

Agenda and General Information

IEEE 802.3 400 Gb/s/lane Signaling (400GPL) Study Group

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20 Aug 2026 Interim Electronic Meeting

Agenda

- Approve Agenda
- Approve Previous Minutes
 - July 2026 Plenary:
https://www.ieee802.org/3/400GPL/public/2607/Minutes_400GPL_01_2607.pdf
 - 30 July Electronic interim:
https://www.ieee802.org/3/400GPL/public/260730/minutes_400GPL_260730.pdf
- Decorum Reminders
- Goals for this meeting
- Reflector and Web
- Ground Rules
- IEEE
 - Structure, Bylaws and Rules
 - Call for Patents
 - IEEE Standards Process
- Presentations, Straw Polls (see slide 6)
- Closing Business
 - Future Meetings

General Decorum

- An officer of the Standards Committee or any of its subgroups, unless prohibited by the P & P of the Standards Committee or Working Group, is permitted to record the proceedings of an IEEE standards development meeting for which they are responsible by making an audio or slideshow recording or by producing a transcript using software or an artificial intelligence (AI) application approved by IEEE. **IEEE 802.3 meetings do not use this option.** Recording of the proceedings by any other participant or observer, in part or in whole, via any means, is prohibited. Software or AI shall not be used if it enables persons other than the officer making the recording or authorized Standards Department staff to initiate or obtain the transcription or recording.
 - See subclause 5.3.3.2 of the January 2026 IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual
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 - See subclause 5.3.3.3 of the January 2026 IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual

Teleconference Decorum



- Please **MUTE** unless called on
- Use the “**Chat**” function to be placed into the queue
- The chat can only send to “Everyone” or the officers
- Please observe proper decorum in meetings

IEEE 802 Decorum Guidance

- IEEE 802 “Decorum Guidance” @ <https://mentor.ieee.org/802-lmsc/dcn/26/lmsc-26-0015-06-0PNP-decorum-guidance.docx>.
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- This document provides guidance on addressing any decorum issues that may come up, and will be leveraged, if the need arises, accordingly.

Presentations/Motions/Straw Polls

- “Key required measurements for 400G PAM4 specifications”, Chris Cole
- “Peak-Constrained PAM-6 over Channels with Memory”, Balazs Matuz
- “Intra-pair skew metric (SILD): Skew-Induced Insertion Loss Deviation”, David Nozadze

Review of IEEE SA Policies

- Email sent to Reflector reminding all to review and be familiar with following policies:
 - IEEE SA Patent Policy
 - IEEE SA Copyright Policy
 - IEEE SA Participation Slides
- See Backup for slides or <http://ieee802.org/3/policies.html>.

IEEE 802.3 400 Gb/s/Lane Signaling Study Group Information

- Organization
 - Kent Lusted, Chair
 - Mark Nowell, Vice Chair
 - Beth Kochuparambil, Recording Secretary
- Study Group Web and Reflector Information
 - Home Page: <https://www.ieee802.org/3/400GPL/index.html>
 - Reflector Info: stds-802-3-400GPL@listserv.ieee.org
- Project Documentation
 - Draft PAR:
 - <https://mentor.ieee.org/802-lmsc/dcn/26/lmsc-26-0120-01-LMSC-ieee-p802-3dv-draft-par.pdf>
 - CSD:
 - <https://mentor.ieee.org/802-lmsc/dcn/26/lmsc-26-0121-01-LMSC-ieee-p802-3dv-draft-csd.pdf>
 - Objectives:
 - https://www.ieee802.org/3/400GPL/public/project_docs/400GPL_Objectives_260610.pdf

Reflector

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ListServ@ieee.org

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subscribe stds-802-3-400GPL *<yourfirstname> <yourlastname>*
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- Send 400GPL reflector messages to:

stds-802-3-400GPL@listserv.ieee.org

Ground Rules

- Based upon IEEE 802.3 Rules
 - Foundation based upon Robert's Rules of Order
 - Anyone in the room may speak
 - Anyone in the room may vote
- **RESPECT**... give it, get it
- NO product pitches
- NO corporate pitches
- NO prices!!!
 - This includes costs, ASPs, etc. no matter what the currency
- NO restrictive notices

