IEEE 802.16 Session #58 was held 10-13 November 2008 in Dallas, TX, USA. This was an IEEE 802 LMSC Plenary Session and co-located with sessions of the other IEEE 802 Working Groups and Technical Advisory Groups.

Attendance
The attendance was over 400 people, with a record participation level.

Task Group m (TGm): Advanced Air Interface
Task Group m (TGm) continued its work in the development of the P802.16m project to amend the IEEE 802.16 WirelessMAN-OFDMA specification to meet IMT-Advanced requirements while offering continuing support for legacy WirelessMAN-OFDMA equipment. [More detail to follow.]

Maintenance Task Group
The Working Group’s Maintenance Task Group is developing the 802.16Rev2 project to revise IEEE Std 802.16. [More detail to follow.]

Relay Task Group
The Relay Task Group is developing the P802.16j project. [More detail to follow.]

License-Exempt Task Group
The Working Group’s License-Exempt Task Group is developing the 802.16h project to revise IEEE Std 802.16. [More detail to follow.]

Liaison Activities
The ITU-R Liaison Group met through the week and prepared a number of documents [More detail to follow.]

Other liaison issues during Session #58 included:
- [More detail to follow.]

Future Meetings
- IEEE 802.16’s Session #59 will take place on 12-15 Jan 2009 in San Diego, CA, USA. Lei Wang serves as Member Host, with Corporate Host NextWave Wireless Inc.
- IEEE 802.16’s Session #60 will take place on 9-12 March 2009 in Vancouver, BC, Canada in conjunction with the IEEE 802 Plenary Session.
- IEEE 802.16’s Session #61 will take place on 4-7 May in Cairo, Egypt. This will be an Interim Session of the Working Group. The session is hosted by Fadel Digham and Ahmed Shalash, with the National Telecom Regulatory Authority of Egypt (NTRA) as Corporate Host. The host revised the original tentative venue.
- IEEE 802.16’s Session #62 will take place on 13-16 July 2009 in San Francisco, California, USA in conjunction with the IEEE 802 Plenary Session.
- The WG accepted a proposal to hold IEEE 802.16’s Session #63 in Jeju, Korea on 31 August - 3 September 2009. The session will be hosted by Hokyu Choi, with Samsung as Corporate Host.
- IEEE 802.16’s Session #64 will take place on 16-19 Nov 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA in conjunction with the IEEE 802 Plenary Session.

Minutes and Motions
The Working Group Session #58 minutes will available.
IEEE 802 Executive Committee Actions
The results of the Working Group’s requests at the 802 LMSC Executive Committee meeting of 14 November are available.

Documents
The Session #58 Document Guide includes references to all session documents. Draft standards are available with a working group password or by purchase from IEEE-SA. Most IEEE 802.16 standards are available for free download via the Get IEEE 802® program. See the 802.16 publication list for details of published standards and drafts.

About IEEE 802.16
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“802.16 News” Mailing List
The “802.16 News” mailing list (“stds-802-16-news”) has the sole purpose of distributing major announcements related to the Working Group. Those interested in following the progress of the group but not in the day-to-day details may wish to subscribe. Only the Working Group Chair is eligible to post to the list, and mailings will be rare: once after each bimonthly session and additionally for major news, such as the approval of a new standard. Those subscribing to the stds-802-16 mailing list, for active Working Group participants, need not subscribe to stds-802-16-news since the postings will be redundant.

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