

IEEE 802.16 Working Group on Broadband Wireless Access (BWA)



Welcome

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**Working Group on
Broadband Wireless Access**

802.16 Session #60

Opening Plenary

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Chair's Administrative and Procedural Announcements

See <http://iee802.org/16/legal.html>

- Disclosure of Affiliation
- Ethics policy
- Patents
- Copyrights

Working Group operation

IEEE 802 News

Disclosure of Affiliation

- See:
 - <http://standards.ieee.org/faqs/affiliationFAQ.html>
- Important note:
 - Attendance software requires an “Affiliation” field
 - This is the appropriate Affiliation field per IEEE-SA disclosure requirements and will be reported as such.

Ethics policy

See:

- http://iee.org/web/membership/ethics/code_ethics.htm

Patent Policy and Procedures

IEEE-SA Policy materials:

<http://standards.ieee.org/board/pat/pat-material.html>

IEEE-SA Std Board Bylaws

- In order for IEEE's patent policy to function efficiently, individuals participating in the standards development process: (a) shall inform the IEEE (or cause the IEEE to be informed) of the holder of any potential Essential Patent Claims of which they are personally aware and that are not already the subject of an existing Letter of Assurance, owned or controlled by the participant or the entity the participant is from, employed by, or otherwise represents; and (b) should inform the IEEE (or cause the IEEE to be informed) of any other holders of such potential Essential Patent Claims that are not already the subject of an existing Letter of Assurance.

802.16 LoAs

IEEE 802.16-Specific Letters of Assurance in IEEE-SA Patent Database

http://standards.ieee.org/db/patents/pat802_16.html

Patent Policy Slides

Slide set required for presentation:

<http://standards.ieee.org/board/pat/pat-slideset.ppt>

Patent Policy: Reiteration Plan

The Working Group Chair or his or her designee shall issue the call at every Working Group meeting.

If a group is “meeting” for consecutive days and the attendance is substantially the same for each day of the gathering, the policy only needs to be read once. If the chair plans not to read or display the policy each day, then the chair must either (a) ensure that the policy or a URL for it has been sent out to all attendees prior to the meeting (and is available in the registration packet for any on-site registrants), or (b) announce each day that the meeting is subject to the patent policy as read or displayed on the first day.

Note, though, that this rule applies separately to each “group” that is “meeting” during the week. For example, if a working group holds a meeting during the same week as its task group, task force, and/or study group, the chair of each of those groups must read or display the policy at the beginning of that group’s first day of “meeting.”

Rules: Copyrights

<http://ieee802.org/16/ipr/copyrights>

IEEE 802 Policies and Procedures

<http://ieee802.org/devdocs.html>

IEEE 802 P&P: WG Operation

7.2.4 Operation of the Working Group

- The operation of the Working Group has to be balanced between democratic procedures that reflect the desires of the Working Group members and the Working Group Chair's responsibility to produce a standard, recommended practice, or guide in a reasonable amount of time.

IEEE 802 P&P: Chair's Role

7.2.4.1 Chair's Function

- The Chair of the Working Group decides procedural issues. The Working Group members and the Chair decide technical issues by vote. The Working Group Chair decides what is procedural and what is technical.
- Note: 802.16 Chair delegates the power to make procedural decisions to the presiding Task Group Chair

IEEE 802 Rules: WG Domination

- The Working Group Chair has the responsibility to “determine if the Working Group is dominated by an organization and, if so, treat that organizations’ vote as one (with the approval of the Executive Committee).”

Please bring any concern to the immediate attention of WG Chair!

Contribution Procedures

<http://WirelessMAN.org/submit.html>

Submittals that violate the procedures will not be accepted!

IEEE 802: Project Progression

- Draft PARs
 - <http://ieee802.org/PARs.html>
- Possible Drafts to Sponsor Ballot on Friday
 - Nothing of special interest
- Possible Drafts to RevCom on Friday
 - Nothing of special interest
- Study Groups
 - Executive Committee Study Group: TV Whitespace
 - See Monday evening tutorial

Other IEEE 802 EC Issues

- Budgets holding up
 - ~1000 people expected this session
 - 802.1 77
 - 802.3 153
 - 802.11 179
 - 802.15 160
 - 802.16 276
 - 802.17 3
 - 802.18 13
 - 802.19 4
 - 802.20 6
 - 802.21 22
 - 802.22 21
 - 802.xx 51
- Proposed 802 Plenary reorganization

Plenary organization

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GOAL

- Make concrete proposals for changes to the Plenary week meeting structure.

Potential targets for change

- EC opening meeting time/day
- Opening Plenary time/day/delete
- Tutorials
 - Number
 - Which days
 - Rules on concurrent WG/TAG activity
- Social
 - Continued existence
 - Impact on budgetary considerations for meeting costs
- Closing EC meeting
- Others?

EC “off-site” proposal

- Appears to be support for this
- Topics?
 - Domination and other distortions to the consensus process
 - Disparities in WG practice for common problems
 - Inter-group complaints/relationships
 - Succession training
 - Process changes/tool needs/operational philosophy (lease or buy?) etc.
- Where?
 - Physically/temporally removed from plenary/interim sessions?
 - Near a major transport hub in a city that is not a major 802 population centre? Attach to a Plenary?
- When?
 - Feb, Apr, or July '09, 1 full day + ½ day meeting, dinner previous night.
- How many would attend?
 - ~30
- Geoff will make a couple of more concrete proposals -> EC reflector.

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Proposals:

- Delete the Opening Plenary; as an alternative, post any info (treasurer's report, PARs...etc.) in well known place.
- Opening EC: cut the proforma stuff and reduce it to 2 hours (8-10)
- Tutorials: keep Monday but have 3 slots if necessary – 6-7:30, 7:30-9, 9-10:30. Use Tuesday only on an optional basis.
- Closing EC: II are only II if they have I associated with them ahead of time. Move to 3:00-8:00 PM

IEEE Standards Process Training

- Ever find the process here confusing?
 - Why do we have study groups?
 - What's a PAR?
 - How do you get your standard approved?
- Need a quick refresher on the process?
- Help is at hand:
 - Free on line training at:
<http://ieee802.org/training.htm>
- Learn or review the IEEE Standards process in 3 hours or less.