802.3ab Report

802.3 WG approved 802.3ab PAR on 13 March 97

NESCOM approved 802.3ab PAR on 20 March 97

IEEE Standards Board approved 802.3ab PAR on 21 March 97

Task Force held first meeting under new PAR on 15 May 97
    Elected G. Eisler, Chair and C. Mick, Editor
    Established operating rules on 15 May 97:
        Anyone in the room who feels qualified can vote
            Vote types are: Technical (requires 75% to pass)
                         Procedural (requires 50% to pass)
                         Vote type is the decision of the Chair

Line code decisions made at Maui and London meetings, July and Sept. 97

Channel code decision made at London meeting, Sept. 97

Draft D1.0 presented in Montreal, Nov. 97

Draft D2.0 and Tutorial presented in Irvine, March 98

Held Interim meeting in New Hampshire in April and reached agreement on start-up procedure and resolved comments on D2.1

Held Editor's meeting in San Jose in May 98 resulting in D3.0

Conducted Working Group ballot of D4.0 after the La Jolla Plenary in July and gained voter approval.

The Task Force met for two days in Austin in September and resolved all comments to D4.0

Recirculated D4.1 for ballot and received approximately 100 comments of which about 65% were editorial. There are also a few comments from the WG ballot whose resolution has not been finally accepted, but will be carried over to this meeting.

We met on Monday morning and will meet this afternoon and tomorrow all day to resolve remaining comments. There appear to be no difficulties in the way to finish this work in time to present to 802.3 on Thursday.

The expectation is to ask for Sponsor ballot, subject to the successful recirculation of the resolved comments.

If the calendar is on our side, the 1000Base-T Standard should be ready for show time in March 99.