

# Agenda and General Information

IEEE P802.3dq  
Pin-Optimized PHY Interface Task Force

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# Agenda

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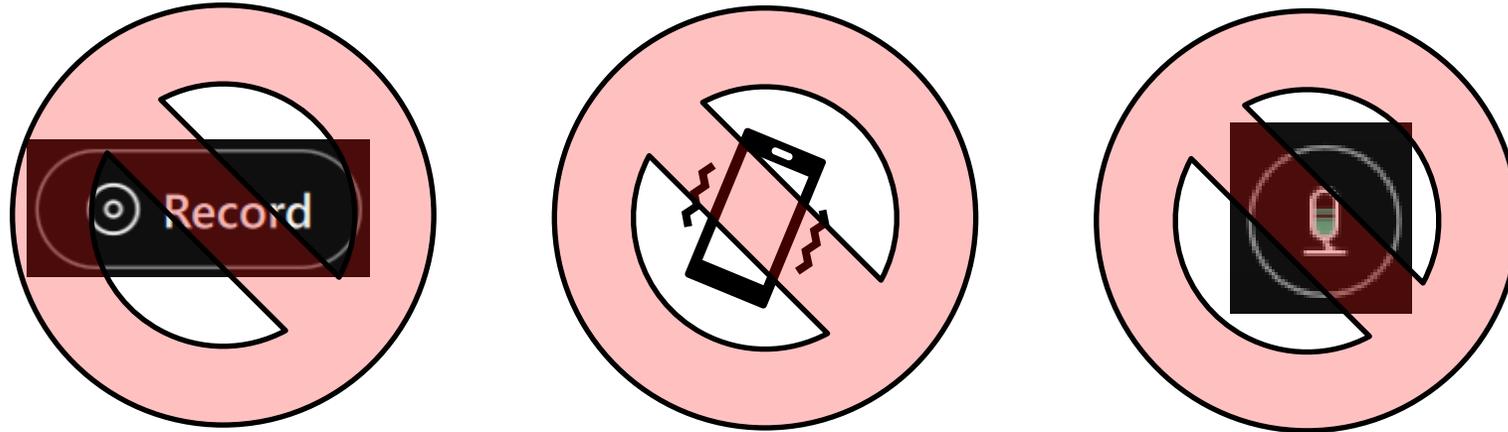
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# General Decorum

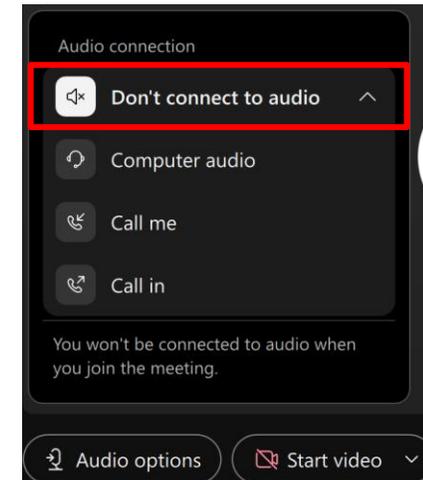
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# Goals for the meeting

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- Review Technical Contributions
- Whiteboard session to advance architectural discussion

