



# Welcome to IEEE 802 Newcomer Orientation

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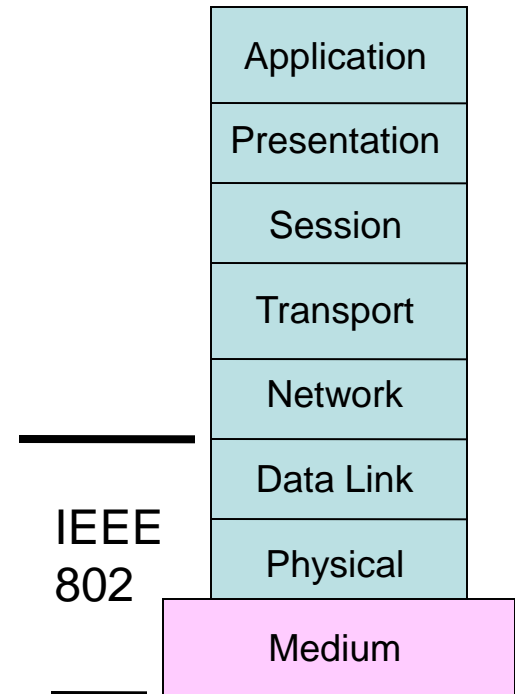


# Introduction to IEEE 802

# Who we are

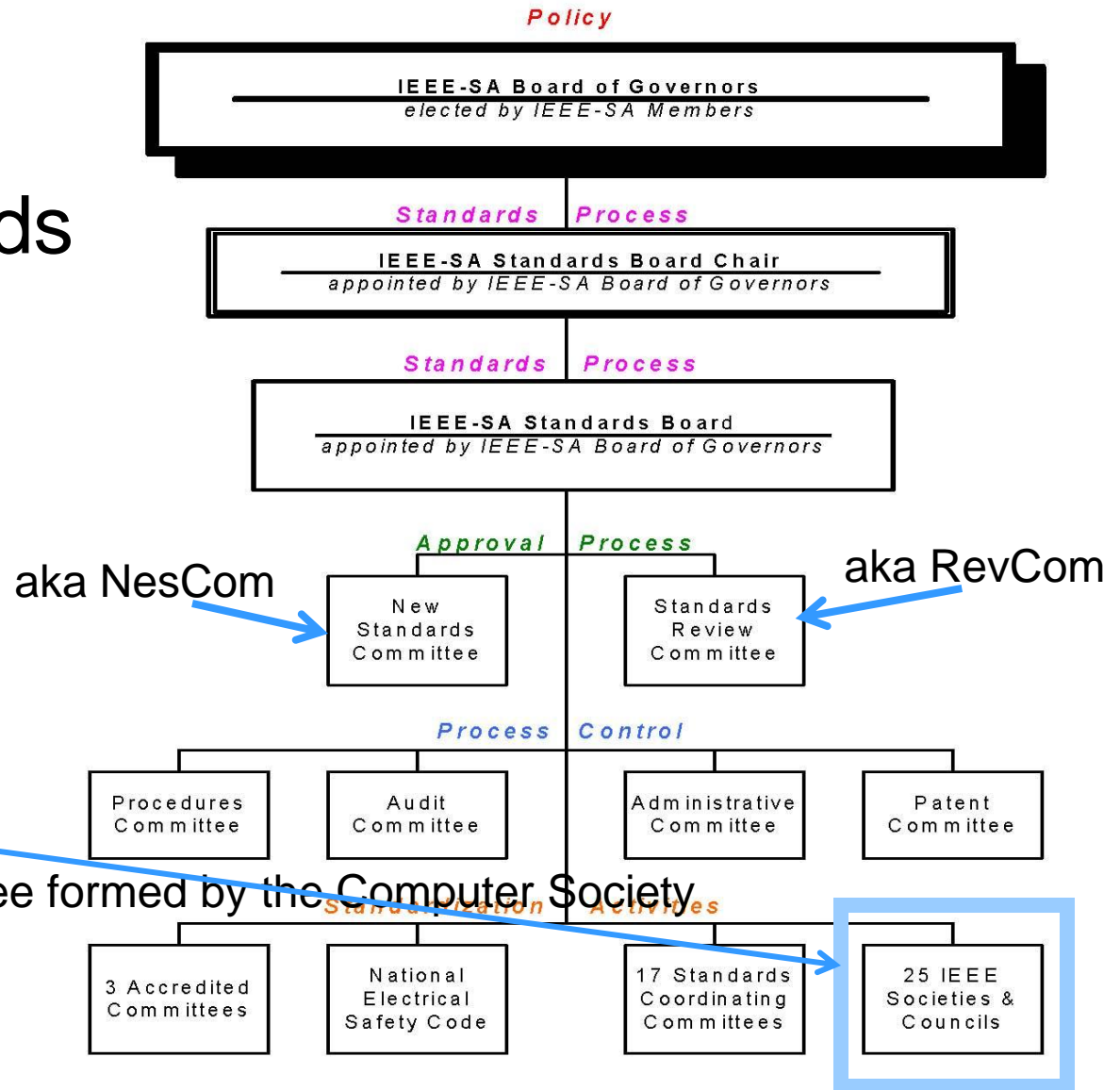
- IEEE Project 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee (aka IEEE 802 or LMSC)
  - Develop LAN and MAN standards
  - Mainly for link and physical layers of the network stack
  - In operation since March 1980

