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RE: COBO Liaison to IEEE 802.3 – CPO and IEEE P802.3ck

Dear Paul and David,

Recently, the Consortium for On-Board Optics (COBO) Board of Directors approved the formation of a new working group: Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) Working Group. Previously, there had been a CPO whitepaper project that was working under the auspice of the Marketing Committee, but due to the potential for intellectual property (IP) sharing, it was decided to form a working group that could provide the necessary IP protection for the members of that working group. As this is a new working group and their first official meeting is not scheduled until November 12, 2020, we are unable to provide a draft copy of the whitepaper but are willing to do so at a future date.

The Data Center Networking (DCN) working group which had completed its technical work and entered into a hibernation state is considering exiting hibernation due to the progress being made by both the OIF and IEEE P802.3ck task force. COBO would be very interested in receiving your next revisions of IEEE P802.3ck for review by our members.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



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President, COBO
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