# Big ticket items

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- POPI Architecture

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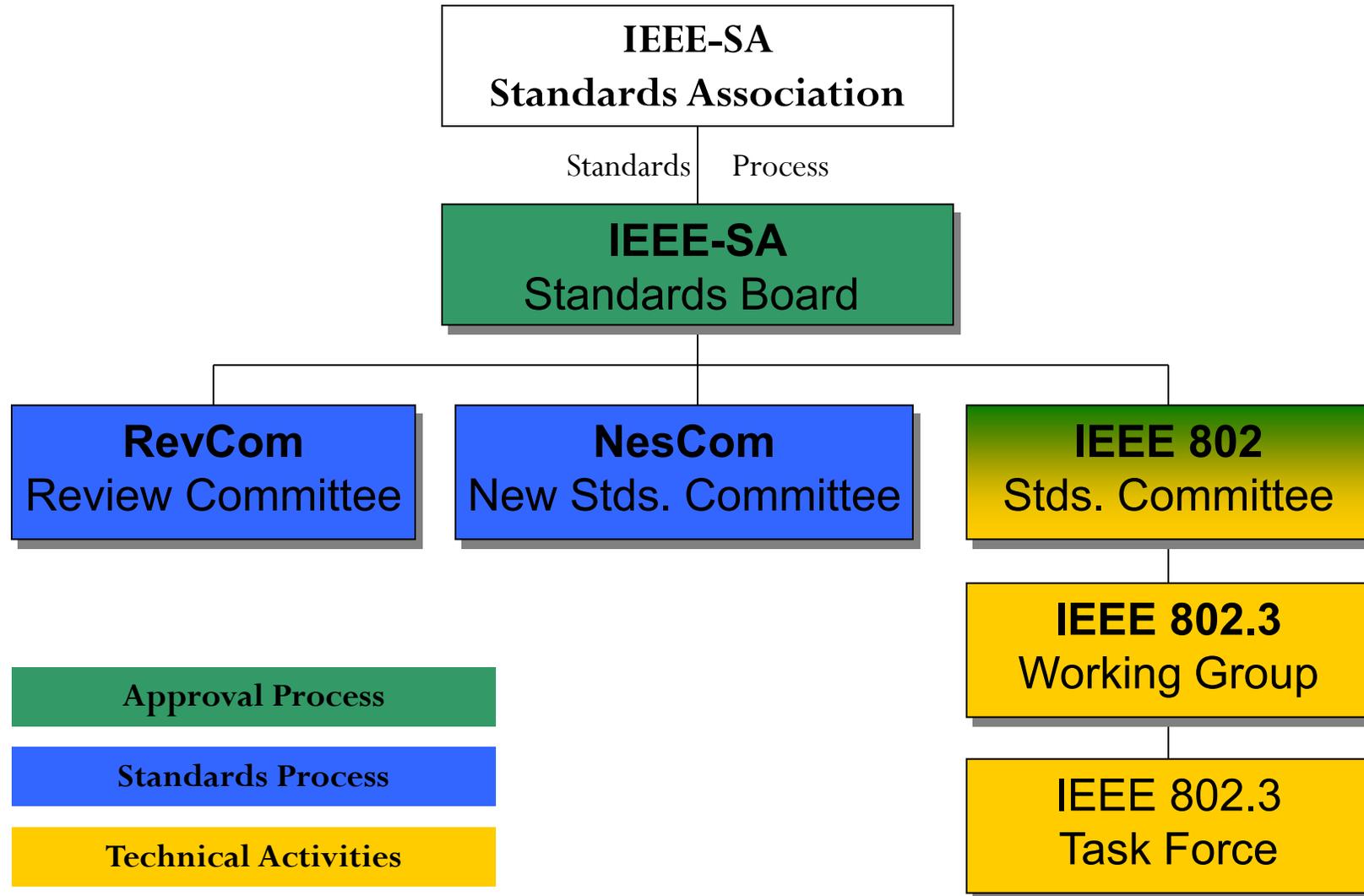
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- Access details
  - URL: <http://imat.ieee.org/>

