

IEEE P802.3dm

What to expect during

WG ballot

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Disclaimer

NOTE – Where conflicts exist between this document and the referenced documents, the referenced documents prevail.

This presentation is intended to be helpful and summarize the WG ballot process; however, the governing rules documents (802.3 ops manual (<https://www.ieee802.org/3/rules/index.html>), WG P&Ps, LMSC Ops Manual, LMSC P&Ps, (<https://www.ieee802.org/devdocs.shtml>) and superior IEEE SA documents (references below) prevail should there be any contradiction.

References:

<https://standards.ieee.org/about/policies/opman/sect5/>

<https://standards.ieee.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Ballot-and-Comment-Resolution-Process-Guidelines-clean.pdf>

Ballot Logistics

- The ballot is owned by the WG and administered by the WG Chair, currently David Law
- Initial WG ballot expected to start on May 14
- Initial WG ballot will be open for 30 days (Close on June 13 AOE)
- Initial WG ballot is on the complete draft
 - New content should be proposed for this draft
- WG ballot recirculation details
 - Ballot is 15 days
 - “Open content” is substantive changes from the previous draft, assuming at least 75% approval
 - Comments can be made on “closed content”, but the TF may decide to reject these “out of scope comments” if they are not obvious errors
- See section 2.6 of https://ieee802.org/3/rules/P802_3_rules.pdf for additional details

Must be satisfied comments

- <https://standards.ieee.org/about/policies/opman/sect5/>
- “Must be satisfied” comments include the following and are associated with a negative vote:
 - *Do Not Approve (Negative with comment)*. This vote should be accompanied by one or more **specific** objections with **proposed resolution in sufficient detail** so that the specific wording of the changes that will cause the *Do Not Approve* voter to change his or her vote to *Approve* can **readily** be determined.

Commenting tips – Why was my comment rejected?

- See <https://standards.ieee.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Ballot-and-Comment-Resoultion-Process-Guidelines-clean.pdf> (page 4)
- Means: the CRG does not agree to make the change, or cannot come to a consensus to make changes necessary to address the comment.
- Rejected is used when one or more of these applies:
 - The comment does not contain sufficient detail so that the CRG can understand the specific change being suggested by the commenter. The lack of a proposed change, by itself, is not sufficient reason to reject.
 - The CRG cannot come to a consensus to make changes necessary to address the comment.
 - The comment is in support of an unsatisfied previous comment associated with a Disapprove vote and does not provide substantive additional rationale.
 - The comment includes an attachment that does not meet the criteria indicated by myProject; that the CRG cannot address as a single issue; or that does not relate to a specific line, paragraph, figure, or equation in the balloted draft.
 - The commenter has indicated to the CRG chair that they wish to withdraw the comment.

How to provide comments

- **WG voter as of the start of the D2.0 WG ballot**
 - The ballot group is “frozen” at the opening of the D2.0 WG ballot
 - Respond to ballot announcement by WG Chair, currently David Law
 - Email your vote: approve, disapprove, abstain
 - Email your comment file: the same format we have been using
 - “Must be satisfied” now has meaning. See slide 3.
 - All votes and comments are sent to the email specified in the ballot announcement email. Ballots sent to other email addresses will not be considered valid.
- **Not a WG voter**
 - Respond to “Chair’s standard offer” by Natalie Wienckowski, TF Chair
 - Email your comment file: the same format we have been using
 - “Must be satisfied” still has no meaning. Only voters can submit comments as “required”. Comments marked as “required” will be edited prior to inclusion in the database to remove “required”.
 - All comment files are sent to the email specified in the “Chair’s standard offer”, e.g. to the TF Chair

WG ballot comment resolution

July is a Plenary meeting, so we will likely have 1 or 1.5 days to meet

It's not unusual to receive 400 or more comments on initial WG ballot

Contingent interim meetings will be scheduled the weeks before and after the Plenary to facilitate completing comment resolution in a reasonable time.

- July 7, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm EDT – Contingent Interim (dependent on # of comments and # of days during Plenary)
- July 9, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm EDT – Interim (approve EZ bucket)
- July 21, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm EDT – Contingent Interim (dependent on # of comments left after Plenary)
- July 23, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm EDT – Contingent Interim (dependent on # of comments left after Plenary)

Thanks!