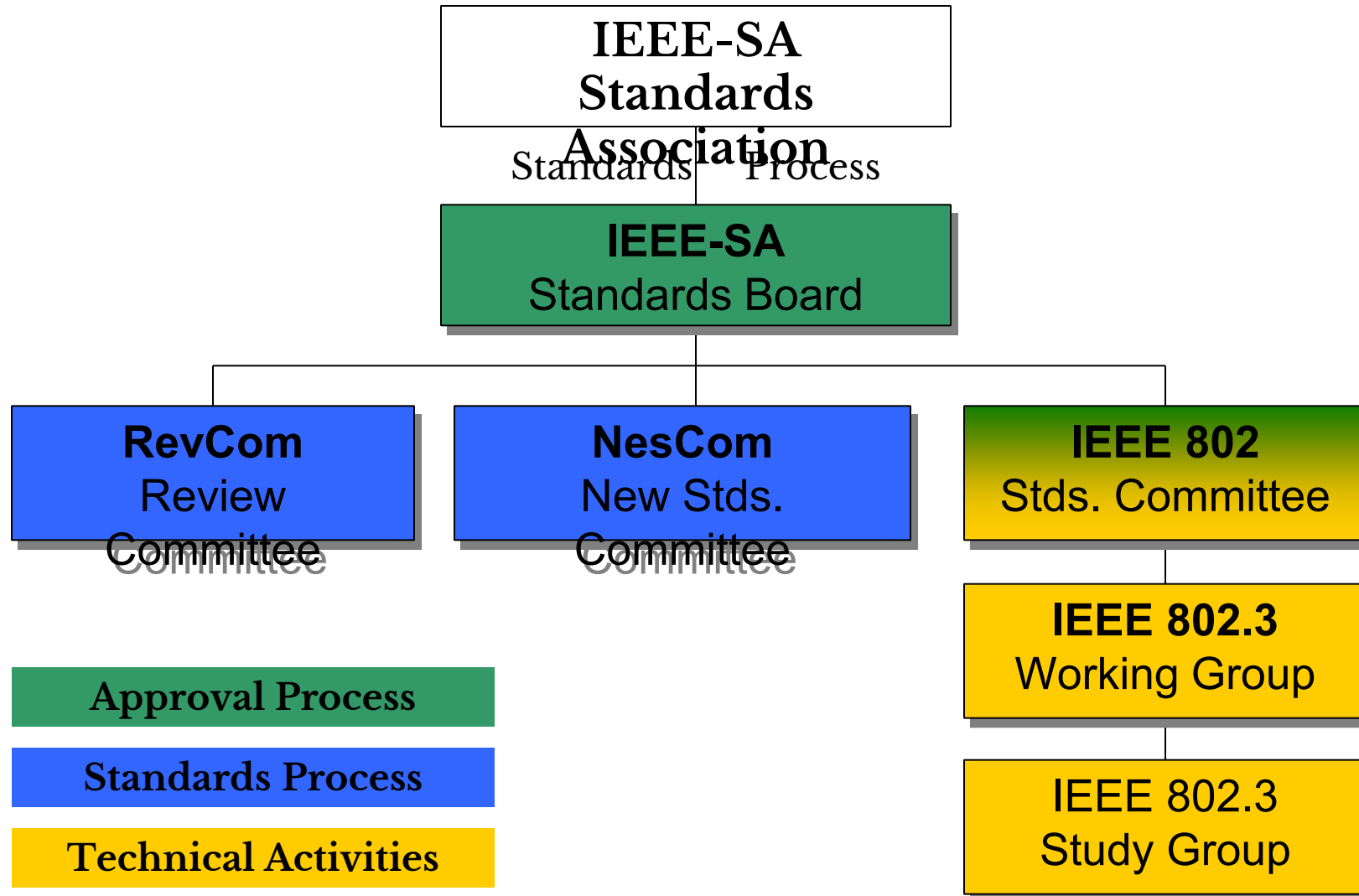
Membership

- Membership requirements (gaining)
 - Attendance in at least 75% of meeting slots at 2 of the last 4 plenary sessions
 - Attendance in at least 75% of meeting slots at recent IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group or Task Group Interim Session may be substituted for one of the two Plenary Sessions
 - Attendance **in at least 75% of the meeting slot's duration** is required for that attendance to count towards gaining or maintaining voting membership
 - **You can only** claim IMAT attendance credit if you attend at least 75% of slot's duration
 - Note – Claiming IMAT attendance credit if you have not attended at least 75% of a slot's duration is not in accordance with IEEE Policies and Procedures, and is a violation of the IEEE Code of Conduct
 - Officers may remove IMAT attendance credit if you attend less than 75% of slot's duration
 - Provide declaration of affiliation and valid contact information
 - Request to become member during potential voter agenda item at an IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group opening or closing **plenary** meeting
- Membership requirements (retaining)
 - Continue to meet above attendance, contact, and affiliation requirements
 - Participate in **two** out of the last **three** Working Group Letter Ballot Series
- For more details see: <https://www.ieee802.org/3/rules/member.html>
- Note - If you are not eligible to sign in to IMAT to claim attendance credit, for example, you are not going to attend for 75% of the meeting and have not provided your name and affiliation through [Zoom|WebEx], please send an email to Kent Lusted and Beth Kochuparambil to be recorded in the minutes.
- Note – Meeting attendance records can not be used as evidence to request IMAT attendance credit for a slot.

Attendance

- Tutorial Material on attendance tool
 - http://ieee802.org/3/minutes/attendance_procedures.pdf
- Access details
 - URL: <http://imat.ieee.org/>
 - No password