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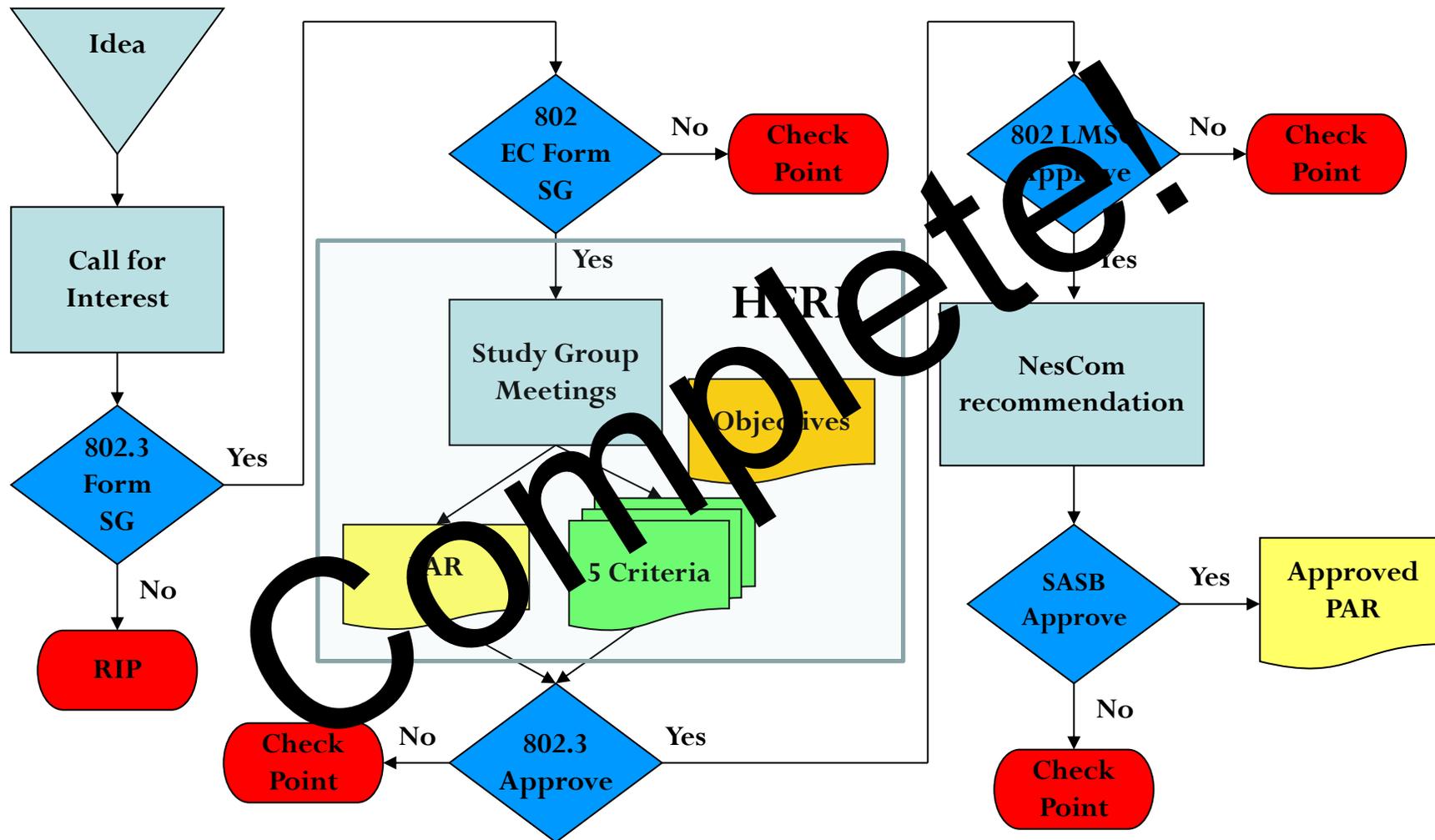
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