

## IEEE 802 LMSC Rules Revision Letter Ballot

From: Paul Nikolich, Chair IEEE 802  
To: Sponsor Executive Committee

Date: July 9, 2002

Scope: Rules Change to set the Plenary Session opening and closing SEC meeting times.

Purpose: To give Working Groups more meeting time by moving the closing SEC meeting to Friday and to eliminate confusion surrounding the times of the opening and closing SEC meetings.

### Rationale:

At the March 2001 Plenary Session Howard Frazier proposed making the times of the opening and closing SEC meetings during plenary sessions 'flexible' with respect to absolute start times. He proposed a rules change which Paul Nikolich was to have initiated. The rules change process was never started, resulting in the closing SEC meeting times being set in an ad-hoc manner (March01, Fri 8-12PM; July01, Fri 3-7PM; November01, Fri 3-7PM; March02, Fri 1-6PM)

### RULES CHANGE TEXT (as modified per Bill Q's editorial comments):

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**Paul Nikolich**

I vote APPROVE on the below rules change.

--Paul Nikolich

**Geoff Thompson**

APPROVE

**Buzz Rigsbee**

Paul, I agree with Mike that the motion should state the exact change in question, but I vote approve on the proposed change from the minutes.

Thanx, Buzz

**Bob O'Hara**

I vote to approve the rules change on opening and closing SEC meetings. I particularly approve of the change to the last paragraph, regarding status reports. Many of you are not in compliance with either the current rule or the proposed rule. Please send me your status reports ASAP!

-Bob

**Bill Quackenbush**

I vote approve, but request that the following editorial changes be incorporated.

Section 5.1.5.2.3  
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I find two problems with this section. Although condition "a)" is not part of the proposed rules change, I note that it is poorly worded (it is the WG that is hibernating, not the WG chair). Condition "b)" references a section (5.1.3.2) that deals with retaining WG membership which is not applicable in this context and does not state what fraction of the opening and closing SEC meetings must be attended to get credit for attendance. For instance, would attending an SEC meeting for only half an hour be enough for the chair of a hibernating WG to get attendance credit?

I propose that the two conditions be changed to

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Procedure 5, Item 7  
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Change "during the Plenary session" in the last sentence of the proposed change to "of the Plenary session".

Thanks ,

wlq

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Tony Jeffree

I vote "Approve".

Regards,  
Tony

Bob Grow

Approve

Stuart Kerry

Rules change to set Opening/Closing SEC meeting times: APPROVE

Bob Heile

Approve

Roger Marks

I vote "Disapprove", with the following comments:

The proposed time of the Closing SEC Meeting is too late. The change will extend the SEC member's responsibility by 18 hours each meeting; due to travel limitations, this will, in effect, be a 24 hour extension. This extra responsibility will seriously limit the pool of potential SEC candidates.

Perhaps more importantly, the delay will limit the access of observers to the SEC process. Regular 802 participants will find it difficult to justify saying over another night to observe. Furthermore, given that 802 Plenary Sessions are virtually always in the US, non-US participants will have an extremely long trip if they wish to attend the SEC as observers. The same is true of SEC members, of course, which means that this change will strongly limit our ability to expand our contingent of non-US SEC members.

The 802.16 Working Group has taken a strong stance on this issue, approving unanimously in its Closing Plenary (24 May 2002) the following motion: "To urge that SEC meetings be concluded by noon on Friday of each 802 Plenary week in order to ensure that SEC meetings remain open in practice as well as in theory."

I suggest that the rules change be modified to provide that the Closing SEC Meeting be held from 8 am until noon on Friday. I see the following advantages:

\*SEC members and observers could go home on Friday afternoon.

\*This schedule would reduce or eliminate the possibility of WGs holding the closing meetings just before the SEC meeting. WGs would have time to get their work in order.

\*This schedule would accommodate WGs that need more time than is allowed by the Thursday night SEC meeting. WGs could, if necessary, hold their closing plenaries on Thursday night. For example, 802.16 has decided to do so in July.

\*A Friday afternoon SEC meeting would provide only about four hours more WG time than a Friday morning SEC meeting. Most of this could be

recovered on Thursday night, if groups aren't already putting that time to use.

\*Groups that need more time can and should adjust their starting times appropriately. Sunday is available if necessary.

\*Another possibility to which I am open is to move the SEC Opening Meeting to Sunday night and scheduling the 802 Opening Plenary for 8-9 am Monday. This would let the WGs get started at 9 am Monday morning. Other WGs, at their option, could still start later. This earlier SEC start would entail an additional burden for SEC members. However, for most, it doesn't entail any extra nights away from home.

Roger

**Mike Takefman**

Paul,

I just checked the SEC minutes for March and the motion shown below does not include the text shown in the SEC minutes, nor does it reference the SEC minutes.

I would like to make sure I understand just what I am voting on. Are we voting on the rules change text from page 6 of <http://www.ieee802.org/minutes/mar2002/Minutes-20020315.pdf>

If so, I agree with Rogers comments and vote Disapprove.

My vote would change to Approve if the time for the closing plenary is changed to start at 8am and to conclude by either noon or 1pm.

cheers,

mike

**Carl Stevenson**

Paul, et al,

If I have not already done so, I vote APPROVE.

Carl