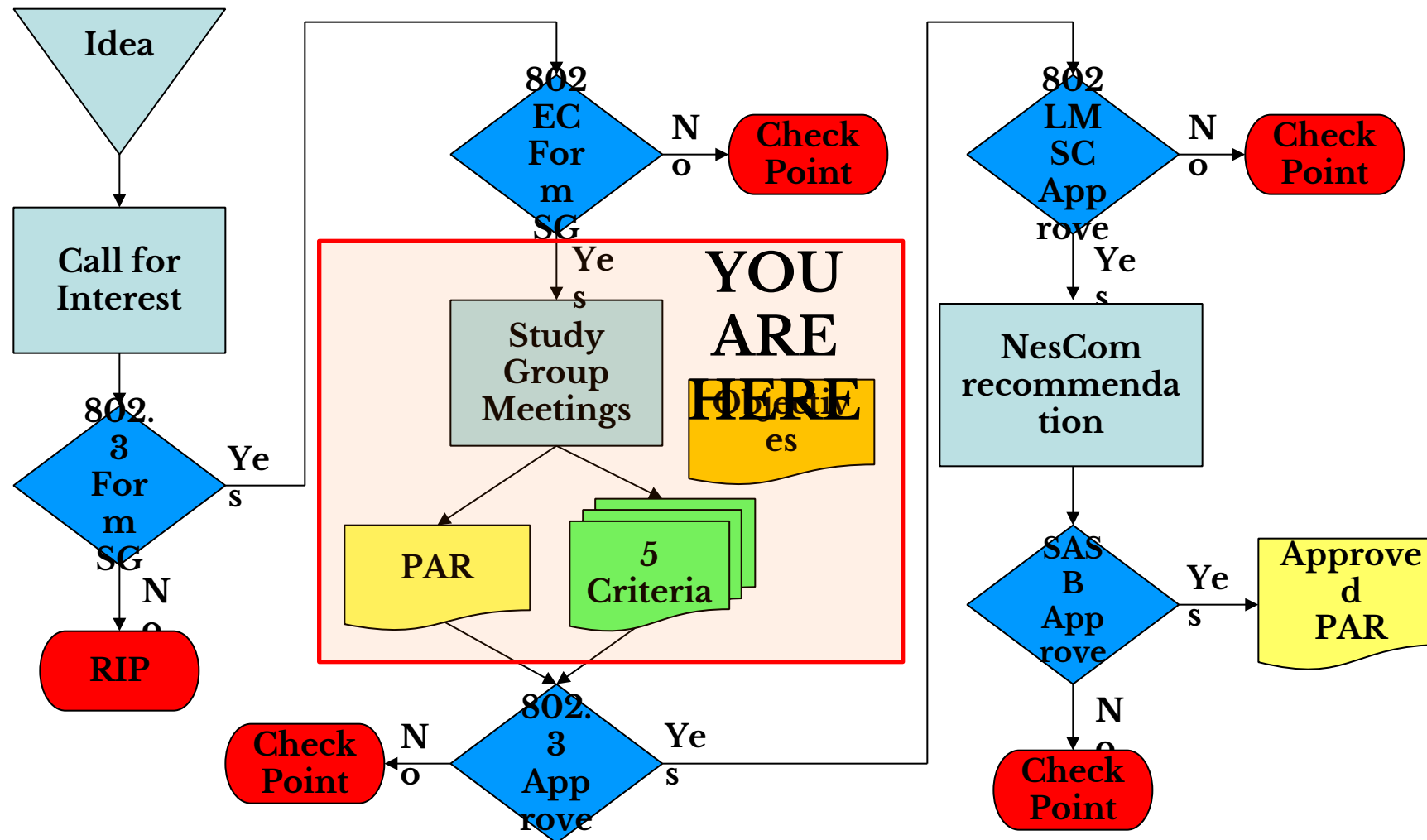
IEEE Structure



Important Bylaws and Rules

- **IEEE-SA Operations Manual**
http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/sa_opman/
- **IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws**
<http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/bylaws/>
- **IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual**
<http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/opman/>
- **IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee (LMSC) Policies and Procedures**
<https://ieee.app.box.com/v/PandP-LMSC>
- **IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee (LMSC) Operations Manual**
<http://www.ieee802.org/devdocs.shtml>
- **IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee (LMSC) Working Group (WG) Policies and Procedures**
<http://www.ieee802.org/devdocs.shtml>
- **IEEE 802.3 Working Group Operating Rules**
http://ieee802.org/3/rules/P802_3_rules.pdf

Overview of IEEE 802.3 Standards Process (1/5)- Study Group Phase



Note: At "Check Point", either the activity is ended, or there may be various options that would allow reconsideration of the approval.

The Study Group

- Normal function is to **draft a complete PAR and Criteria for Standards Development (CSD)**
- Provide a plenary week tutorial to the IEEE 802 LMSC if needed
 - Recommended for major new work items
- **Gain approval** at the IEEE 802.3 WG, IEEE 802 LMSC, IEEE-SA NesCom and IEEE-SA Standards Board.
- **SG only exists for 6 months**
 - Extensions can be requested
 - Voted on by IEEE 802.3
 - Ratified by IEEE 802 LMSC
- Development of Objectives helps **set the goals for the Task Force**
- **Consensus required** to move forward

- **Not choosing a solution**

Next Steps

- Between now and first Task Force meeting (late September)
 - Initiate technical discussions towards solutions for objectives
 - Consider additional objectives

Future Meetings (1/2)

- See: <http://www.ieee802.org/3/interims/index.html>
- September 2026 Interim
 - Lisbon, Portugal
 - Week of 14 Sept 2026 (Tuesday PM1/PM2, Wednesday, Thursday)
- Electronic interim teleconference meetings
