

ANSI X3T11
Fibre Channel
Liaison Report
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- The X3T11 Plenary was held at the Red Lion Hotel in San Jose, CA on February 5, 1997.
- National Committee for Information Technology Standardization (**NCITS**), pronounced “Insights”) is the new name for Accredited Standards Committee X3 - Information Technology.

This name change allows for more name-uniqueness in electronic searches.

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- New Fiber Connector Selection Process

Connector proposals to X3T11 prior to February '97 included:

3M/Honeywell	Galaxy
Alcoa Fujikura	HiPer Link
AMP/HP/Siecor/US Connect	Mini MT
Berg	MAC II
Lucent	LC
Methode	MP
NTT	Mini SC
Panduit	Fiber Jack

The top three contenders were chosen by the Plenary in December '96 for final selection in February '97:

3M/Honeywell	Galaxy
AMP/HP/Siecor/US Connect	Mini MT
Lucent	LC

February '97 Plenary:

Three 20-minute presentations on new connector designs.

Presentation order was determined by lot; the order being Lucent, AMP, and 3M.

The order of motions and amendments was also determined by lot; AMP was drawn first, Lucent second, and 3M last.

It was moved by Chuck Brill of AMP and seconded by Steve Joiner of Hewlett-Packard that the Mini-MT connector, as proposed by AMP, be adopted as the optical connector for a future FC-PH variant.

It was proposed by Yvonne Reeves of Lucent and seconded by David Hepner of TRW that the motion be amended to replace the Mini-MT connector as proposed by AMP by the LC connector as proposed by Lucent.

It was proposed by Tad Szostak of 3M and seconded by John Bowerman of Honeywell that the amendment be amended to replace the LC connector as proposed by Lucent with the Galaxy connector as proposed by 3M and Honeywell.

The amendment (to replace the Lucent proposal by the 3M proposal) to the amendment carried 34 For, 13 Opposed, with 23 Abstaining, and 11 Not Voting.

Consideration returned to the modified amendment. The chairman, noted that a yes vote on the amendment meant voting for the 3M proposal, voting no meant voting for the AMP proposal.

The amendment carried 30 For, 27 Opposed, with 17 Abstaining and 5 Not Voting.

Dal Allan of FSI Consulting made an amendment seconded by Bill Ham, that due to the close vote that both the Galaxy and the Mini-MT connectors should be adopted as the optical connectors for a future FC-PH variant.

A friendly amendment was proposed by Louise Bryant of Lucent to adopt all three connectors. This was not accepted as friendly.

This amendment (to include all three connectors) to the amendment failed 5 For, 50 Opposed, with 12 Abstaining and 12 Not Voting.

The amendment (to include both connectors) failed 20 For, 31 Opposed, with 17 Abstaining, and 11 Not Voting.

The amended main motion, that the Galaxy connector as proposed by 3M and Honeywell, be adopted as the optical connector for a future FC-PH variant, carried 37 For, 16 Opposed, with 17 Abstaining and 9 Not Voting.

- Additional details about Fibre Channel, including the draft February '97 X3T11 Plenary minutes from which details of this liaison report were drawn are available by pointing your web browser to: <http://www.amdahl.com/ext/CARP/FCA/FCA.html>