

IEEE 802.3 Rules Report

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Maintenance of Operations Manual

- Procedure defined in the operations manual (see 2.7)
- Proposed changes must be received no later than the night before the WG opening plenary.
- Proposed improvements shall be in written form and should include:
 - a) The purpose, objective, or problem the proposed change is intended to address.
 - b) The specific text of the rule change and the rationale for the chosen text.
- If there are any proposed changes a meeting will be held to discuss the changes.

Maintenance of Operations Manual, continued

- Proposed changes shall be made available for pre-view by the membership by the Monday prior to the next plenary week.
- Announcement will be made at that WG opening plenary that a vote will be taken on the changes at the WG closing plenary.

Maintenance of Operations Manual, continued

- The operations manual can be changed by either:
 - a) A minimum 75% approval of the sum of attending WG voting members voting "Approve" or "Do Not Approve" taken at the WG closing plenary.
 - b) An affirmative WG letter ballot (see 2.6.2). A greater than 50% approval of the sum of attending WG voting members voting "Approve" or "Do Not Approve" is required for a change to be sent out for a WG letter ballot.

Proposed change 1-07/21

- The purpose, objective, or problem

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on 16th March 2020, an IEEE 802.3 motion passed suspending two IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group Operations Manual requirements enabling IEEE 802.3 electronic Study Group and Task Force (subgroup) meetings to consider motions. That initial suspension lasted until 18th May 2020. A subsequent motion <https://ieee802.org/3/private/email/msg02267.html> passed on May 10, 2020 and suspend three requirements found in the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group Operations Manual with respect to IEEE 802.3 electronic Study Group and Task Force (subgroup) meetings until the next face-to-face IEEE 802.3 meeting.

While conditions are improving, it is likely that electronic meetings may continue to be necessary. The proposed changes below would permanently codify the current rules suspensions to enable continuation of electronic meetings beyond the next IEEE 802.3 face-to-face meeting.

Proposed change 1-07/21, continued

- Specific text changes

[1] Modify 2.5.2 “Working Group Interim meeting series”, 2nd paragraph:

An IEEE 802.3 Working Group face-to-face interim meeting shall only occur at an IEEE 802.3 interim meeting series.

[2] Delete 3rd sentence, 2nd paragraph from 3.3.2 “Meetings and Participation”:

A TF will normally meet during the week of the LMSC plenary. The WG Chair determines, taking into account TF status, if this plenary week TF meeting is not required. Depending on the work load, interim TF meetings can be held between the LMSC plenary meetings as often as required and agreed to by the TF membership. ~~The notice requirements for the announcement of a TF meeting are contained in the IEEE LMSC WG P&P (see ref [1], 6.6) with the addition that an electronic TF comment resolution meeting where motions are to be considered (see 3.4.2) shall be announced at least 30 days in advance.~~ The intention to hold an electronic TF meeting should be announced at a WG meeting.

Proposed change 1-07/21, continued

- Specific text changes, continued

[3] Modify 1st sentence, 3rd paragraph from 3.3.2 “Meetings and Participation”:

The announcement, including an outline agenda shall be sent to the ~~WG~~TF reflector.

[4] Delete 3rd sentence, 2nd paragraph from 3.4.2 “Voting”:

In face-to-face meetings where a TF is operating with membership rules for voting (see 3.3) only the TF members may make and vote on motions. In face-to-face meetings where membership rules are not in force all TF participants may make and vote on motions, subject only to the provision that they believe that they are qualified to vote on the matter before the TF. ~~Electronic meetings shall only consider motions to progress a draft and only when balloting is substantially complete.~~ Electronic meetings that will consider motions shall be approved by the WG Chair prior to the meeting announcement. In such meetings only IEEE 802.3 Working Group members may make and vote on motions. If a motion is not approved by unanimous consent it shall be taken as a roll call vote.

Plan going forward

- Electronic meeting will be held to discuss the proposed changes prior to the September virtual interim series
- Meeting announcement will be posted to the reflector