 - TBD

Future Meetings (2/2)

September 2026 Interim

- Meet on Tuesday PM1/2, Wednesday, Thursday
- Hear presentations related to solutions for existing objectives, hold technical discussions towards solutions and
- consider potential additional objectives
- Presentation Request Form
 - Due 11pm Pacific, Wed 2 Sept 2026
- Presentation Submission Form
 - Due 5pm Pacific, Wed, 9 Sept 2026

Thank You!

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 - Don't discuss specific license rates, terms, or conditions.
 - Relative costs of different technical approaches that include relative costs of patent licensing terms may be discussed in standards development meetings.
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- Don't discuss the status or substance of ongoing or threatened litigation.
- Don't be silent if inappropriate topics are discussed. Formally object to the discussion immediately.

For more details, see *IEEE SA Standards Board Operations Manual*, clause 5.3.10 and *Antitrust and Competition Policy: What You Need to Know* at <http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/antitrust.pdf>

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- The IEEE SA Copyright Policy is described in the IEEE SA Standards Board Bylaws and IEEE SA Standards Board Operations Manual
 - IEEE SA Copyright Policy, see
 - Clause 7 of the IEEE SA Standards Board Bylaws
<https://standards.ieee.org/about/policies/bylaws/sect6-7.html#7>
 - Clause 6.1 of the IEEE SA Standards Board Operations Manual
<https://standards.ieee.org/about/policies/opman/sect6.html>
- IEEE SA Copyright Permission
 - <https://standards.ieee.org/content/dam/ieee-standards/standards/web/documents/other/permissionltrs.zip>
- IEEE SA Copyright FAQs
 - <https://standards.ieee.org/faqs/copyrights/>
- IEEE SA Best Practices for IEEE Standards Development
 - http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/best_practices_for_ieee_standards_development_051215.pdf
- Distribution of Draft Standards (see 6.1.3 of the SASB Operations Manual)
 - <https://standards.ieee.org/about/policies/opman/sect6.html>