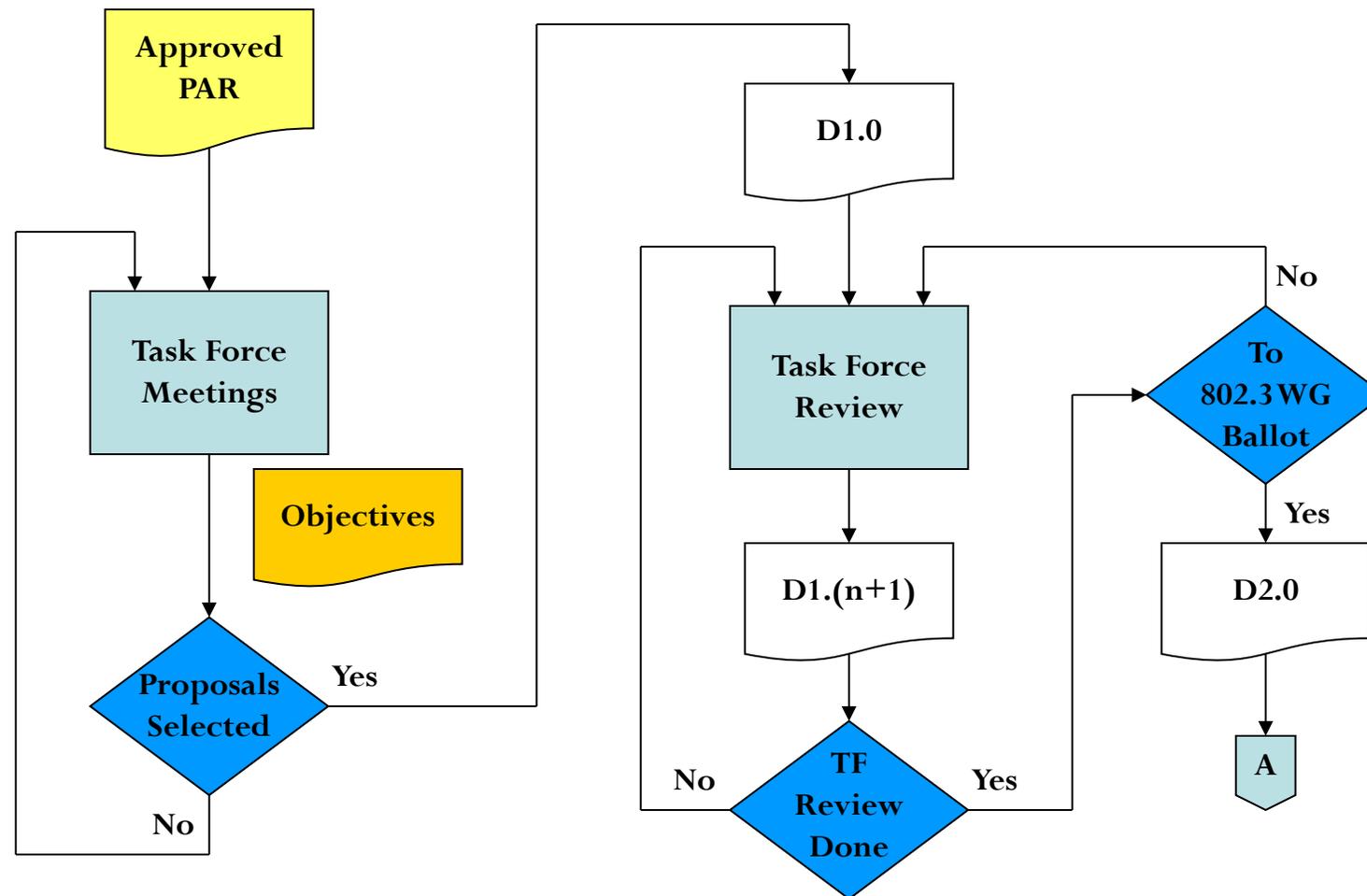
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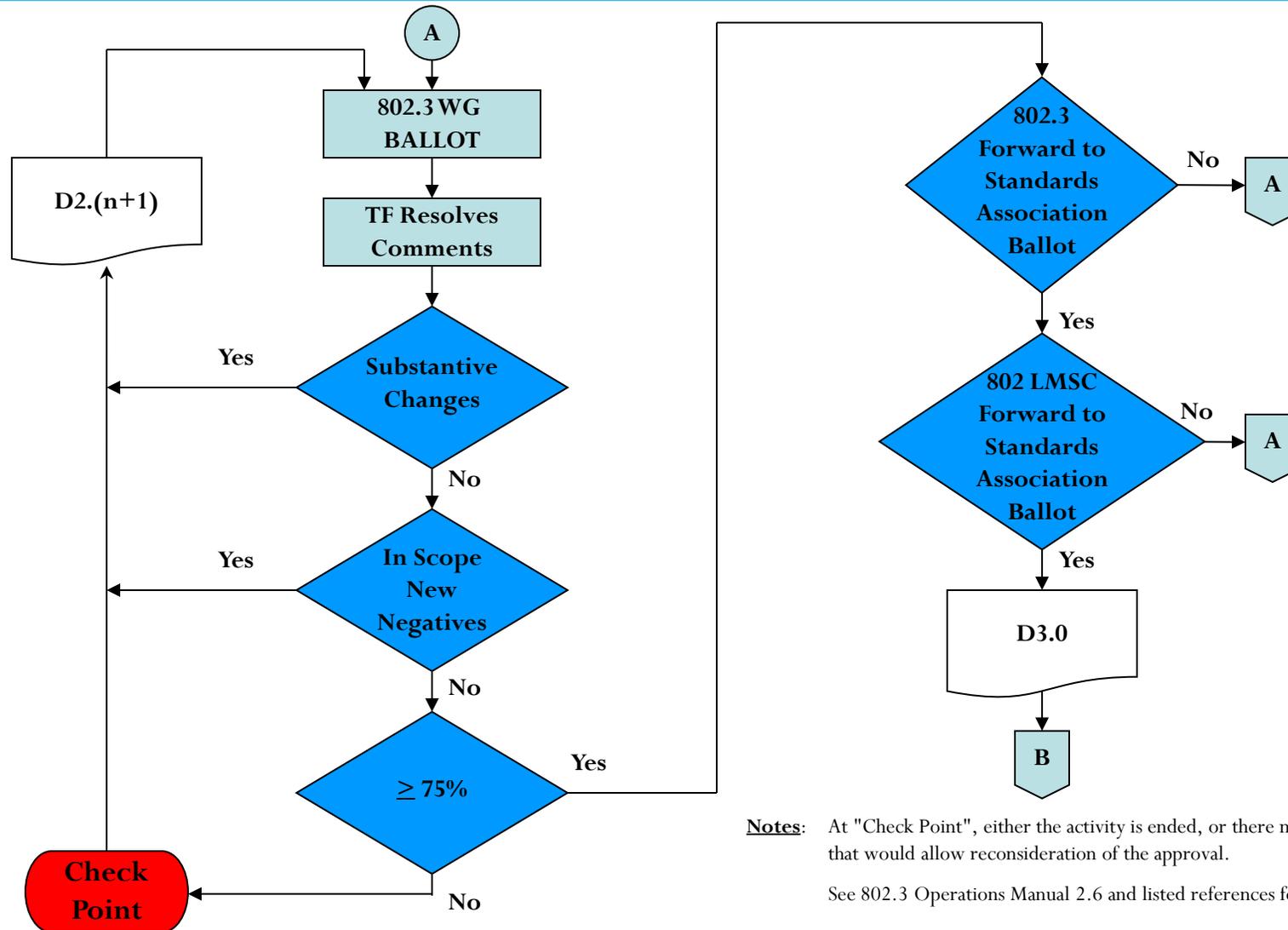


