

802.3 Standards Development: Lessons Learned

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Outline

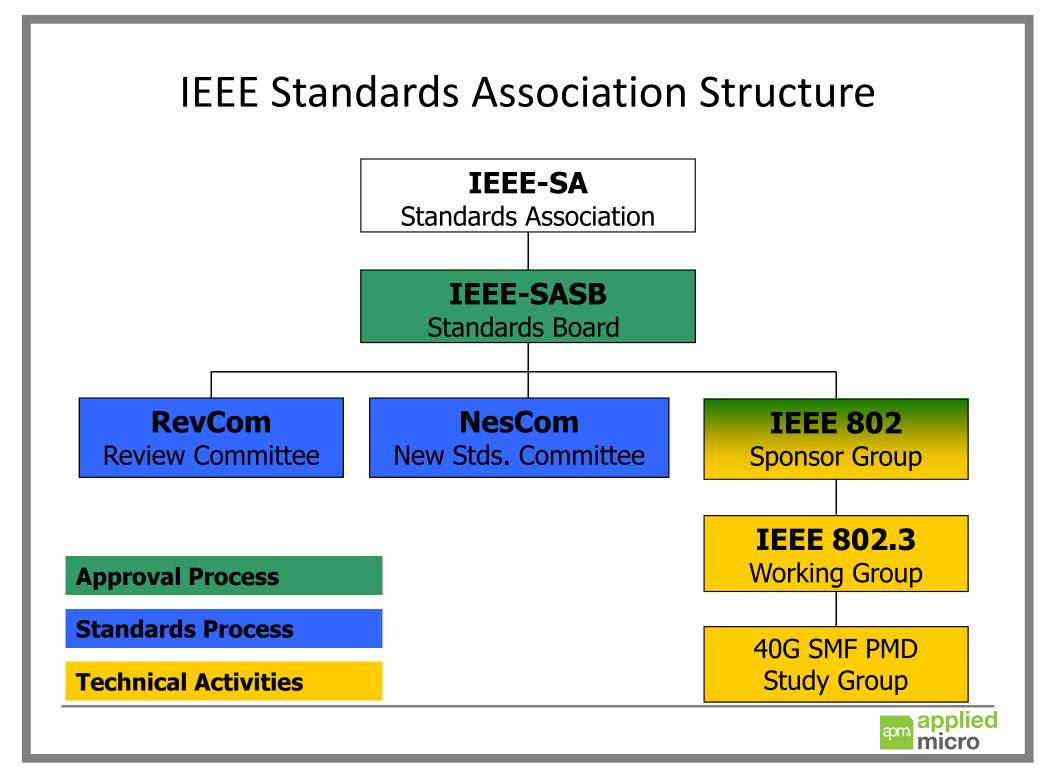
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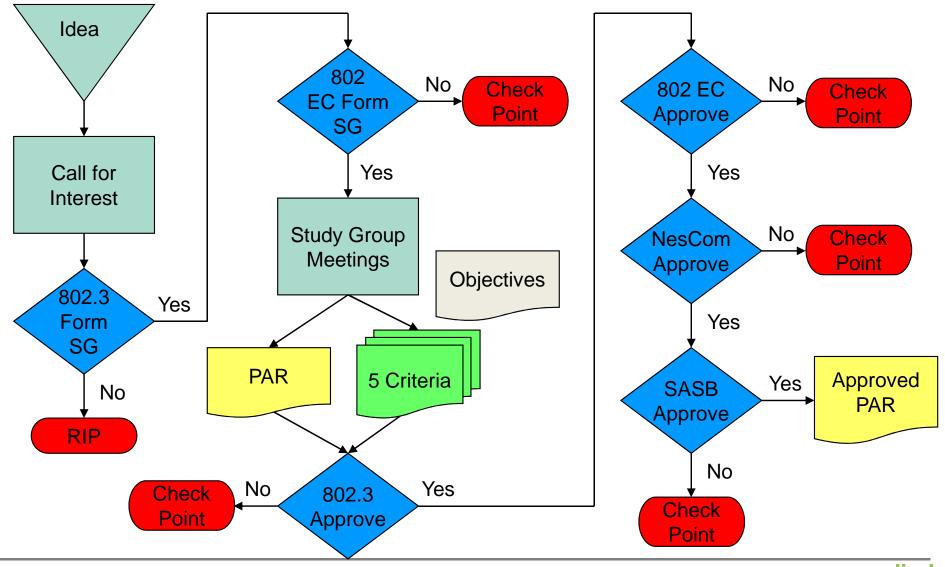
Initial Thoughts

