



# RPRWG Organization and Ad-Hoc Groups

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# Disclaimer

- Just some thoughts I had to stimulate discussion on how we organize ourselves to do the work
- I do not claim this proposal is the best answer



# Ugly Truth

- Ethernet in the Metro and SONET are the largest market threat to RPR
- A lot of buzz in the industry about RPR
- RPR Alliance's job is to maintain the buzz
- An overly long standards process could hurt RPR acceptance



# Focus on the Work

- Some areas do not require the participation of the entire WG
  - Response to 802.3 Ad-hoc
    - most progress made when a small dedicated group focused on issue
  - SG ratified and tweaked proposal to final status
  - 802.3z had 4 sub-task forces
- All meetings should be broken into sessions that focus on one aspect of the standard
  - we may want to have some in parallel



# Possible Work Areas

- MAC Definition
  - service model, Frame Format, packet processing rules, priority support, fairness
- Control Protocols
  - topology, protection
- Physical Layer Definition
  - SONET/SDH
  - Ethernet
- Performance Evaluation