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# Overview of IEEE 802.3 Standards Process (2/5) – Task Force Comment Phase

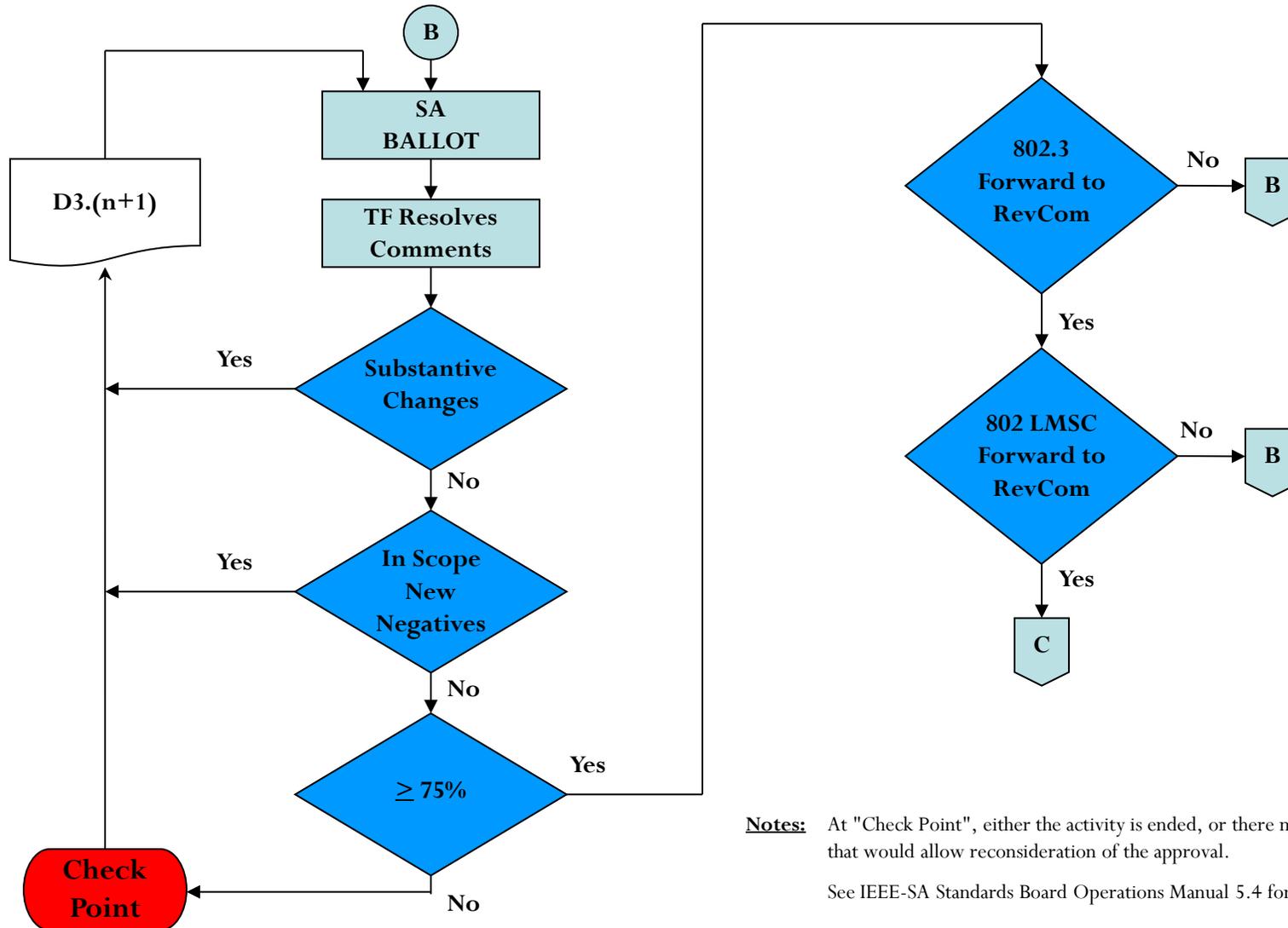


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