Agenda and General Information

IEEE 802.3

Channel Operating Margin (COM) Ad Hoc

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Agenda

- Approve Agenda
- Approve prior meeting minutes, if needed
- Review IEEE SA Policies (http://ieee802.org/3/policies.html / included)
  - IEEE SA Patent Policy
  - IEEE SA Copyright Policy
  - IEEE SA Participation Policy and Code of Ethics
- Presentations/Discussion/ Straw Polls
  - see slide 8
- Future Meetings

IEEE 802.3 COM Ad Hoc

- Ad Hoc Organization
  - Howard Heck, IEEE 802.3 COM Ad Hoc Chair
- Ad Hoc Web and Reflector Information
  - Home Page – https://www.ieee802.org/3/ad_hoc/COM/
  - Reflector Information – https://www.ieee802.org/3/ad_hoc/COM/reflector.html
    - Ad hoc reflector: stds-802-3-com@listserv.ieee.org
  - COM Ad Hoc Calls – see IEEE 802.3 Call and Meeting Calendar

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- Press (i.e., anyone reporting publicly on this meeting) are to announce their presence (March 2025 IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual 5.3.3.3)

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- 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
- No video

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

Review of IEEE SA Policies

- Policies
  - Pre-PAR Patent Policy (slides 14)
  - Copyright Policy (slides 16-17)
  - Participation (slides 18-20)
- See Backup for slides
- Latest policies available at https://www.ieee802.org/3/policies.html

Presentations

Presentations/Contributions:

- “Channel Operating Margin (COM) Code Change Request Summary – 20 Oct 2026”, Kent Lusted
- “Commit Request 4p17_4: COM Parameter Sweep Support with XLSX Configuration”, Rich Mellitz
- Commit Request 4p17_2: Implementation Allocation Estimate IAE computation Aiding 400 Gb/s/Lane Channel Objective and Baseline Refinement
- “Commit request 4p17_3: FOM_SILD and FOM_SILD_RMS as Output Parameters”, Hansel D’Silva

Voting

- As an ad hoc, no decisions (i.e. motions) will be made but it is possible to conduct straw polls to test the group's consensus on certain topics.

