Proposed change

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Add the additional requirement:-

"Any request for a call for interest shall be made to the WG Chair. This request shall be made in advance of the WG plenary such that the WG Chair can provide 30 notice of the addition of the item to the agenda."

Proposed Rules Revision #11/98-1

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Change the text to read:-

"... by any member. Any request to make a call for interest shall be made to the WG Chair. This request shall be made 35 days in advance of the start of the WG plenary."

Rational for Proposed Rules Revision #11/98-1

The revision clarifies the requirements to be able to make a call for interest. Specifically it clarifies that:

- 1) the request to make a call for interest has to made to the WG Chair,
- 2) the request has to be made with sufficient notice so that it can be added to the outline agenda, specifically 35 days in advance.

In addition the revision restricts that a call for interest can only be made by a Working Group member. This ensures the support and advice of at least one Working Group member.