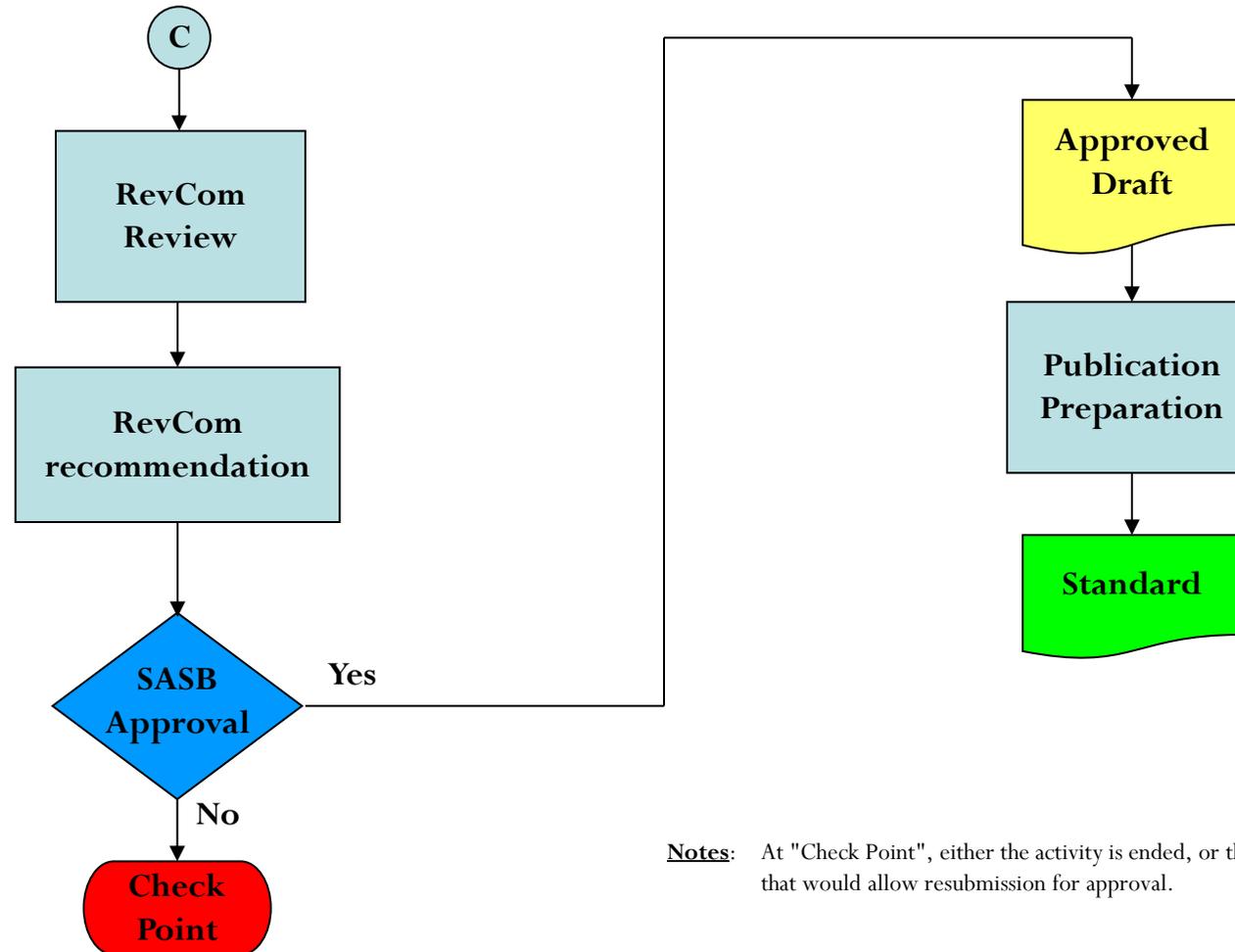
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# Overview of IEEE 802.3 Standards Process (4/5)- IEEE Standards Association (SA) Ballot Phase



