



802.17b Operations Model

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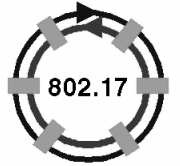
Historical View

- P802.17 generally operated in a mode where the WG was always in session
 - All votes could be binding
 - Only WG members could vote when binding
 - Straw-polls otherwise
- P802.17 Comment Resolution Committees were sub-groups of the WG
 - If more than 1 subgroup was operating then no votes were binding
 - Only WG members could vote on resolutions



Other Possibilities

- Task Force Mode
 - All votes must be confirmed by WG
 - Anyone present may vote (assuming they believe they have the expertise to do so)
 - Allows more active participation by new comers
 - Slower since the vote must be held again either immediately or at the closing plenary
 - Interim meeting decisions must be ratified by the WG
- Modifying WG membership requirements
 - Could make people voting members quicker



Schedule & Membership

- Chair's goal is to finish project in 1 year
 - It is important to finish work quickly to support market adoption of RPR
 - This is work that was deferred, so arguably the people who have voting rights now are the people who would have made decisions originally
- Earliest new members get voting rights is
 - March if they are present November & January
 - July if they are present in March & May
 - November if they are present in March & July
 - Does it make sense to delay the project for people who “might” join?
- Therefore, little unfairness to using WG mode



How Many Active Projects

- 802.17 will have at most 2 active projects for the foreseeable future
 - 802.17b
 - 802.17m (maintenance)
- If a single meeting is scheduled in any one timeslot
 - Operate in WG mode
 - Else operate in TF mode
- Note: nothing prevents an individual from requesting a review of any decision at the closing plenary
 - Chair's discretion as to how much time to allocate to such a review



How to decide?

- 802 rules allow the chair to make this decision
 - However, it is important to debate these issues as WGs are allowed to set their own rules
- Is there is consensus for operating in WG mode?