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Abstract	This is a discussion of issues related to IEEE C802.20-08/01.	
Purpose	To provide awareness of concerns with scrapping the current version of the 802.20 P&P.	
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In Contribution **IEEE C802.20-08/01**, presented at the January 2008 meeting, the following proposal was made:

Therefore the proposed [sic] is to revise the 802.20 Working Group P&P as follows.

Delete/eliminate all text except the following statement:

The IEEE 802.20 Working Group will operate under the P&P governing IEEE 802 except as stated in Appendix A for the Officer Elections procedures.

The minutes from the January 2008 IEEE 802.20 meeting state:

“The Vice -Chair began by recognizing Jerry Upton, who submitted a contribution <http://www.ieee802.org/20/Contribs/C802.20-08-01.pdf> dealing with updates to 802.20 policies & procedures (P&P). The current 802 overall P&P is in a state of flux, and we are supposed to follow their lead, which overrides any conflicting procedures in our own P&P. Some groups like 802.11 have been forced to revise their P&P after every meeting because the 802 P&P is in a state of flux. The standards board is changing how they want to lay out stuff. The proposal is to minimize our own P&P by saying that we operate in accordance with the current version of the 802 P&P, with only specific exceptions being noted. Tentatively the only exception identified is Appendix A in the 802.20 P&P dealing with election procedures.

There was general acceptance of this proposal. The Vice- Chair asked if there were any objections? There were none.

Resolved, The [sic] 802.20 P&P will be updated to say that we conform to the 802 P&P.

Mr. Upton agreed to prepare an updated draft P&P in accordance with the above agreement.

Due to lack of quorum, this vote mentioned above will have to be confirmed at the March 2008 meeting.

However, in the rush to scrap the 802.20 P&P, it should not be overlooked that much good information and good procedure and practice will be lost. Just a *few* examples are provided as follows:

- The “four hour” rule will be eliminated if the 802.20 P&P is discarded. Section 2.6 of the 802.20 P&P says:

“A motion may be made at any time during the meetings. However, a motion that changes a draft shall be presented in a submission that has been;

- *Accepted by document control (see 2.5)*
- *Available electronically (via flash card or on the server).*

A motion can only be voted on when its submission has been available to all voters who are participating in the session for a time not less than four WG session hours before the vote. Motions to adjourn a session per the approved agenda are the exception.

The four-hour rule offers good protection. The 802 P&P mentions no four-hour rule.

Concern: Just referencing the IEEE 802 P&P results in elimination of the “four hour” rule. The “four hour” rule offers a degree of protection. The “four hour” rule is also used by other WGs so as to provide sufficient time to discuss a technical motion before voting on it.

- The 802.20 P&P has a section of more than four pages (Section 3) covering Task Groups. The 802 P&P has only scattered mentions of task groups (8 in total) that are not in one unified section.

Concern: Just referencing the IEEE 802 P&P results in a loss of four good pages of material defining operation of task groups.

- The 802.20 P&P has a section of more than four pages (Section 5) covering Standing Committees. The 802 P&P does not refer to “standing committees” at all.

Concern: Just referencing the IEEE 802 P&P results in a loss of a section discussing Standing Committees.

- The 802.20 P&P has a section of about two and half pages (Section 6) on Voting Rights. The 802 P&P has approximately one page on the subjects of Membership establishment, loss, retention, and rights (Section 5.2.3). The Section 6 text on Voting Rights provides good information that supplements Section 5.2.3 in the 802 P&P. For example, there is a discussion of the use of voting tokens while the 802 P&P does not discuss voting tokens at all. For example, there is a discussion of the distinctions among new participant vs. aspirant vs. nearly voter vs. voter vs. non-voter, which is not presented in the same fashion as in the 802 P&P.

Concern: Just referencing the IEEE 802 P&P results of good explanatory text regarding voting rights in the 802.20 P&P.

- The 802.20 P&P has a Meeting Etiquette section (Section 2.8.4.2) while the 802 P&P does not address meeting etiquette.

Concern: Just referencing the IEEE 802 P&P results in a loss of text that establishes proper meeting etiquette.

Again, the above list of items was not intended to be exhaustive of all the good information that would be lost if the 802.20 P&P were to be scrapped. In fact, the above is a fraction of the material in the 802.20 P&P that is not in the 802 P&P.

Conclusion

It seems like there has been *insufficient* careful review of what parts of the 802.20 P&P should be retained if a revision is desired. There is neither sufficient nor justifiable reason to scrap the 802.20 P&P and merely reference the 802 P&P with exception of Appendix A in 802.20 P&P. To say that since the 802 P&P is “in flux” is not sufficient justification to scrap the 802.20 P&P.

It is recommended to leave the 802.20 P&P basically as is, or if there is a desire to revise it, to identify and justify what specifically needs revising. A wholesale scrapping of the 802.20 P&P (Appendix A excepted) is not justified.

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