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



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# IEEE P802.3dq Pin-Optimized PHY Interface Task Force Approved Project Documents

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- PAR
  - [https://www.ieee802.org/3/dq/P802.3dq\\_PAR.pdf](https://www.ieee802.org/3/dq/P802.3dq_PAR.pdf)
- 5 Criteria
  - <https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/25/ec-25-0128-02-LMSC-ieee-p802-3dq-draft-csd.pdf>
- Objectives
  - [https://www.ieee802.org/3/dq/POPI\\_DRAFT\\_Objectives\\_2025-06-18\\_v01.pdf](https://www.ieee802.org/3/dq/POPI_DRAFT_Objectives_2025-06-18_v01.pdf)

# IEEE P802.3dq Pin-Optimized PHY Interface Task Force Objectives

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- The following objectives have been updated by the Task Force and will be taken to the IEEE 802.3 Working Group for approval at an appropriate time

# Basic Objectives

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1. Define a scalable logical interface that can support arbitrary port speeds and counts while retaining as many of the feature in our Feature Objectives as possible.
2. Define a first electrical interface to provide connectivity to a single Ethernet port with 8 or fewer pins operating at line speeds up to 100 Mb/s.
  1. Provide single port connectivity without a ~~SerDes~~-mandating clock recovery from the data.
3. Define a second electrical interface to provide connectivity to as many as 8 ports using 8 or fewer pins, each with speeds up to 100 Mb/s.
  1. Provide eight-port connectivity with an interface speed not to exceed 2 Gbps.
4. Do not preclude compatibility between the logical interface and 802.3 PHY types that are specified with GMII or XGMII.

