



To: IEEE-SA Standards Board
IEEE-SA Board of Governors
IEEE 802 Executive Committee
IEEE 802.20 Participants

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From: Steve Mills, Chair IEEE-SASB

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Re: Update on IEEE 802.20

The IEEE Standards Association is a well regarded forum for the development of high-quality standards achieved through a fair, open, and balanced process. The IEEE-SA Standards Board (SASB) met in executive session on 8 June 2006, to discuss whether its fundamental principles have been observed in the activities of the IEEE-SA's 802.20 working group. (The IEEE-SA had advised 802.20 members of this status in a May 5 memorandum posted on the reflector.) The SASB made several decisions regarding these issues yesterday, which will be made public in the near future.

Text of May 5 Memo:

“Standards-development efforts conducted under the auspices of the IEEE must be conducted in a manner consistent with the principles of openness and balance, and the absence of domination. For some time now the IEEE Standards Association (IEEE-SA) has been concerned that these principles are not being observed in the IEEE 802.20 working group. In particular, IEEE-SA is concerned that disclosures of true affiliations have been materially incomplete and that IEEE 802.20 has become dominated.

The IEEE-SA Standards Board has been reviewing this situation for the last several months. We expect to complete our review over the next several weeks and reach some decisions at both the IEEE-SA Standards Board and IEEE-SA Board of Governors that are likely to be implemented at the IEEE 802 plenary meeting in July. We are not able to provide you further information about those decisions at this time, but we wanted to let you know that you should expect significant changes.”