

Unconfirmed Meeting Minutes: IEEE Ethernet FMP Interoperability (EFMP) Study Group Electronic Ad Hoc

April 8, 2026
Electronic Ad Hoc Meeting

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The EFMP Study Group Ad Hoc meeting convened at 7:03 AM PST, Wednesday, April 8, 2026, by Bob Voss, Chair Pro-tem of the Study Group.

Attendance is listed in Appendix A

Presentation: [agenda EFMP SG 01 20260408.pdf](#)

Presenter: Bob Voss, Chair Pro-Tem

The Chair Pro-Tem confirmed with the working group Chair that confirmation of the Chair appointment would be scheduled for the meeting during the IEEE 802.3 interim meeting series in May 2026. Until then he would be presiding as Chair Pro-Tem.

Approval of Agenda: The Chair asked whether there were any comments, additions, or corrections to the agenda, and there were none. He announced that the agenda was approved as shown. **(7:05 AM)**

The Chair continued review of the agenda presentation.

The Chair noted that there should be no recording or photography without permission.

The Chair asked if anyone was attending from the press including those who would run a public blog on this meeting – there were no indications from the group. **(07:08AM)**

The Chair then continued review of the presentation, reviewing decorum, goals for the meeting, information for the reflector, private area, and ground rules.

Private Area: The Chair indicated that there was no private area set up yet, as there were no documents requiring its use at this time.

The Chair discussed that this being an ad hoc meeting there would be no motions other than procedural for the ad hoc (e.g., agenda approval, adjournment).

The Chair reminded the group that since this was an ad hoc meeting attendance did not count toward 802.3 voting membership.

Attendance, the Chair advised the group that attendance would be taken from the Webex log. He then reminded attendees that they should show their employer & affiliation, and how to set these to make them correct. Assistance was offered in case anyone could not rename themselves.

IEEE SA Patent Policy, The Chair then read the pre-par patent policy slide. He then reviewed slides 0 through 4 of the IEEE SA Patent Policy slides 1 through 4 of patent policy for Task Forces and made the call for patents (7:19 am).

There was no response to the call for patents at 7:19am PST.

Other IEEE Policies

He reviewed the slides on the IEEE SA copyright, Participant behavior (ethics), IEEE individual participation, and fair and equitable consideration policies. He then read the standards association meeting decorum slide (page 20), and reviewed the ethics reporting line slide. (7:24 am). There were no questions.

Introduction to the Study Group

The Chair pro-tem then reviewed the process that an 802.3 project would follow to produce a draft standard and where the study group was in the process. He reviewed the chartering motion for the study group.

He noted that there were no liaisons or communications to consider, and turned to presentations for the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

The Chair then moved to the presentations for the meeting.

(7:30AM)

Title/URL: [Draft PAR](#)

Presenter: Bob Voss, Panduit

Discussion: The presenter discussed with the groups initial content for a draft PAR and made edits during discussion.

Discussion centered around the scope and what aspects of IEEE Std 802.3 the project may need to consider. Limiting to physical layer and management para allowed modifications to the reconciliation sublayer and PHYs.

Contributions were encouraged to consider how the scope might be limited, and what scope would be sufficient to accomplish the task.

During discussion, a participant shared the following contribution given to the IEEE 802.3 EMS study group, relevant to discussion of the positioning of various interface specifications in IEEE Std 802.3:

https://www.ieee802.org/3/dt/public/26_03/law_3dt_01a_2603.pdf

The revised draft PAR document with edits made in the meeting is posted at:

https://www.ieee802.org/3/EFMP/public/260408/PAR_EFMPSG_01a_20260407.pdf

Title/URL: [Draft CSD](#)

Presenter: Bob Voss, Panduit

Discussion: The presenter discussed with the groups initial content for a draft Criteria for Standards Development responses and made edits during discussion.

During discussion contributions were encouraged to support the following CSD responses:

- Broad market potential (multiple vendors & numerous users),
- Technical feasibility (compatibility with SPE or other ethernet)
- Overview of economic feasibility attributes

The revised document from the meeting is posted at:

https://www.ieee802.org/3/EFMP/public/260408/CSD_EFMP_SG_01a_20260407.pdf

Mr. Voss then returned to the agenda deck and outlined a proposed work plan for the study group.

Future Meetings

Electronic Interim Meeting: 28Apr2026 9am CDT – 11am CDT

Via Webex, meeting is posted to EFMP reflector and at www.ieee802.org/3/calendar.html

Hybrid Interim Meeting – Munich/Webex: Munich, Germany May 11-15, 2026,
SG meeting coordinates TBD

Registration fees are required to attend this meeting, in-person or virtually

Having exhausted the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 AM PST.

Appendix A: Attendees at the IEEE 802.3 EFMP Study Group Ad Hoc: 8 April, 2026

First Name	Last Name	Affiliation
David	Law	HPE
Do	Ahn	Infineon
Joel	Goergen	Cisco Systems
Chad	Jones	Cisco Systems
John	Lo	FDTI
Yoshihiro	Niihara	Fujikara Ltd.
Jason	Potterf	Cisco Systems
Olindo	Savi	Hubbell
Bob	Voss	Panduit
George	Zimmerman	CME Consulting