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802.16 Officers

- **Chair: Roger Marks**
- **Vice Chair: Brian Kiernan**
- **Secretary: Carl Bushue (Acting)**

Logistics

- **Hotel Info**
- **Projectors**

Resources

- **THIS WEEK:**
 - **802.11b Wireless LAN**
 - **<http://10.0.0.9>**
 - **also Window File Sharing (?)**
- **<http://ieee802.org/16>**
 - **<http://WirelessMAN.org> is equivalent**
- **Reflector**
 - **Sign up on web**
 - **Read archives on web**

Individuality

- **Participation is by individual**
 - **Working Group members shall participate in the consensus process in a manner consistent with their professional expert opinion as individuals, and not as organizational representatives**
 - **Membership belongs to the individual, not an organization, and may not be transferred.**

Voting in Task Groups

- Only 802.16 Voting Members may vote in task Group meetings
 - Show Voting Token (badge with logo)
- All present may vote in meetings of the Coexistence Study Group

Basic Process Steps

Study Group

Develops plan to standardize

Creates PAR for 802 & IEEE approval

Task Group

a) Find Consensus on initial draft

Call for proposals

Merge and consolidate

b) refine draft

Working Group Letter Ballot (802.16)

Sponsor Ballot (IEEE and 802)

IEEE 802 Rules

5.1.4 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 guideline, in a reasonable amount of time.**
- Robert's Rules of Order shall be used in combination with these operating rules to achieve this balance.

Robert's Rules

- In the debate each member has the right to speak twice on the same question on the same day (except on an appeal), but cannot make a second speech on the same question as long as any member who has not spoken on that question desires the floor.**

IEEE 802 Rules

5.1.4.1 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**

Legal and Antitrust

- Any discussions that relate to the validity or cost of patent use shall be avoided.**
- Any discussions or any material relating to an ongoing litigation shall be avoided.**
- Any discussions of pricing or issues that would violate US antitrust laws shall be avoided.**

Patent Policy

- **See full details at 802.16 Web Site**
- IEEE 802.16 operates under the Patent Policy of the IEEE Standards Association, as set forth in Clause 6 of the IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws. This policy includes the statement:
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Patent Policy (continued)

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Charge to Task Groups

- Complete the task on your agenda
 - Update agenda on bulletin board
- Prepare for next meeting
 - Call for Contributions, etc.
- Prepare for Closing Plenary
 - All motions to be in writing
- Document everything
 - submit documents before you leave
- Presentations to server 2 hours in advance