

# IEEE 802.3 Maintenance Task Force

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# Voting at electronic meetings

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- IEEE 802.3 Operations Manual 3.4.2

There are two type of votes in the TF; votes on motions and votes in straw polls.

In face-to-face meetings where a TF is operating with membership rules for voting (see 3.3) only the TF members may make and vote on motions. In face-to-face meetings where membership rules are not in force all TF participants may make and vote on motions, subject only to the provision that they believe that they are qualified to vote on the matter before the TF. Electronic meetings that will consider motions shall be approved by the WG Chair prior to the meeting announcement. In such meetings only IEEE 802.3 Working Group members may make and vote on motions. If a motion is not approved by unanimous consent it shall be taken as a roll call vote.

In all cases, regardless of any membership rules that may or may not be in force, all participants who feel qualified may participate in a straw poll.

# General decorum

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- An officer is permitted to make an audio or slideshow recording of this meeting exclusively for the purpose of generating minutes which shall not be copied or distributed. IEEE 802.3 meetings do not use this option. Recording of the proceedings by any other participant or observer, in part or in whole, via any means, is prohibited. (*January 2020 IEEE-SA Standards Board Ops Manual 5.3.3.2*)
- Press (i.e., anyone reporting publicly on this meeting) are to announce their presence (*January 2020 IEEE-SA Standards Board Ops Manual 5.3.3.3*)
- Please observe proper decorum in meetings

# Teleconference decorum

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- **Please MUTE if you are not speaking**
- The conference tool in use for this meeting has a chat function. Public, and in some cases private chats, are available to the teleconference host after the meeting, and should be treated as a public statement that could appear in the minutes. The public chat function shall only be used for official business related to the meeting, as determined by the Chair. Parallel discussions between participants using the public chat function can be a distraction from the meeting and the Chair or designee will ask participants to cease such discussions should they occur.

# Agenda

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- Review and approve agenda
- Approve meeting minutes
- Guidelines for IEEE-SA Meetings
- IEEE-SA Copyright policy
- Participation in IEEE 802 Meetings
- Attendance procedures
- Consideration of maintenance requests
- Future meetings

# Agenda motion

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- Motion #1: Approve the agenda
  - M: D. Law                      S: B. McClellan
  - Passed by unanimous consent at 1:21 pm EDT
- May 2024 minutes were posted on 14 May 2024
- Motion #2: Approve the [May 2024](#) minutes
  - M: D. Law                      S: B. McClellan
  - Passed by unanimous consent at 1:23 pm EDT

# **GUIDELINES FOR IEEE SA MEETINGS**

- All IEEE SA standards meetings shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable laws, including antitrust and competition laws.
  - Don't discuss the interpretation, validity, or essentiality of patents/patent claims.
  - Don't discuss specific license rates, terms, or conditions.
    - Relative costs of different technical approaches that include relative costs of patent licensing terms may be discussed in standards development meetings.
      - Technical considerations remain the primary focus.
  - Don't discuss or engage in the fixing of product prices, allocation of customers, or division of sales markets.
  - Don't discuss the status or substance of ongoing or threatened litigation.
  - Don't be silent if inappropriate topics are discussed. Formally object to the discussion immediately.

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For more details, see *IEEE SA Standards Board Operations Manual*, clause 5.3.10 and *Antitrust and Competition Policy: What You Need to Know* at <http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/antitrust.pdf>

If you have questions, contact the IEEE SA Standards Board Patent Committee Administrator at [patcom@ieee.org](mailto:patcom@ieee.org)

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHAIRS OF STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

**At the beginning of each standards development meeting the chair or a designee is to:**

- Show the following slides (or provide them beforehand)
- Advise the standards development group participants that:
  - IEEE SA's copyright policy is described in Clause 7 of the IEEE SA Standards Board Bylaws and Clause 6.1 of the IEEE SA Standards Board Operations Manual;
  - Any material submitted during standards development, whether verbal, recorded, or in written form, is a Contribution and shall comply with the IEEE SA Copyright Policy;
- Instruct the Secretary to record in the minutes of the relevant meeting:
  - That the foregoing information was provided and that the copyright slides were shown (or provided beforehand).

