



IEEE P802.17

Interpretations Process

Interpretations

- Interpretation requests are used to clarify the intent of the standard
 - They are not for submitting technical or editorial errors (see http://www.ieee802.org/17/maintenance/P802.17_maint_proc_01.pdf)
 - They do not result in an alteration to the original standard
 - They may not be used to obtain consulting information

Interpretation Task Group (ITG)

- Operates as a standing (permanent) task group
- ITG membership open to all of WG membership
- ITG meets
 - at all WG plenary meetings
 - when there are open interpretation requests
 - at interim WG meetings and ITG ad hoc meetings
 - if authorized by the WG
- ITG decisions ratified by the WG

Responsibilities Of WG Chair

- Appoint Interpretation Task Group Chair
- Submit interpretations to SA for inclusion in interpretations pages

Responsibilities Of Submitter

- Submit clearly explained description of how the interpretation of the standard is not possible or can have multiple interpretations with different results
- Clarify the problem as requested by the chair of the ITG
- May withdraw interpretation request at any time before it is submitted to ITG

Responsibilities Of ITG Chair

- Maintain database of interpretation requests
- Assign interpretation request numbers to submitted requests
- May work with submitters to make sure requests are valid requests for interpretation and have sufficient explanation to be ready for the ITG
- Run ITG meetings
- Present ITG opening and closing reports to WG
- Act as spokesperson for the ITG

Responsibilities Of ITG

- Evaluate interpretation requests to determine
 - Interpretation needed
 - No answer needed
 - Technical change required
- Work with technical experts to determine correct interpretation
- Decide when interpretation response is ready for submission to WG

Responsibilities Of WG

- Ratify Interpretation Task Group decisions
 - Interpretation responses approved by the WG at the same meeting that they are ready for response
 - All interpretations are considered technical for voting purposes
 - No WG balloting unless WG decides to ballot one or more difficult issues
 - No sponsor balloting

Interpretation Request Submittal

- Submitted to the Secretary of the IEEE Standards Board, as described at <http://standards.ieee.org/reading/ieee/interp/index.html#proc>
- “If suitable for consideration, requests will be sent to the interpretations subgroup”
 - The sponsor will usually forward the requests to the WG maintaining the standard in question

Interpretation Responses

- Responses approved by the WG are returned to the Secretary of the IEEE Standards Board
- Published interpretations are provided at <http://standards.ieee.org/reading/ieee/interp/index.html#available>

Interpretation Request Database

- Maintained by the Interpretation Task Group Chair
- Published in HTML format as subpages of <http://www.ieee802.org/17/interpretations/>