IEEE 802.16 Session #68 Report

IEEE 802.16's Session #68 was held on 12-15 July 2010 in San Diego, California, USA. This was an IEEE 802 LMSC Plenary Session and co-located with sessions of the other IEEE 802 Working Groups and Technical Advisory Groups. The attendance was approximately 165.

Task Group m (TGm): Advanced Air Interface
Task Group m (TGm) met and completed resolution of comments in Sponsor Ballot of draft P802.16m/D6. P802.16m/D7 will be prepared for recirculation prior to Session #68.5 in August. The existing IEEE 802.16m Work Plan from 18 March remains accurate. The TG issued a closing report, with minutes to follow.

Maintenance Task Group
The Maintenance Task Group addressed change requests and updated its database. It also drafted a response to a liaison statement from the WiMAX Forum. The TG issued a closing report and minutes.

License-Exempt Task Group
The License-Exempt Task Group did not meet. The P802.16h draft was approved by the IEEE-SA Standards Board on 17 June as IEEE Std 802.16h-2010. Publication is scheduled for late July.

GRIDMAN Study Group
The Working Group's GRIDMAN Study Group met to discuss activity under the new P802.16n project, which was approved by the IEEE-SA Standards Board on 17 June. The project will amend IEEE Std 802.16 to provide for "Higher Reliability Networks." The TG issued a closing report and minutes. With the GRIDMAN Study Group's temporary assignment completed, the new GRIDMAN Task Group was initiated to develop the draft standard. Tim Godfrey serves as Chair.

WG Project Planning Committee
The WG Project Planning Committee met, reviewed contributions, and prepared a report.

Liaison Activities
The ITU-R Liaison Group met through the week and prepared a number of documents. For more details, see the ITU-R Liaison Group Report. Liaison statements to Japan, TTA, and the WiMAX Forum were completed. The ITU-R Liaison Group Workplan was updated.

Future Meetings

- IEEE 802.16's Session #68.5 will take place on 16-19 August 2010 in Calgary, Canada. This will be a Special Interim of TGm only.
- IEEE 802.16's Session #69 will take place on 13-16 September 2010 in St. Petersburg, Russia. This Interim Session is sponsored by Yota and by Intel Russia. The Member Host is Alexander Maltsev.
- IEEE 802.16's Session #70 will take place on 8-11 Nov 2010 in Dallas, Texas, USA in conjunction with the IEEE 802 Plenary Session.
- The WG accepted a proposal (see also IEEE C802.16-10/0013) to hold IEEE 802.16's Session #71 on 10-13 January 2011 in Taipei. This Interim Session is sponsored by ITRI. The Member Host is Ching-Tarng Hsieh.
- IEEE 802.16's Session #72 will take place on 14-17 March 2011 in Singapore in conjunction with the IEEE 802 Plenary Session.

- The WG accepted a proposal to hold IEEE 802.16's Session #73 on 16-19 May 2011 in Banff, Alberta, Canada. The Member Host is Ron Murias. Corporate sponsorship is welcome.
- IEEE 802.16's Session #74 will take place on 18-21 July 2011 in San Francisco, California, USA in conjunction with the IEEE 802 Plenary Session.
- IEEE 802.16's Session #75 will take place on 19-22 September 2011. The site is to be determined no later than Session #70. **Proposals are solicited.** *Please see the IEEE 802.16 Interim Session Guidelines*.
- The Future Sessions list and the WirelessMAN Interactive Calendar include all session information through 2012.

Working Group Minutes
The Working Group Session #68 minutes, as recorded by Secretary Scott Probasco, are not yet available.

IEEE 802 Executive Committee Actions
The Working Group's requests at the 802 LMSC Executive Committee meeting of 16 July were approved.

Documents
The Session #68 Document Guide includes references to all session documents. Draft standards are available with a working group password or by purchase from IEEE-SA. Most IEEE 802.16 standards are available for free download via the Get IEEE 802® program. See the 802.16 publication list for details of published standards and drafts.

About IEEE 802.16
The IEEE 802.16 Working Group on Broadband Wireless Access Standards has developed and is enhancing the **WirelessMAN®** Standard for wireless metropolitan area networks. IEEE 802.16 is a unit of the IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee, the premier transnational forum for wired and wireless networking standardization. A list of IEEE 802.16 standards and drafts is available on-line, as is an archive of previous Session Reports. The IEEE 802.16 Interactive Calendar includes sessions and deadlines.

"802.16 News" Mailing List
The "802.16 News" mailing list ("stds-802-16-news") has the sole purpose of distributing major announcements related to the Working Group. Those interested in following the progress of the group but not in the day-to-day details may wish to subscribe. Only the Working Group Chair is eligible to post to the list, and mailings will be rare: once after each bimonthly session and additionally for major news, such as the approval of a new standard. Those subscribing to the stds-802-16 mailing list, for active Working Group participants, need not subscribe to stds-802-16-news since the postings will be redundant.

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