

IEEE 802 LMSC Policy and Procedure Revision Ballot
on
EC Voting Procedures

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To: LMSC Executive Committee

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Purpose: Clarify EC Voting (and balloting) procedures

Rationale for proposed change:

Numerous issues have been raised with our current EC Voting procedures including:

- Are abstentions counted in the denominator when tallying votes
- Must the full EC membership be reflected in the denominator of electronic ballots
- Can EC voting privileges be suspended for cause
- Can the time period for an electronic ballot be extended
- How are votes tallied for P&P revision ballots
- Members present voting as denominator vs members not present

This ballot addresses those issues.

Proposed Change:

Revise the LMSC P&P according to the following revised text (based on the July 04 P&P revision 1):

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7.1.4 Voting Rules

Except where otherwise noted in this P&P, approval of an EC motion is achieved if a majority of EC members present with voting rights vote approve. The LMSC Chair only votes if his vote can change the outcome of a vote. Proxy voting is not permitted. The voting rights of an EC member may be suspend for cause by a majority vote of the EC.

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7.1.4.1 Voting Guidance

It is expected that EC members will vote as both professionals and as individual experts, except under the Directed Position provisions of this P&P, and not as a member of any affiliate block (organization, alliance, company, consortium, special interest group, etc.). If substantive evidence is presented to the LMSC Chair that this provision is violated, the EC will meet to consider what, if any, action to take on the presented evidence. Such action may include, a recommendation for removal from office.

7.1.4.2 EC Quorum Requirements

A Quorum for the purpose of conducting formal business shall be a majority of EC members with voting rights.

7.1.4.3 Electronic Balloting

At times, it may become necessary for the EC to render a decision that cannot be made prior to the close of one plenary but must be made prior to the opening of the following plenary. Such decisions may be made using electronic balloting. Provision shall be made for the LMSC membership to observe and comment on EC electronic ballots. All comments from those who are not members of the EC shall be considered. Commenters who are not members of the EC are urged to seek an EC voting member (normally their Working Group or Technical Advisory Group Chair) to include the viewpoint of the commenter in their vote.

The LMSC Chair, or an EC member designated by the Chair (usually a Vice Chair), shall determine the duration of the ballot, issue the ballot by e-mail and tally the votes after the ballot is closed. EC voting members shall return their vote and comments by e-mail.

The minimum duration of an electronic ballot shall normally be 10 days. For urgent matters once sufficient response is received to clearly decide a matter, the Ballot may be closed early. This allows a decision to be reach in less than 10 days. Ballots where the possibility of an early close exists must be clearly marked accordingly. Otherwise, the tally of votes shall not be made until at least 24 hours after the close of the ballot to allow time for delivery of the e-mail votes.

The affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the EC with voting rights is required for an electronic ballot to pass except when specified otherwise by these P&P. If at the end of the ballot insufficient votes have been received to pass the ballot, the ballot fails. However the Chair or his designee may extend the ballot (prior to the ballots close) if it appears that the ballot will fail due to lack of response.

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After distribution of a proposed Policies and Procedures change and an Executive Committee electronic ballot has been conducted, the Executive Committee member designated in accordance with subclause 7.1.4.2.1 shall tabulate the ballot results, attempt to resolve the comments, and present the comments and proposed resolution at an Executive Committee meeting in conjunction with a Plenary Session. The Executive Committee shall approve, assign, or fail to accept the proposal.¶
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