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- [IEEE Code of Conduct](#)

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- *Avoid injuring others, their property, reputation, or employment by false or malicious action*

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<http://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/governance>

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- **Shall not act or vote** based on any obligation to or any direction from any other person or organization, including an employer or client, regardless of any external commitments, agreements, contracts, or orders
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- This means no participant may exercise “authority, leadership, or influence by reason of superior leverage, strength, or representation to the exclusion of fair and equitable consideration of other viewpoints” or “to hinder the progress of the standards development activity”

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- Participants intending to report publicly on this meeting (e.g., news outlets, social media, or online forums) shall inform the Chair of their attendance and the Chair shall announce their presence and their intent to report publicly.(See IEEE Standards Board Operations Manual Subclause 5.3.3.3 Press attendance)
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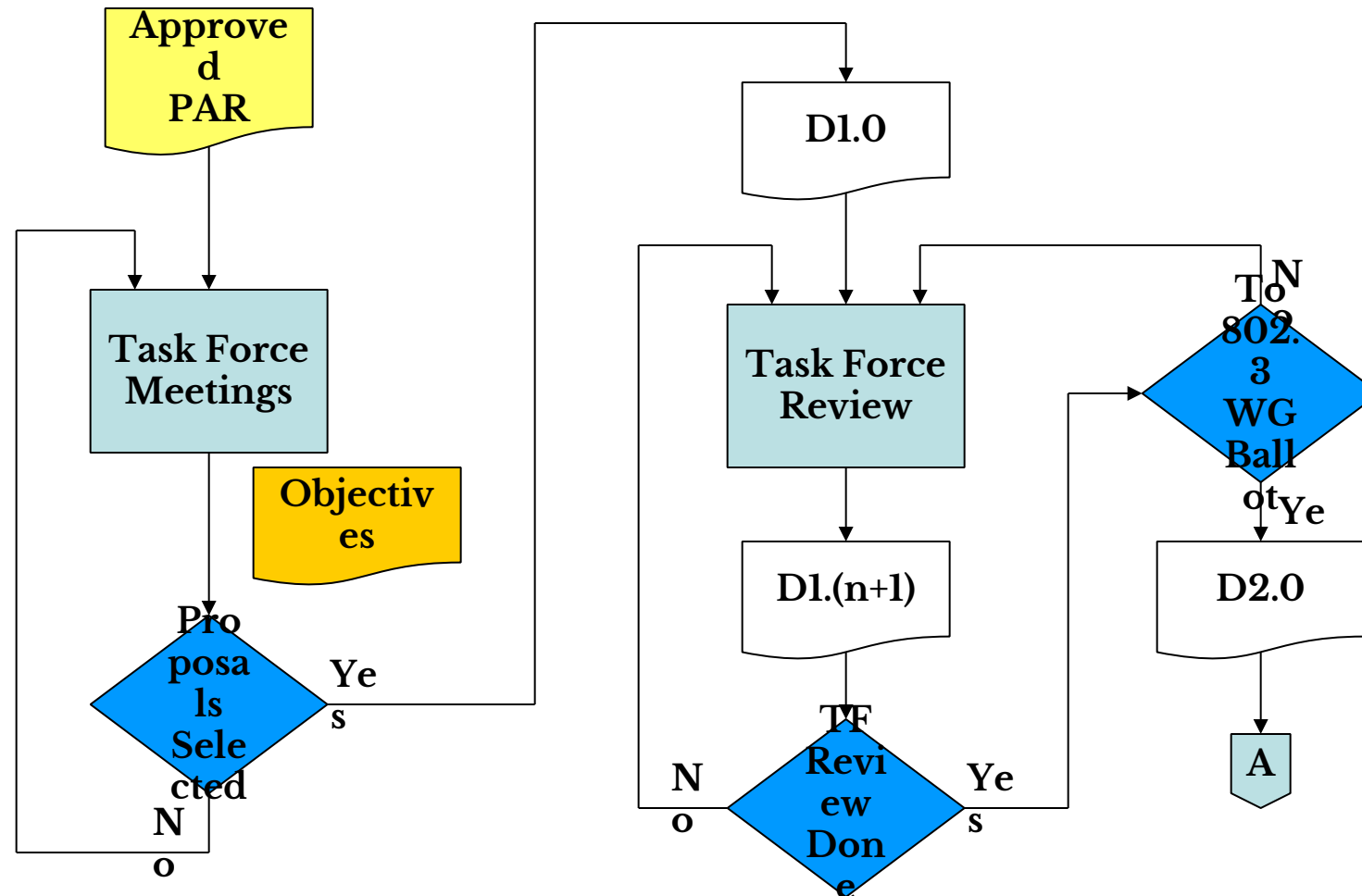
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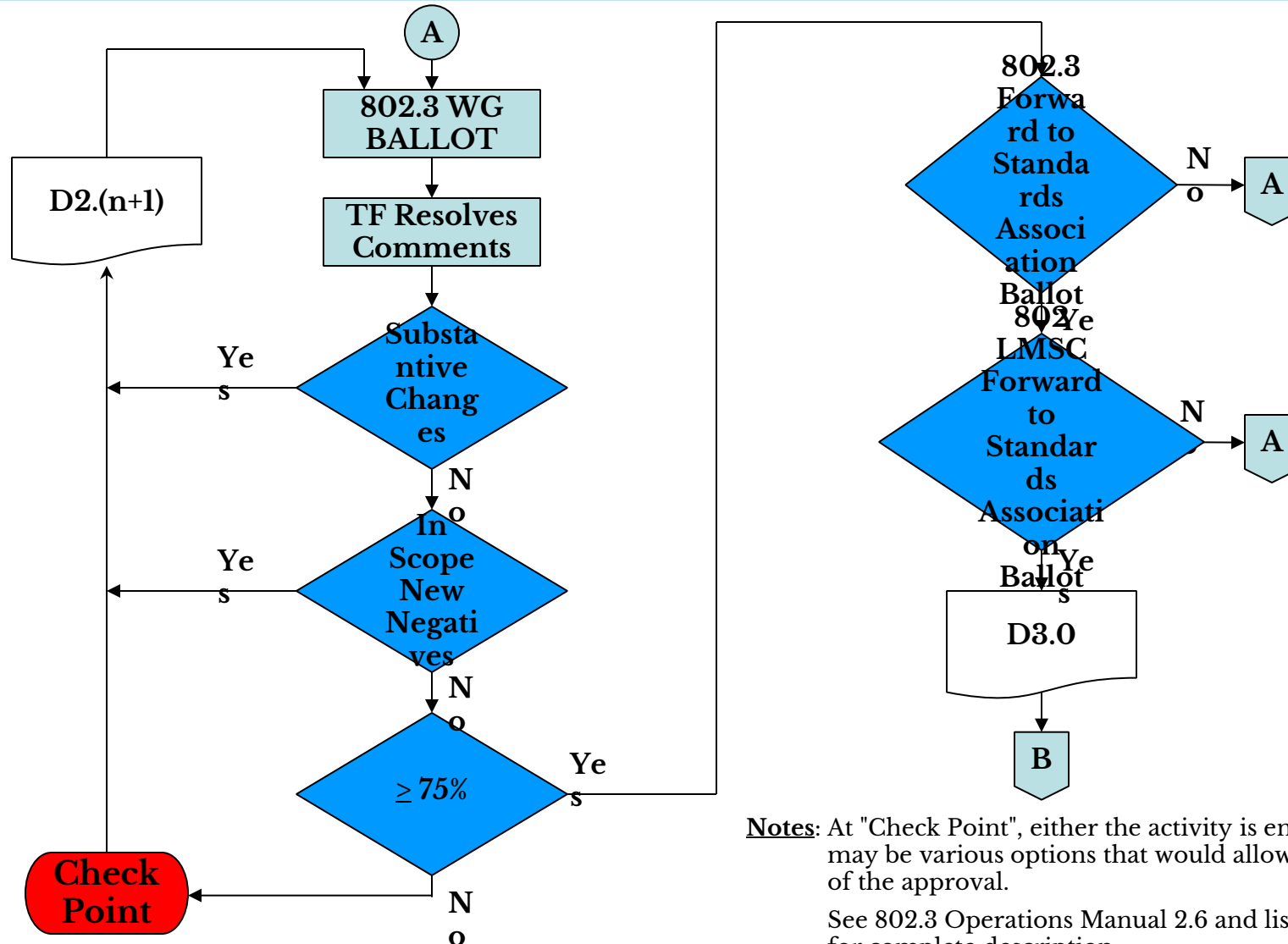
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Overview of IEEE 802.3 Standards Process (2/5) – Task Force Comment Phase