# IEEE SA COPYRIGHT POLICY

By participating in this activity, you agree to comply with the IEEE Code of Ethics, all applicable laws, and all IEEE policies and procedures including, but not limited to, the IEEE SA Copyright Policy.

- Previously Published material (copyright assertion indicated) shall not be presented/submitted to the Working Group nor incorporated into a Working Group draft unless permission is granted.
- Prior to presentation or submission, you shall notify the Working Group Chair of previously Published material and should assist the Chair in obtaining copyright permission acceptable to IEEE SA.
- For material that is not previously Published, IEEE is automatically granted a license to use any material that is presented or submitted.

# IEEE SA COPYRIGHT POLICY

- The IEEE SA Copyright Policy is described in the IEEE SA Standards Board Bylaws and IEEE SA Standards Board Operations Manual
  - IEEE SA Copyright Policy, see  
Clause 7 of the IEEE SA Standards Board Bylaws  
<https://standards.ieee.org/about/policies/bylaws/sect6-7.html#7>  
Clause 6.1 of the IEEE SA Standards Board Operations Manual  
<https://standards.ieee.org/about/policies/opman/sect6.html>
- IEEE SA Copyright Permission
  - <https://standards.ieee.org/content/dam/ieee-standards/standards/web/documents/other/permissionltrs.zip>
- IEEE SA Copyright FAQs
  - <http://standards.ieee.org/faqs/copyrights>
- IEEE SA Best Practices for IEEE Standards Development
  - [http://standards.ieee.org/content/dam/ieee-standards/standards/web/documents/other/best\\_practices\\_for\\_ieee\\_standards\\_development\\_051215.pdf](http://standards.ieee.org/content/dam/ieee-standards/standards/web/documents/other/best_practices_for_ieee_standards_development_051215.pdf)
- Distribution of Draft Standards (see 6.1.3 of the SASB Operations Manual)
  - <https://standards.ieee.org/about/policies/opman/sect6.html>

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## Participant behavior in IEEE-SA activities is guided by the IEEE Codes of Ethics & Conduct

- All participants in IEEE-SA activities are expected to adhere to the core principles underlying the:
  - [IEEE Code of Ethics](#)
  - [IEEE Code of Conduct](#)
- The core principles of the IEEE Codes of Ethics & Conduct are to:
  - *Uphold the highest standards of integrity, responsible behavior, and ethical and professional conduct*
  - *Treat people fairly and with respect, to not engage in harassment, discrimination, or retaliation, and to protect people's privacy.*
  - *Avoid injuring others, their property, reputation, or employment by false or malicious action*
- The most recent versions of these Codes are available at <http://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/governance>

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## Participants in the IEEE-SA “*individual process*” shall act independently of others, including employers

- The [IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws](#) require that “*participants in the IEEE standards development individual process shall act based on their qualifications and experience*”
- This means participants:
  - **Shall act & vote** based on their personal & independent opinions derived from their expertise, knowledge, and qualifications
  - **Shall not act or vote** based on any obligation to or any direction from any other person or organization, including an employer or client, regardless of any external commitments, agreements, contracts, or orders
  - **Shall not direct** the actions or votes of other participants or retaliate against other participants for fulfilling their responsibility to act & vote based on their personal & independently developed opinions
- By participating in standards activities using the “*individual process*”, you are deemed to accept these requirements; if you are unable to satisfy these requirements then you shall immediately cease any participation

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## IEEE-SA standards activities shall allow the fair & equitable consideration of all viewpoints

- The [IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws](#) (clause 5.2.1.3) specifies that “*the standards development process shall not be dominated by any single interest category, individual, or organization*”
  - This means no participant may exercise “*authority, leadership, or influence by reason of superior leverage, strength, or representation to the exclusion of fair and equitable consideration of other viewpoints*” or “*to hinder the progress of the standards development activity*”
- This rule applies equally to those participating in a standards development project and to that project’s leadership group
- Any person who reasonably suspects that dominance is occurring in a standards development project is encouraged to bring the issue to the attention of the Standards Committee or the project’s IEEE-SA Program Manager

