

IEEE 802.3 Rules Opening Report

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Maintenance of Operations Manual (1/3)

- 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 (2/3)

- 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 (3/3)

- 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 1-03/26 history

- Proposal received prior to the March 2026 WG opening plenary
- Receipt of proposal announced at the March 2026 WG opening plenary
- Electronic meeting held on 2 July to discuss changes
- No modification to the proposal was made
- Proposed change was posted to [Operating Rules](#) web page

Proposed change 1-03/26

- The purpose, objective, or problem the proposed change is intended to address and the rationale for the chosen text.

Per 4.2, a CFI can only occur at a WG Plenary meeting with the subsequent initiation of the SG by vote of the WG happening at the same Plenary meeting. This proposal would allow the CFI and subsequent initiation of the SG by vote of the WG at any meeting where the IEEE 802.3 WG was holding an announced meeting.

Proposed change 1-03/26, continued

- The specific text of the rule change.

4.2 Formation

A SG is formed when enough interest has been identified for a particular area of study within the scope of the WG. The formation of a SG requires a vote from the WG and subsequent approval by the IEEE 802 LMSC. A request for agenda time to hold a vote to establish a SG shall be made to the WG Chair at least 35 days before the WG meeting at which the vote would take place. A Call for Interest (CFI) announcement shall be issued by the WG Chair at least 30 days before a WG meeting at which a vote to form a SG will occur. An optional CFI consensus-building meeting may be held at any time between the CFI announcement and the WG meeting. ~~The first step in the process is a call for interest. This can be made at the WG opening plenary by any member. Any request to make a call for interest shall be made to the WG Chair. This request shall be made at least 35 days in advance of the start of the WG plenary. A SG can then be initiated by vote of the WG and must be approved by the LMSC EC. During this approval process the LMSC EC decides whether a SG is within the scope of the WG, should be moved to another Working Group or should be set up as an Executive Committee Study Group (ECSG).~~

Plan for this week

- A **vote** will be taken on proposed change 1-03/26 at the WG closing plenary