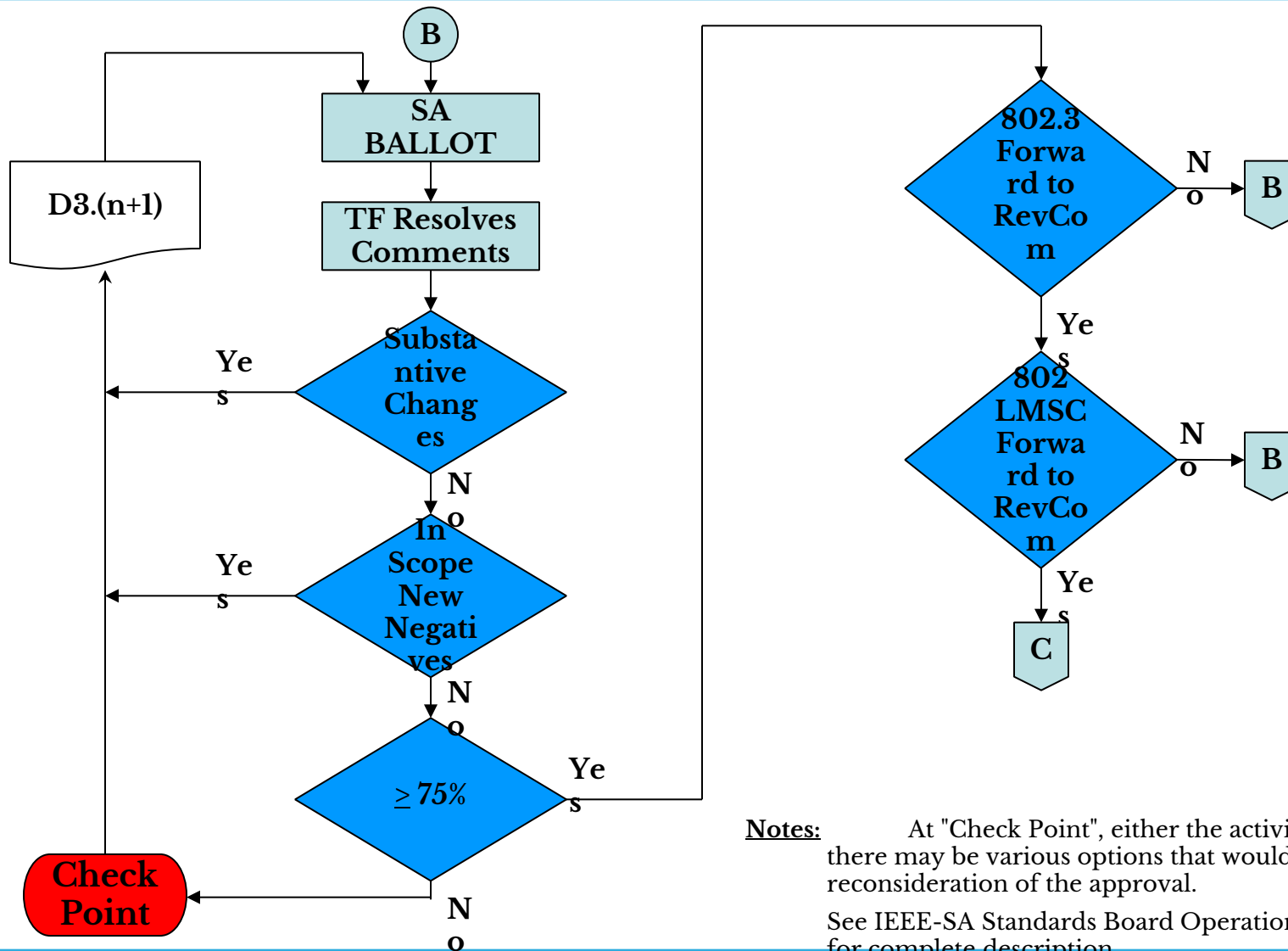
Overview of IEEE 802.3 Standards Process (3/5) – Working Group Ballot Phase