# Attendance procedures

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- IEEE Meeting Attendance Tool
  - <http://imat.ieee.org/>
- For more information, please see...
  - [http://ieee802.org/3/minutes/attendance\\_procedures.pdf](http://ieee802.org/3/minutes/attendance_procedures.pdf)

# Consideration of maintenance requests

# Maintenance request status

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- 4 new requests received since the May 2024 meeting
- 44 open maintenance requests
- Current status of open requests
  - Approved 0
  - Balloting 0
  - Ready for ballot 37
  - Awaiting clarification 2
  - Errata 0
  - To be categorized 5
- Also see [http://www.ieee802.org/3/maint/requests/open\\_num.html](http://www.ieee802.org/3/maint/requests/open_num.html)

# Maintenance requests to be categorized

- Deadline for consideration at this meeting was 10 June
- New requests to be considered this week

No.	Date	Standard	Clause	Subject
<a href="#">1421</a>	11-Oct-23	802.3-2022	97.4.2.4	infofield_complete behavior
<a href="#">1429</a>	02-Apr-24	802.3-2022	46.3.4.3	State diagram transition
<a href="#">1431</a>	29-Apr-24	802.3-2022	Various, see details	Update reference
<a href="#">1432</a>	14-May-24	802.3df-2024	90A.3	Incorrect values in Table 90A-1
<a href="#">1433</a>	14-May-24	802.3cx-2023	90.7.1	Clarification of text
<a href="#">1434</a>	30-May-24	802.3-2022	Various, see details	Include RS in Clause 6
<a href="#">1435</a>	30-May-24	802.3-2022	97.4.2.6.4	Typo

# Maintenance request 1421

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- Returned request to submitter to clarify the proposed revision text and to correct a typo
- No update to the request has been submitted
- No change in status

Complete: <b>N</b>
In scope: ?
Errata: ?

# Maintenance request 1429

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- Returned request to submitter with a request for additional information
- No update to the request has been submitted
- No change in status

Complete: **N**  
In scope: ?  
Errata: ?

# Maintenance request 1431

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- IEEE Std 802.1AB-2009 is included in normative references, but IEEE Std 802.1AB-2016 is the most recent version
- Proposed revision text is to replace references to IEEE Std 802.1AB-2009 with IEEE Std 802.1AB-2016 throughout the document
- It has been observed that there are several references to specific content in IEEE Std 802.1AB that do not align with (or even exist in) the 2016 revision
- The requester has been asked to address this alignment in the proposed revision text
- Keep the status of request as “Received” while the discussion continues

Complete: Y
In scope: Y
Errata: N

# Maintenance request 1432

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- In Table 90A–1 “Magnitude of potential timestamp accuracy impairments”, the values in the column “Alignment marker / codeword marker insertion / removal” for 200G, 400G, and 800G (added by IEEE Std 802.3df-2024) are incorrect
- Change “2.56” to “5.12” for each of these rows
- Set status to “Ready for ballot”

Complete: Y In scope: Y Errata: N
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# Maintenance request 1433

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- Proposes changes to 90.7.1 to better describe the “beginning of the cyclical function that causes the delay variation, i.e. the start of the Clause 82 block distribution and/or start of the FEC codeword”
- Proposed revision text provides multiple options and a suggestion that some further clarification would be worth adding (no suggested text)
- Set status to “Incomplete” and return the request to the submitter with a request to provide specific proposed revision text

Complete: <b>N</b>
In scope: ?
Errata: ?

# Maintenance request 1434

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- Update Clause 6 to reflect that it specifies the services provided by both the PLS and the reconciliation sublayer (RS)
- Companion [document](#) provided to describe the changes
- Set status to “Ready for ballot”

Complete: Y In scope: Y Errata: N
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# Maintenance request 1435

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- In Figure 97–25 change “send\_s\_sidget” to “send\_s\_sigdet” in the transition from the “SIGDET\_WAIT” to “SILENT WAIT”
- Set status to “Ready for ballot”

Complete: Y
In scope: Y
Errata: N

# Future meetings

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- Next meeting is expected to occur during the September 2024 IEEE 802.3 Working Group interim meeting series
- Meeting details will be announced on the Task Force reflector

# Adjourn