- Keep this project focused
 - SG was formed around a 40G SMF PMD for Carrier Client
 - WG will expect the SG to respond to this question
- Building off of IEEE P802.3ba
 - Was a stated objective of the CFI and SG
 - Project should highlight there are no needs to modify anything P802.3ba has created
- Targeted goals
 - PAR, 5 Criteria and Objectives should be ready for approval at the March 2010 Plenary
 - Ratification could be done within 2 years





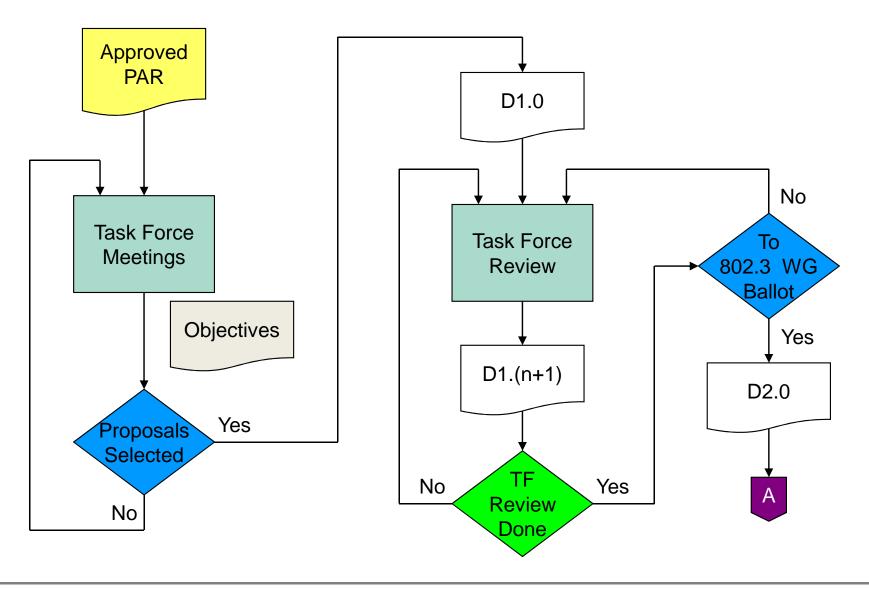
Study Group Formation



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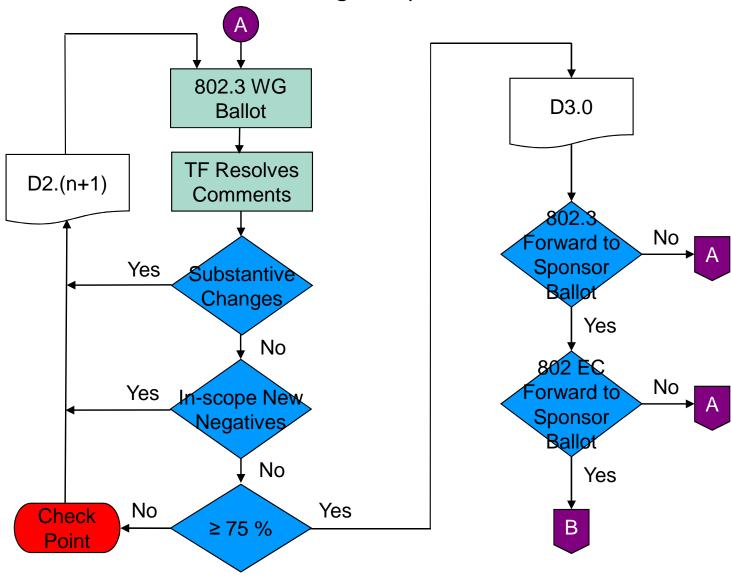


