

Unconfirmed minutes
IEEE 802.3 Call for Interest “DTE Power via MDI”
Montreal, PQ
July 7th 1999

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The meeting was called to order by David Law at 8:00 A.M. David provided a background presentation regarding the subject matter and the course of business for the meeting. David stressed the limited time available for the presentations and discussions due to the next meeting starting in the room at 10:00 A.M.

David Law asked for a volunteer to act as Secretary for the meeting, Michael McCormack volunteered and was selected.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Nick Stapleton, general market need / general technical background.
No questions.

Presentation by Amir Lehr, power possibilities.
No questions.

Presentation by Steve Adams, market opportunities for IP telephony.
No questions.

Presentation by Arlan Anderson, IP telephony technical / market requirements.
No questions.

David Law announced the 802.3 sign in books and the sign in procedures. David Law announced the Call for Interest attendance list. Books and attendance list were distributed.

Presentation by Scott Burton, market acceptance and need for IP telephone power.
Question: What is “Phantom Power?” Answer: A method of superimposing power onto the same wires that provide data signals.

Presentation by Carlos Rios, Wireless LAN requirements / opportunity / proprietary solution currently in use.

Question: How much power is required for wireless LAN Access Points?

Answer: 1.5 Watts to “several watts.”

Question: How is damage to existing devices prevented with the proprietary solution?

Answer: No method is currently provided in the equipment, attempt to identify problems by design.

Comment: Numerous protection checks / provisions are possible such as sensing loop characteristics prior to providing power to the cable.

Comment: Protection is a subject for a Study Group, not a Call for Interest meeting.

Presentation by Khy Vijah, areas of study regarding power and noise.

No Questions.

DISCUSSION

A discussion was led by David Law.

Steve Carlson of the ESTA asked to address the group, put forth his desire to see that DTE power became standardised. Stated that Ethernet is used for theatre lighting and control and has been for 5 years. Pitched that providing power over Ethernet would allow for future applications that are currently not possible in the areas of building automation, building lighting, energy monitoring and perhaps other areas. Asked that the IEEE proceed to forming a standard.

Geoff Thompson took the floor to provide comments. Geoff stated that the group needed to formulate a convincing argument to present to the 802.3 meeting on Thursday. Noted that a potential application would be the ability to provide power to keep equipment alive that could wake up and draw further power from a local source. Stated that the three groups would need to work with in the study group, client or DTE vendors, infrastructure vendors, and installation organisations. He stated his preference for would be for a PAR in November. Proposed that Steve Carlson lead the current Call for Interest presentation group.

Discussion was closed.

David Law put forth proposals for motions. The following polls were taken:

POLLS:

Number of individual prepared to contribute to establishing a project on this topic:

There was no discussion.

Results: 33

Number of companies prepared to contribute to establishing a project on this topic:

There was no discussion.

Results: 20

MOTION 1:

Request that in response to the DTE Power via MDI Call for Interest, that 802.3 approve the creation of a DTE Power via MDI Study Group and authorize an interim meeting.

Procedural (50%)

M: Bill Quackenbush, S: Curtis Siller

Y: 44 N: 0 A: 0 Passed

There was a question regarding who was eligible to vote, answer per Geoff Thompson was anyone present in the room who felt they were qualified to vote on such a topic. The vote was taken and the motion passed as recorded above.

MOTION 2:

To charter an Ad Hoc group to generate the presentation for 802.3 on Thursday and to nominate a person to lead this Ad Hoc and present to 802.3 Steve Carlson to Chair the Ad Hoc

Procedural (50%)

M: Arlan Anderson, S: Khaled Amer

Y: 38 N: 1 A: 8 Passed

There was discussion to propose an alternate chair, however no amendments were proposed. The vote was taken and the motion passed as recorded above.

There was discussion about the proper time and place of the first Study Group meeting, which resulted in the following motion:-

MOTION 3:

Move that a 2 day Interim meeting be held on 30th Sept, 1st Oct co-located with the other 802.3 interim meetings in York UK

M: Mike McCormack, Second: Steve Adams

Y: 27 N: 1 A: 20 Passed

Call for further motions resulted in none. David Law asked all presenter to provide their presentation for posting on the (hopefully) Study Group web page. David Law asked all parties interested in working on the presentation to the 802.3 meeting to collect after the meeting. A motion was made to close, a voice vote was taken which passed by acclamation.

NOTE:

During the meeting, a math error in the tabulation of votes, as written on the motion slide was detected by the secretary. While the minutes correctly recorded the results on Motion 1 as Y: 44, N: 0, A: 0 the chair in error wrote Y: 34, N: 0, A: 0 on the motion slide. This however did not result in any change to the outcome of the vote.

Respectfully submitted 8th July

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