lot of review and discussion about details for the layout etc.

#### **Motion (802.3.1)**

Move:

- Adopt the structure of the document presented in frazier\_1\_0109.pdf.

M: D. Law

S: S. Carlson

Approved by voice vote without opposition.

#### **Motion to adjourn.**

M: S. Carlson

S: H. Barrass

Approved by voice vote without opposition.

**Adjourned at 12.20pm**