Task Force Review





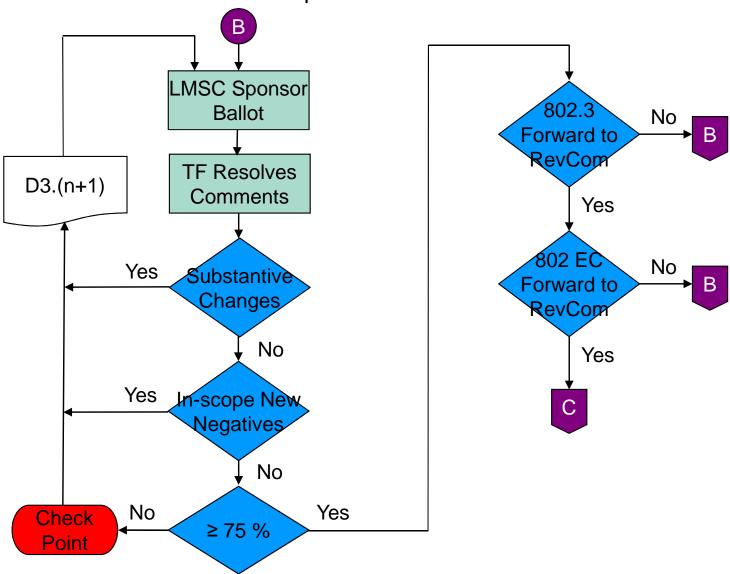
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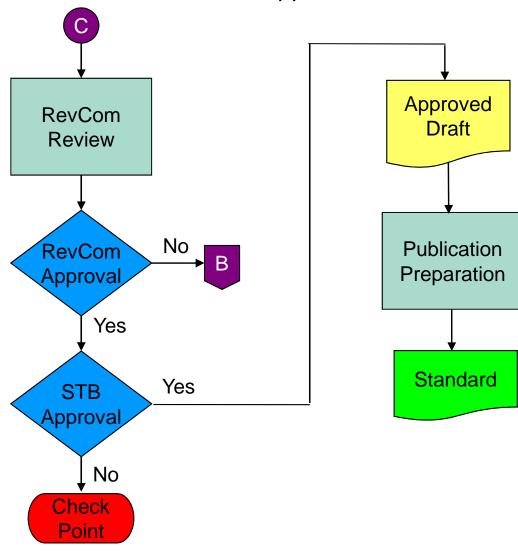
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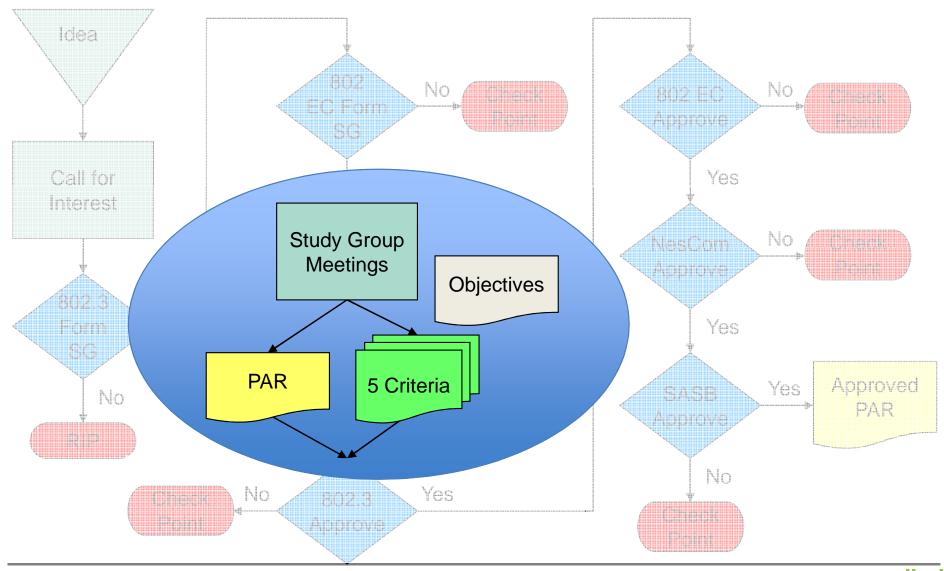


Standard Approval





Study Group Phase





Documents

- Three documents required
 - Objectives
 - 5 Criteria (aka 5 Critters)
 - Project Authorization Request (PAR)
 - Collectively define the project and what the standard should satisfy
 - Alterations to the documents or project must be reflected in the other
- Objectives
 - Needs approval from SG, 802.3 WG
 - Should be simple
 - Deal with the contentious ones quickly
 - SELECT/APPROVE OBJECTIVES FIRST!!



