

IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee

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• Jim Carlo, Past President, IEEE-SA

SUBJECT: IEEE 802 Interactions with Chinese standardization projects

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Dear Mr. Wen,

Thank you for accepting our invitation to meet with me and IEEE-SA Past President Jim Carlo again. We appreciate that you (along with Cao Shumin of the China Communications Standards Association [CCSA]) traveled to Sanya on 24 January 2005 to meet us. We are very pleased that you have visited both of the first two IEEE 802 Working Group meetings held in China. I appreciate the clear and focussed discussions regarding issues relevant to MII and to the IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee ("IEEE 802").

IEEE 802 appreciates your note of 30 December and your suggestion that we "work together to further enhance exchange, deepen mutual understanding, and strengthen the connections and cooperation between CCSA and IEEE, and assist Chinese enterprise to participate in the IEEE projects." We are very committed to that same goal. For your reference, we have compiled a summary of "IEEE 802 Efforts to Encourage Chinese Participation" ([IEEE 802China05/03](#)). I am sending you a copy. We welcome your further insights into how we may be more effective in this process.

Thank you for raising with us the difficulty of some Chinese participants in obtaining visas to attend standards meetings in the US, where many 802 meetings are held. We truly regret such difficulties and are trying to assist. We have learned that the US-based organization ANSI has recently published a guidebook entitled "United States Visa System: Information for Experts from the People's Republic of China Attending Meetings of the ISO and IEC Held in the United States." Though the title refers only to ISO and IEC, the content appears useful to IEEE participants also. It is available here:

http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=892

We will be including information about this document, and other relevant information, on the IEEE 802 meeting registration web site. We have also instituted an easy process for the request of a meeting invitation letter for visa application purposes. We processed over 25 such requests in advance of our session in Atlanta, USA this week, where 17 people registered with a Chinese address.

We have communicated to the US Department of State regarding the difficulties we face when our own members and participants are unable to attend some of our meetings. We have received some very specific suggestions to aid the possibility of visa approval. If you are interested in discussing this, please feel free to contact me. We were happy to learn that the US has begun offering unlimited-entry visas and understand that several of our Chinese participants have already received them.

Please feel free to circulate this information. We welcome your suggestions on how we can increase contacts and communications with Chinese standardization bodies, including at the detailed technical level.

Best regards,

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Attachment: Update on IEEE 802 activities of interest

- On 13-18 March, in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, IEEE 802 met in a Plenary Session, as it does each March, July, and November. This included meetings of Working Groups 802.1, 802.3, 802.11, 802.15, 802.16, 802.17, 802.20, 802.21, and 802.22, as well as Technical Advisory Groups 802.18 and 802.19. The attendance was about 1600 people. For information on future sessions, please see <http://ieee802.org/meeting>.
- The IEEE 802.11 Working Group session of March 2005 included meetings of its ten Task Groups. An additional project P802.11w on Protected Management Frames was initiated. The group named two individuals as contact points regarding the China Communications Standards Association (CCSA). The group's next session will take place on 15-20 May 2005 in Cairns, Australia.
- The IEEE 802.16 Working Group on Broadband Wireless Access held its Session #36 on 14-17 March. The meeting included a presentation from CCSA TC5/WG3 ([IEEE L802.16-05/020](#)), to which the 802.16 Working Group responded ([IEEE L802.16-05/026](#)). The attendance was approximately 350 people. This session followed 802.16's successful Session #35 in Sanya, China on 24-27 January 2005, its second session in China within 9 months. 313 people registered and attended Session #35, including 43 from China and many others from Chinese companies. 802.16's session reports are available at <http://ieee802.org/16/meetings/reports.html>. The next 802.16 session is scheduled for 2-5 May 2005 in Sorrento, Italy.