

AVB L2 Transport Protocol Working Group Update

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Status Update

- L2 PAR submitted to NesCom
 - To be presented on June 6, 2007
- Working Group P1722
 - Will revise reflector/archive to STDS-1722
 - Won't need to re-subscribe
- John Nels Fuller will lead Session Management

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