

Procedures for Maintenance Task Group in Development of P802.16-2004/Cor 1

The IEEE 802.16 Working Group has drafted a Project Authorization Request (PAR) to develop a corrigendum to IEEE Standard 802.16-2004. A corrigendum (a “document that only contains substantive corrections to an existing IEEE standard”) serves not to alter decisions made in the creation of the standard but only to correct the document’s representation of those decisions. The PAR (approval of which is expected on 23 September 2004) is numbered “P802.16-2004/Cor 1” and entitled “Corrigendum to IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks - Part 16: Air Interface for Fixed Broadband Wireless Access Systems.” It has the scope:

This corrigendum contains substantive corrections to IEEE Standard 802.16-2004. It corrects errors, inconsistencies, and ambiguities in that standard. It does not contain new material.

The IEEE 802.16 Working Group’s new Maintenance Task Group <<http://WirelessMAN.org/maint>> is assigned to develop the work. In preparation for draft development, the Task Group (TG) has issued a Call for Comments <http://WirelessMAN.org/maint/80216maint-04_01.pdf> for review at Session #33.

The following process shall be followed in the development of the project:

- *The Maintenance TG will be responsible for developing the initial technical contents of the corrigendum project at Session #33, based on timely responses to the Call for Comments.
- *The initial technical contents will be in the form of a *Commentary* database specifying changes with respect to IEEE P802.16-REVd/D5. Comments may refer to external contributed documents.
- *Comments will be accepted into the TG’s output database when approved by vote of at least 75%.
- *The TG Chair has the responsibility to ensure that the project remains within the cope of a Corrigendum. Deviations from the scope that are called out in Disapprove comments are likely to block approval of the draft at the 802 EC or NesCom levels.
- *The TG Chair has the authority to rule any comment out of scope of the PAR. A Member may appeal such a ruling of the Chair. If the appeal is seconded by a Member, the Chair’s decision may be overturned by a vote of at least 75%. The TG Chair should remind the TG of the dangers of material that is out of scope.
- *With the approval of the Working Group at the Session #33 Closing Plenary, the output Commentary database will be subject to a special Working Group Letter Ballot of 15 days. In this ballot, the Working Group Members will vote on each comment separately. Those comments receiving at least 75% approval will be considered as Approved.
- *Subsequently, presuming that the PAR is approved, the Task Group Editor will prepare a document in the form of a Draft Standard drawn from the Approved comments. This Draft will (subject to decision of the Working Group at Session #33) be subjected to a Working Group Letter Ballot of a least 30 days, on the question of submitting the draft for Sponsor Ballot.
- *Based on successful Comment Resolution at Session #34, the Working Group will seek conditional approval from the 802 EC to proceed to Sponsor Ballot. If the recirculation is successful, Sponsor Ballot may be initiated by the December 10 target date specified in the PAR.

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