

IEEE 802.3 Rules Report

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Maintenance of Operating Rules (1/3)

- Procedure defined in rules (see 2.7)
- Proposed changes must be received no later than the night before the WG opening plenary.
- Proposed improvements shall be in written form and should include:
 - a) The purpose, objective, or problem the proposed change is intended to address.
 - b) The specific text of the rule change and the rationale for the chosen text.
- If there are any proposed changes a meeting will be held to discuss the changes.

Maintenance of Operating Rules (2/3)

- Proposed changes shall be made available for pre-view by the membership by the Monday prior to the next plenary week.
- Announcement will be made at that WG opening plenary that a vote will be taken on the changes at the WG closing plenary.

Maintenance of Operating Rules (3/3)

- The rules of operation of the WG can be changed by either:
 - a) A minimum 75% approval of the sum of attending WG voting members voting "Approve" or "Do Not Approve" taken at the WG closing plenary.
 - b) An affirmative WG letter ballot (see 2.6.2). A greater than 50% approval of the sum of attending WG voting members voting "Approve" or "Do Not Approve" is required for a change to be sent out for a WG letter ballot.

Change 1-11/16

- The purpose, objective, or problem
 - “Per Section 4.2 (noted below), a CFI can only occur at a WG Plenary meeting with the subsequent initiation of the SG by vote of the WG happening at the same Plenary meeting. The proposed replacement text for Section 4.2 provided below would enable the CFI and subsequent initiation of the SG by vote of the WG at any meeting where the IEEE 802.3 WG was holding an announced meeting.”

Change 1-11/16, continued

- Specific text changes
 - **Change the contents of 4.2 as follows:**
 - A SG is formed when enough interest has been identified for a particular area of study within the scope of the WG. The first step in the process is a call for interest. This can be made at ~~the WG opening plenary~~ a WG meeting by any member. Any request to make a call for interest shall be made to the WG Chair. This request shall be made at least 35 days in advance of the start of the ~~WG plenary meeting~~. In addition, if a CFI is to be considered at a Working Group interim, it shall be announced at the prior closing plenary under AOB. A SG can then be initiated by vote of the WG and must be approved by the LMSC EC. ~~During this approval process the LMSC EC decides whether a SG is within the scope of the WG, should be moved to another Working Group or should be set up as an Executive Committee Study Group (ECSG).~~

Change 2-11/16

- The purpose, objective, or problem
 - This proposed change addresses two issues, the notice requirement for electronic IEEE 802.3 Task Force and Study Group meetings and the ability to take votes during an electronic IEEE 802.3 Task Force meeting.
 - Subclause 3.3.2 'Meetings and Participation' of the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group Operations Manual that '*A meeting notice and outline agenda shall be made available 30 days prior to any meeting.*'. This is an additional requirement over and above the IEEE 802 LMSC Working Group Policies and Procedures which states in subclause 6.6 'Subgroup Meetings' that '*A subgroup of a WG shall announce all electronic meetings at least 10 days in advance, except for electronic meetings concerning only regulatory communications, which shall be announced at least 5 days in advance. All face to face meetings of a subgroup of a WG shall be announced at least 30 days in advance.*'. I believe this discourages electronic Task Force and Study Group meetings which would sometimes be useful to hold. I suggest we address this by moving to a reference to the IEEE 802 LMSC Working Group P&P allowing Task Force and Study Group chairs to call teleconference meetings with 10 days' notice on the condition that voting will not occur (see below). If voting is to occur the 30 days' notice requirement should remain.

Change 2-11/16, continued

- The purpose, objective, or problem, continued
 - I also propose that voting at teleconference meetings should be permitted by the IEEE 802.3 Operations Manual in certain circumstances to increase efficiency. These circumstances would be a comment resolution meetings where the draft has reached or exceed a minimum of 75% approval, and the volume of comments is expected to be low. As stated above, I propose that such a teleconference meeting require 30 days' notice, and in addition I propose that only IEEE 802.3 voters are allowed to vote, and that counted votes have to be recorded as roll call votes.

Change 2-11/16, continued

- Specific text changes

- **Change the last three paragraphs as 3.3.2 as shown below:**
- A TF will normally meet during the week of the LMSC plenary. The WG Chair determines, taking into account TF status, if this plenary week TF meeting is not required. Depending on the work load, interim TF meetings can be held between the LMSC plenary meetings as often as required and agreed to by the TF membership. ~~A meeting notice and outline agenda shall be made available 30 days prior to any meeting.~~ The notice requirements for the announcement of a TF meeting are contained in the IEEE LMSC WG P&P (see ref [1], 6.6) with the addition that an electronic TF comment resolution meeting where motions are to be considered (see 3.4.2) shall be announced at least 30 days in advance.
- The announcement, ~~In addition this notice and including an outline~~ agenda, shall be sent to the e-mail list of all active participants (voters, observers, liaisons and LMSC Executive Committee). The announcement of a face-to-face TF meeting shall also ~~This notice will~~ include as a minimum the date, time, location, host, hotel details, meeting fees and cut-off dates, and travel details if necessary ~~and a stated purpose.~~ The announcement of an electronic TF meeting shall also include as a minimum the date, time, and the access information for the electronic TF meeting.

Change 2-11/16, continued

- Specific text changes, continued
 - **Change the last paragraph of 3.3.2 as shown below:**
 - TF meetings that are less than two days in duration, ~~or~~ that take place adjunct to and co-located with the Plenary meeting, or that are electronic, do not count towards WG voting rights.
 - **Change the second paragraph of 3.4.2 as shown below:**
 - In face-to-face TF meetings w~~h~~ere a TF is operating with membership rules for voting (see 3.3) only the TF members ~~can~~ may make and vote on motions. In face-to-face TF meetings w~~h~~ere ~~these~~ membership rules are not in force all any TF participants is entitled to ~~may~~ make ~~motions and all TF participants who are present at the time the vote is taken have the right to~~ and vote on ~~the~~ motions, subject only to the provision that they believe that they are qualified to vote on the matter before the TF. Electronic TF meetings shall not consider motions except for a comment resolution meeting for a draft that has achieved 75% approval, and the volume of comments that is expected to be considered is low (<<100). In such meetings only IEEE 802.3 Working Group members may make and vote on motions. If a motion is not approved by unanimous consent it shall be taken as a roll call vote.

Change 2-11/16, continued

- Specific text changes, continued
 - **Change the last paragraph of 3.4.2 as shown below:**
 - The decision to define a motion as technical or procedural rests with the TF Chair. Generally a technical motion is defined as a motion that will materially ~~effect~~affect the content of a draft. This is because a draft itself will ultimately be subject to a 75% majority vote at both WG and LMSC ballot.

Meeting week plan

- Meet **Wednesday** 9th November immediately following, and in the same room as, the Maintenance Task Force meeting
 - Refer to 802world.org/attendee for schedule and location
- Consider change 1-11/16 and 2-11/16

Questions?

Thank you!