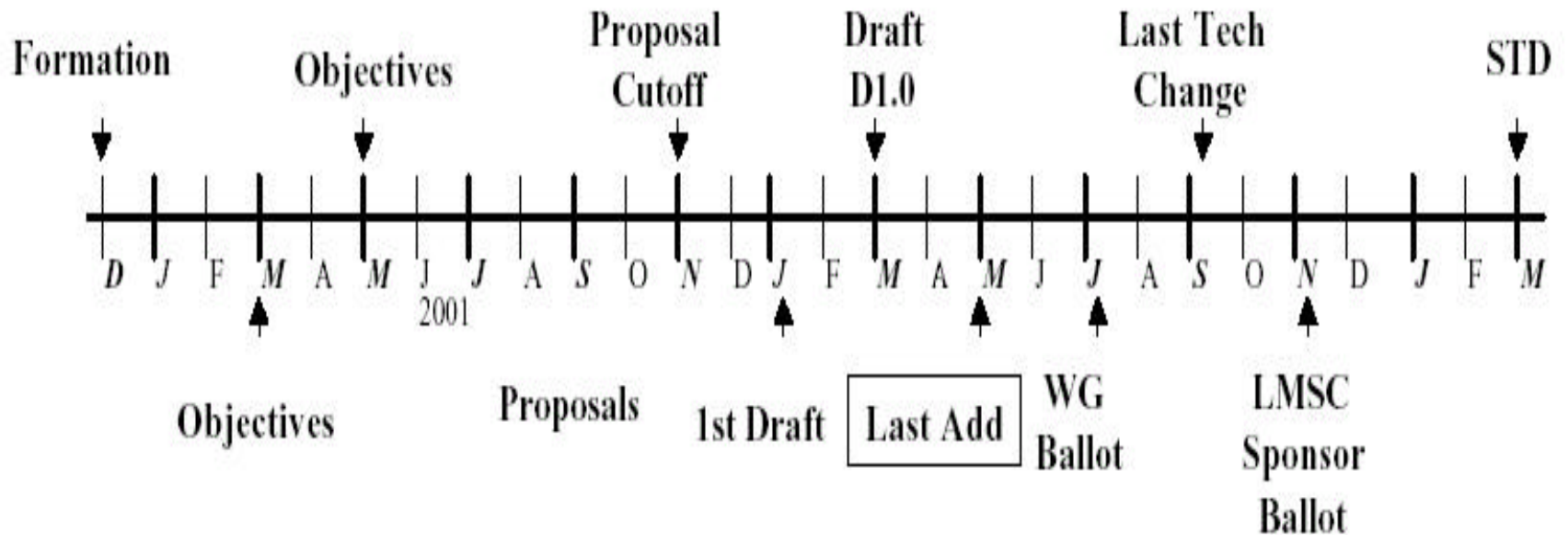# 802.17 Timeline

The Marketing View

Original Schedule

The World is Watching Us

- EoX will continue to "be good enough" to the point that we are a neat technology that never made it to market

- X.msr will be a standard in November 2002.

- Bob Walters, executive director of optical networking for SBC Communications is quoted: *"SBC's Walters is less dismissive of RPR. "We see it coming, but we wouldn't be buying anything until the standards are completed. We don't like nonstandards based equipment as a rule."* (America's Network, 6/1/02)

- We may be able to slip a quarter, maybe two… but a year will kill us

- This opportunity is finite… the window will not slide with our schedule

Recommendations

- Plan for success: don't assume worst case balloting
  - Too many iterrations through WG/Sponsor ballot
  - The 10GE model is not a good standard on which to base our schedule
- Start spinning off issues -- Tom's list a good start
  - Enhanced Bridging? (802.17b ? 802.1aa?) Flooding ? Others?
  - Keep in mind that this is not the last version of 802.17
- Rationalize the voter list early
  - To ensure 50% ballot response (quorum) when the time comes
  - Adopt new rules (consider 802.3 rules) – requiring valid contact info
- Request that CRGs resolve comments, not forward them to the WG
  - The WG can always over-rule anyway if the CRG gets it wrong.
  - If WG guidance is necessary, forward a recommendation, not a blank resolution
- Instruct the chair to strictly enforce the "last technical change" rule
  - We should fix what's wrong with the current proposal and reject the rest
- Bottom line: We have to have the willingness to do the work
  - Plug the holes that keep people from building solutions

New Schedule ?

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