- Anyone on the call that feels qualified may vote on a straw poll

Future Meetings

- See https://www.ieee802.org/3/calendar.html

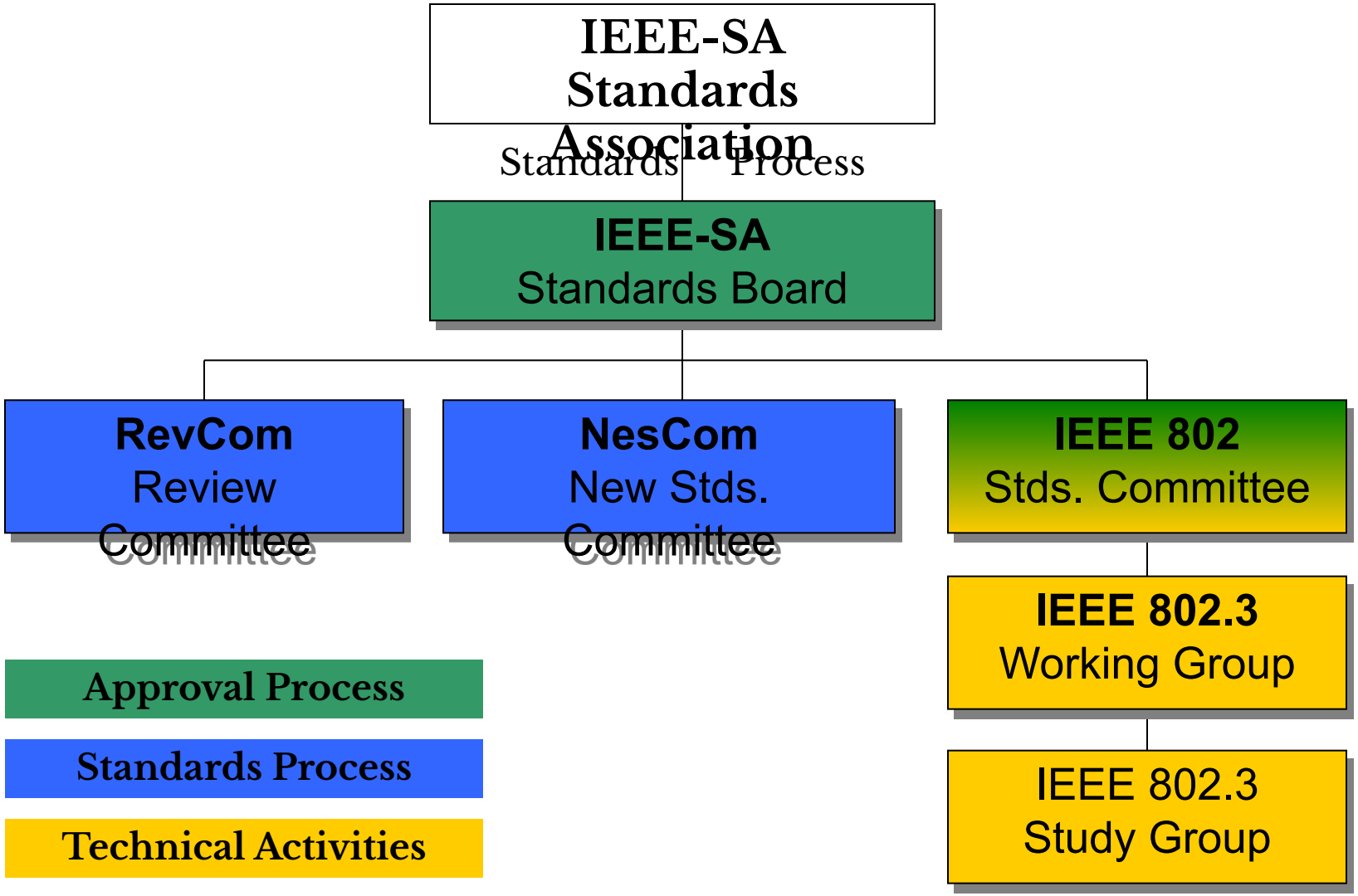
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Attendance

- 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

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- **All IEEE SA standards meetings shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable laws, including antitrust and competition laws.**
  - **Don't discuss the interpretation, validity, or essentiality of patents/patent claims.**
  - **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.
      - **Technical considerations remain the primary focus.**
  - **Don't discuss or engage in the fixing of product prices, allocation of customers, or division of sales markets.**
  - **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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- Any material submitted during standards development, whether verbal, recorded, or in written form, is a Contribution and shall comply with the IEEE SA Copyright Policy;
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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)

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  - IEEE Code of Ethics
  - IEEE Code of Conduct
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  - *Uphold the highest standards of integrity, responsible behavior, and ethical and professional conduct*
  - *Treat people fairly and with respect, to not engage in harassment, discrimination, or retaliation, and to protect people's privacy.*
  - *Avoid injuring others, their property, reputation, or employment by false or malicious action*
- The most recent versions of these Codes are available at http://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/governance

Participants in the IEEE-SA "*individual process*" shall act independently of others, including employers

- The IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws require that "*participants in the IEEE standards development individual process shall act based on their qualifications and experience*"
- This means participants:
  - **Shall act & vote** based on their personal & independent opinions derived from their expertise, knowledge, and qualifications
  - **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
  - **Shall not direct** the actions or votes of other participants or retaliate against other participants for fulfilling their responsibility to act & vote based on their personal & independently developed opinions
- By participating in standards activities using the "*individual process*", you are deemed to accept these requirements; if you are unable to satisfy these requirements then you shall immediately cease any participation

IEEE-SA standards activities shall allow the fair & equitable consideration of all viewpoints

- The IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws (clause 5.2.1.3) specifies that "*the standards development process shall not be dominated by any single interest category, individual, or organization*"
  - 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*"
- This rule applies equally to those participating in a standards development project and to that project's leadership group
- Any person who reasonably suspects that dominance is occurring in a standards development project is encouraged to bring the issue to the attention of the Standards Committee or the project's IEEE-SA Program Manager