Thoughts on objectives

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What are objectives?

- **Project objectives summarize technical objectives for a standards project in the 802.3 Working Group, representing a <u>distilled</u> set of high-level technical requirements created by the 802.3 Study Group, approved by the 802.3 Working Group, and then executed by the 802.3 Task Force once formed**
  - **Individual objectives may be <u>modified</u>, <u>added</u> or <u>deleted</u> by the 802.3 Task Force, subject to approval by the 802.3 Working Group**
  - **During a Study Group, it's not always possible to quantify some objectives**
  - **Objectives may need to change once the Task Force has done deep technical work on a subject area**

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What are objectives?

- **Objectives do not have to identify every minute item of work**
- **Objectives are problem statements, not solution statements**
- **Project objectives set expectations for the future work of the 802.3 Task Force, providing a set of <u>measurable</u> requirements to be met by the deliverables produced by the 802.3 Task Force**

Final thoughts

- **The members of the working group may assess the completeness of the draft by whether it meets the agreed objectives. Therefore:**
  - **objectives need to resolved in such a way that it will be clear whether they are met.**
  - **objectives that rely on a judgement call in the eyes of the reader can be problematic.**

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Thank you!
Questions?