

802.1 Opening Plenary - 3/2002

Agenda

Topics

- Administrative stuff
- Exec meeting report
- Patents
- Interim meetings
- Task group stuff

Administrative stuff

- Voting membership
 - Current voters
 - Need to attend 3 qualifying meetings (of which 2 must be plenaries) to become a voter
 - Attendance is as per signup sheet – 75% of meeting sessions
- Mminutes from November/January meetings – see website – will approve in closing plenary
- Website
 - <http://www.ieee802.org/1/>
 - Username: p8021 Password: go_wildcats
- Chair term of office
 - Re-election necessary – term is 2 years, renewable
 - Nominations for Chair & Vice Chair – open now & will remain open till Thursday
 - Election will take place in our Thursday plenary



RAC stuff

- Tony is new RAC chair
- RA has increased prices (BoG decision)
 - RAC asked to look into pricing policy
- SC6 will be asking RAC to take over responsibility for LLC addresses & standard Group MAC addresses
- Formal liaison being established by SC6 (Robin Tasker is likely liaison)

Exec report

Patents: 802.1 policy

“The following is the current patent policy of P802.1. It is subject to modification to meet the current requirements of the IEEE.

In support of the patent policy of the IEEE the 802.1 Working Group has the policy to solicit submissions from participants in 802 who or whose affiliated organizations may hold patents (U.S. or foreign) that have been granted or are under application and who feel that such patents cover technology described in an 802.1 standard that is under development or has been approved.

The 802.1 Working Group requests that any such party submit a letter to be kept on file at the IEEE Standards office. These letters will be made available to any party upon request. We ask assurance that any granted patent will be licensed to all applicants on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms. The letter should also include contact information that will be appropriate as a long term reference point.

The submitter should feel free to include any other information that they wish to communicate in such a letter that will be available on a long term basis.

The letter should be addressed and submitted to the Working Group Chair and signed by a responsible party that holds or will hold assignment rights to the patent.”

Interim meetings

- Have had an offer to join 802.3 interim:
 - Edinburgh, UK, week of 20th May
 - Probably need 2 days – go for the Thurs/Fri (23, 24)
 - Should be plenty to occupy us (s, maintenance items, discovery,...)

Task Group stuff

- 802 O&A – now published
- 802.1s
- Other stuff:
 - Playpen Ethernets project – early draft
 - W/X defects (Y and AA)
 - X/Dot11 problem
 - Discovery protocol
 - 802.1X MIB
- Technical Plenaries
 - Weds 8:30 to 10:30 – 802.3 & 802.17 (Bridging issues)
 - Possible need for time that morning to discuss X/Dot11
- Closing plenary – Thurs AM: N.B. We will not meet on Thursday PM or Friday