

IEEE 802 LMSC Rules Revision Letter Ballot Resolution

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To: Sponsor Executive Committee

Date: July 7th, 2002

Scope: To permit voting by electronic means at the working group level.

Purpose: To facilitate the WG consensus process.

Duration: Resolution on this ballot is scheduled for the LMSC meeting of Friday July 12th, 2002. If you have any comments or issues prior to that time, please contact Matthew Sherman (mjsherman@att.com).

Proposed Text^{1,2}:

5.1.3.4 Rights

The rights of the Working Group members include the following:

- a) To receive a notice of the next meeting.
- b) To receive a copy of the minutes.
- c) To vote at meetings if and only if present.
- d) To vote in Working Group Letter Ballots.
- ~~d) To vote by mail on drafts to be submitted to the Sponsor Ballot Group.~~
- e) To examine all Working Draft documents.
- f) To lodge complaints about Working Group operation with the Executive Committee.
- g) To petition the Executive Committee in writing. (A petition signed by two-thirds of the combined members of all Working Groups forces the Executive Committee to implement the resolution.)

5.1.4.2.2 Voting by Letter Ballots

The decision to submit a draft standard or a revised standard to the Sponsor Ballot Group must be ratified by a letter ballot. Other matters may also be decided by a letter ballot at the discretion of the Working Group Chair. The Working Group Chair may vote in letter ballots.

The letter ballot response time must be at least forty days from the time of “sending” postmark to the postmark of the returned ballot.

The ballot shall contains three choices:

- ?? Approve. (May attach non-binding comments.)
- ?? Do Not Approve. (Must attach specific comments on what must be done to the draft to change the vote to “Approve”.)
- ?? Abstain. (Must include reasons for abstention.)

¹ taken verbatim from the text that was one vote away (thank you Bill Lidinsky...) from approval on the evening of Thursday March 11, 1999—THREE YEARS AGO!!!

² The SEC members at that time were Jim Carlo, Paul Nikolich, Buzz Rigsbee, Howard Frazier, Bob Grow, Bill Lidinsky, Dave Carlson, Geoff Thompson, Bob Love, Jim Mollenaur, Chip Benson, D. Vaman, Ken Alonge, Vic Hayes, Pat Thaler and Robert Russell—a total of 16 individuals, of which 4 remain (highlighted).

To forward a draft standard or a revised standard to the Executive Committee for approval for Sponsor Ballot Group voting, a letter ballot (or confirmation letter ballot) must be done first within the Working Group. A 75 percent approval of the Working Group confirmation letter ballot is necessary with at least 50 percent of the members voting. The 75 percent figure is computed only from the “Approve” and “Do Not Approve” votes. Subsequent confirmation ballots to the Sponsor Ballot Group do not require Executive Committee approval.

The Working Group Chair determines if and how negative votes in an otherwise affirmative letter ballot are to be resolved. Normally, the Working Group meets to resolve the negatives or assigns the task to a ballot resolution group.

There is a recirculation requirement. For guidance on the recirculation process see Section 5.4.3.2 Resolution of comments, objections, and negative votes in the IEEE-SA Standards [Board Operations](#) Manual.

The letter ballot shall be conducted by electronic means. The response time shall be at least thirty days. However, for recirculation ballots, and for letter ballots not related to the submission of draft standards, the response time shall be at least fifteen days.

Submission of a draft standard or a revised standard to the Executive Committee must be accompanied by any outstanding negative votes and a statement of why these unresolved negative votes could not be resolved.