Documents (cont.)

5 Criteria

- Needs approval from SG, 802.3 WG, 802 EC
- Compatibility and Distinct Identity
- Technical Feasibility
- Broad Market Potential and Economic Feasibility
- Should be worked on after the objectives are set

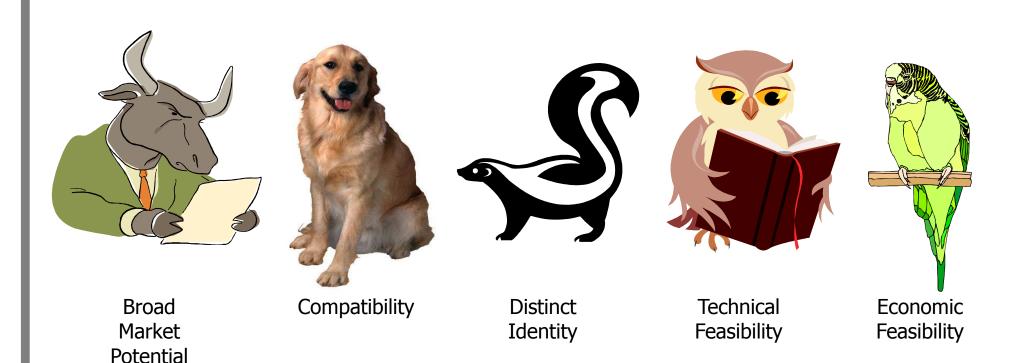
PAR

- Needs approval from SG, 802.3 WG, 802 EC, NesCom & IEEE-SA Standards Board
- Once approved, SG will become an 802.3 Task Force
- Very easy to do once the other documents are done
- Last document to be worked on



The 5 Criteria (aka The 5 Critters)

Thanks to Howard Frazier for the critter slides!







Broad Market Potential

- IEEE 802 criteria:
 - Broad sets of applicability
 - Multiple vendors and numerous users
 - Balanced costs (LAN versus attached stations)





Compatibility

IEEE 802 criteria:

- IEEE 802 defines a family of standards. All standards shall be in conformance with the IEEE 802.1 Architecture, Management, and Interworking documents as follows: 802. Overview and Architecture, 802.1D, 802.1Q, and parts of 802.1F. If any variances in conformance emerge, they shall be thoroughly disclosed and reviewed with 802.
- Each standard in the IEEE 802 family of standards shall include a definition of managed objects that are compatible with systems management standards.

IEEE 802.3 criteria:

- Compatibility with IEEE Std 802.3
- Conformance with the IEEE Std 802.3 MAC
- Managed object definitions compatible with SNMP





Distinct Identity

- IEEE 802 criteria:
 - Substantially different from other IEEE 802 standards
 - One unique solution per problem (not two solutions to a problem)
 - Easy for the document reader to select the relevant specification
 - IEEE 802.3 criterion:
 - Substantially different from other IEEE 802.3 specifications/solutions





Technical Feasibility



- IEEE 802 criteria:
 - Demonstrated system feasibility
 - Proven technology, reasonable testing
 - Confidence in reliability





Economic Feasibility

- IEEE 802 criteria:
 - Known cost factors, reliable data
 - Reasonable cost for performance
 - Consideration of installation costs



Guidelines for Critter Responses

- Respond to each criteria on a separate slide
 - Repeat the criteria <u>verbatim</u> at the top of each slide
 - Respond to each point of the criteria
- Be prepared to defend every word of the responses
 - Responses must be specific
 - Responses must be succinct
 - Responses must be honest
- A project must satisfy all 5 of the criteria simultaneously



PAR Information

- Project Number (IEEE P802.3b?)
- Title of standard
- Working group and contact information
- Estimated dates
- Scope and Purpose of the proposed standard
 - Need for the project
 - Stakeholders
- Intellectual property statement



Final Thoughts

- Stay focused
 - Avoid "let the market decide" mentality
 - Avoid the "science experiment"
- Level setting
 - Use 802.3 or agreed upon terminology
 - Develop new terminology if appropriate
- Consensus
 - 75% is the magic number
 - Develop consensus proposals with broad support
- Follow the process



Q&A

Thank you!

