

# IEEE 802.16 Working Group on Broadband Wireless Access (BWA)



**Welcome**  
**IEEE 802.16**  
**Working Group on**  
**Broadband Wireless Access**

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# Chair's Administrative and Procedural Announcements

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

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# 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](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](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).”

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*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 Standards Process Training

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  - What's a PAR?
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