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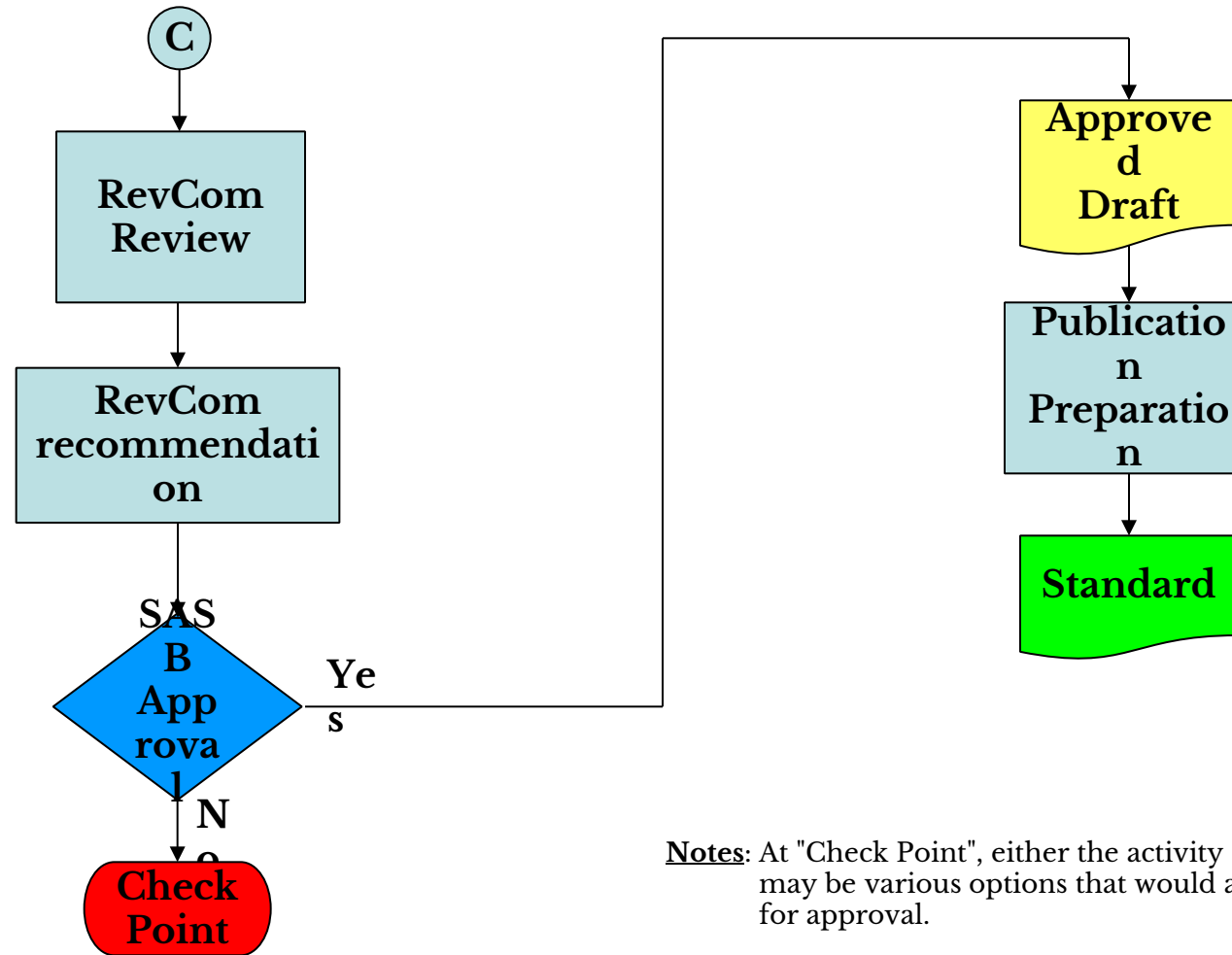
See 802.3 Operations Manual 2.6 and listed references for complete description

Overview of IEEE 802.3 Standards Process (4/5)- IEEE Standards Association (SA) Ballot Phase



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See IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual 5.4 for complete description

Overview of IEEE 802.3 Standards Process (5/5) – Final Approvals / Standard Release



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