# Feature Objectives

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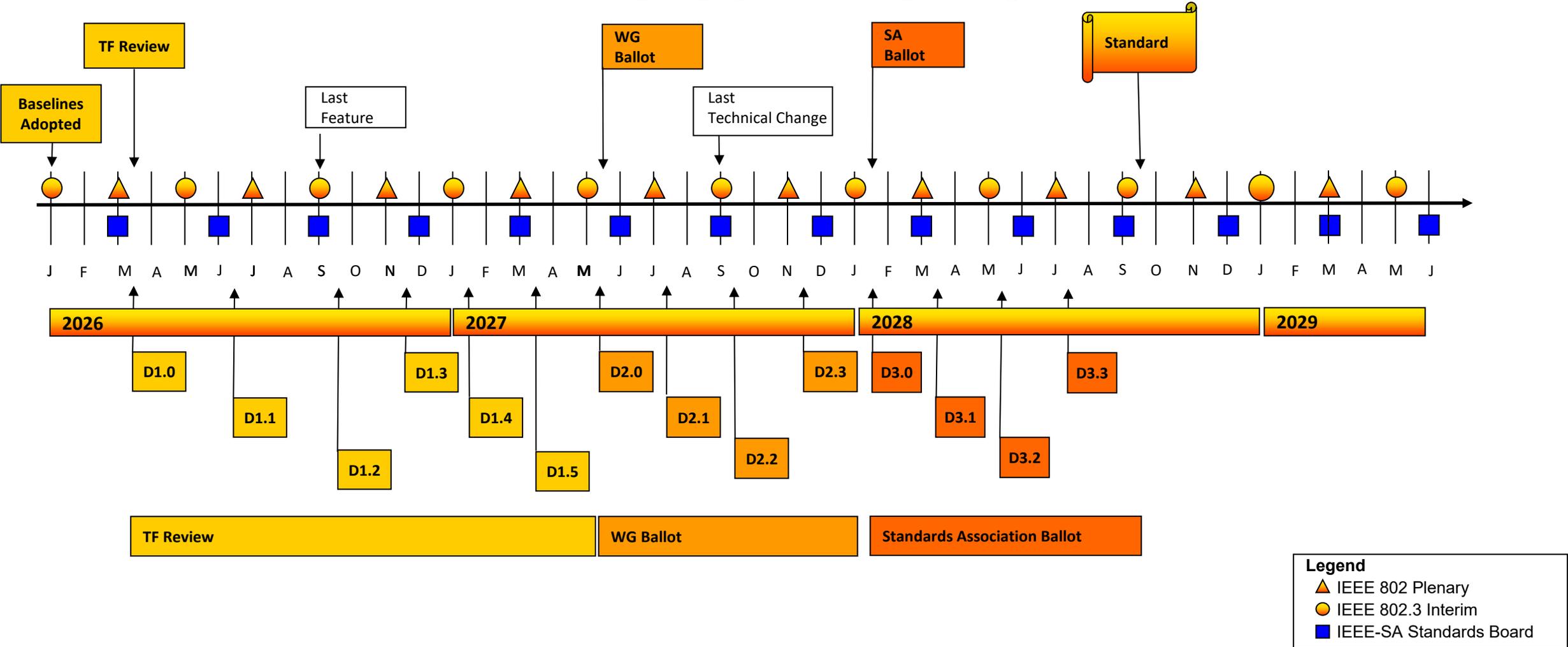
1. Provide an extensible communications channel for non-packet data that is carried on the POPI interface pins.
2. Support an error-checked MDIO management interface over the extensible communications channel for non-packet data.
3. Support Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE).
4. Support half-duplex operation.
5. Support Clause 148 PLCA.
6. Support full-duplex operation.
7. Support auto-negotiation (e.g. Clause 28, Clause 98)

# Compatibility Objectives

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1. Preserve the Ethernet frame format and content
2. Do not specify further modifications to the preamble and SFD
3. Specify a logical and electrical interface between the Media Access Control (MAC)-Physical Signaling Sublayer (PLS) and the following Physical Coding Sublayers specified in:
  1. Clause 96 (100BASE-T1)
  2. Clause 97 (1000BASE-T1)
  3. Clause 146 (10BASE-T1L)
  4. Clause 147 (10BASE-T1S)
  5. Clause 148 (PLCA)
4. Do not preclude support for other existing PHYs specified in 802.3
5. Do not preclude support for proposed 100BASE-T1L PHYs (P802.3dg - Clause 190).
6. Do not preclude support for proposed 10BASE-T1M PHYs (P802.3da - Clause 188).
7. Do not preclude the transmission of PTP timestamps across the interface using in-band data.

# IEEE P802.3dq *Pin-Optimized* PHY Interface Task Force Timeline



# Future Meetings

- See: <http://www.ieee802.org/3/interims/index.html>
- May IEEE 802.3 Interim in Munich, Germany
  - Registration: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/ieee-802-3-802-1-may>
- POPI Meeting Timeslot:
  - 8 AM Pacific US / 10 AM Central US / 11 AM Eastern US / 4 PM GMT for 2 hours
- Next Virtual Instance(s):

Presentation Request Deadline	Presentation Submission Deadline	Meeting Date
Friday April 3, 2026	Sunday, April 5, 2026	Tuesday, April 7, 2026

- Anyone interested in hosting an interim meeting contact me or the IEEE 802.3 Executive Secretary [Chad Jones](#).

# Presentations

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- Single 10M or 100M PHY POPI Requirements
  - Brian Murray, Jacobo Riesco
  - Employed by and affiliated with Analog Devices, Inc.
- **Multi-Port POPI Framework**
  - Brian Mowad, Jason Potterf
  - Employed by and affiliated with Cisco Systems

Note –Times listed are subject to change.

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# Thank You!