

**IEEE 802 LMSC Policy and Procedure Revision Ballot  
on  
Roll Call Votes**

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**Purpose:** Include required minority to approve a Roll Call vote in LMSC P&P.

**Rationale for proposed text:**

LMSC P&P do not include a threshold on a vote to request a roll call vote. Analysis of Robert's Rules and the rules of Congress shows that a one fifth (1/5) minority is a reasonable requirement. Without such a rule in the LMSC P&P the minority is not protected from the majority as the default threshold for such a vote is > 50%.

The following change attempts to balance both the protection of the minority and the majority by providing rules to cause a roll call vote to occur as well as a method for the chair to insure that roll call votes cannot be used to delay the committee.

**Proposed Text:**

**The changes below are made relative to the July 2003 LMSC P&P (with some modification for approved but not yet incorporated P&P revisions). In case of conflict with prior P&P revisions completed but not yet integrated, this P&P revision will take precedence.**

**5.1.4.2 Voting**

There are two types of votes in the Working Group. These are votes at meetings and votes by letter ballot.

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**5.1.4.2.3 Roll Call Votes**

A roll call vote can be held at the discretion of the chair.

A roll call vote shall be held if at least one fifth (20%) of the members support the request for the roll call vote. I.E. a vote to approve the roll call vote achieves the following ratio of votes [(Yes / (Yes + No)) >= 0.2].

In order to insure that roll call votes cannot be used to delay the work of the committee, the chair may deny the request for a roll call vote regardless of the level of support for such a vote, if more than 20% of the committee's time that day has already been consumed in administering roll call votes [i.e. the committee is scheduled to meet for 8 hours that day, once more than 96 minutes has been taken in administering the roll call votes.]