OSI Reference Model





# IEEE Standards Organization



IEEE 802 is here:  
a standards committee formed by the Computer Society



# Individual Method

- IEEE has two types of standards groups
  - Individual method or Entity method
- IEEE 802's projects use the Individual method
- Voter's are individuals, not entities (e.g. companies)

# Some terms

- PAR – project authorization request – the document that authorizes work on a project.
- WG - Working group – responsible for developing standards in an area
- TAG – Technical Advisory Group – experts on a topic area that crosses working groups.
- Task group or task force – a part of a working group which focuses on a particular project.



# All those dots....decoder ring

- 802.1 Bridging and Architecture – generally the top of the link layer
- 802.3 Ethernet
- 802.11 Wireless LAN (WLAN)
- 802.15 Wireless Personal Area Network (WPAN)
- 802.16 Broadband Wireless Access (BWA)
- 802.18 Radio Regulatory TAG
- 802.19 Coexistence
- 802.21 Media Independent Handover
- 802.22 Wireless Regional Area Networks (WRAN)
- 802.24 Vertical Applications TAG





# IEEE 802 Organization

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)

**CHAIR**  
Paul Nikolich

### Working Group/TAG Chairs

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Glenn Parsons

**802.3**  
Ethernet  
David Law

**802.11**  
WLAN  
Adrian  
Stephens

**802.15**  
WPAN  
Bob Heile

**802.16**  
BWA  
Roger Marks

**802.18 TAG**  
Radio Regulatory  
Mike Lynch

**802.19**  
Coexistence  
Steve  
Shellhammer

**802.21**  
Media indep.  
handover  
Subir Das

**802.22**  
WRAN  
Apurva Mody

**802.24**  
Vertical  
Applications  
Tim Godfrey

**Privacy**  
Recomendation  
Study Group  
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Ring  
John Lemon

**802.20**  
MBWA  
Radhakrishna  
Canchi

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**2nd VICE CHAIR**  
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Clint Chaplin

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EMERITUS**  
Geoff Thompson

### DISBANDED

802.2 LLC

802.6 DQDB

802.9 ISLAN

802.14 CATV

802.4 Token Bus

802.7 Broadband TAG

802.10 Security

802.23 Emergency Services

802.5 Token Ring

802.8 Fiber Optic TAG

802.12 Demand Priority

# General structure of the week

|             | Sun                            | Mon  | Tue                       | Wed    | Thu                                     | Fri                |
|-------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--------|---|--------------------|
| A<br>M      | Some task force/group meetings | - Opening EC<br>- 802 new comer orientation<br>- WG opening plenaries (most) | Task force/group meetings |        | Task force/group meetings               | Other WG plenaries |
| P<br>M      | Wireless new member orient     | - Remaining WG opening plenaries<br>- Task force/group meetings              |                           |        | Some WG plenaries<br><br>TF/TG meetings | Closing EC         |
| E<br>v<br>e |                                | Tutorials  | TF/TG mtgs                | Social |   |                    |

Check WG agendas for details – there is some variation between groups



# Introduction to IEEE standards process

# Principles of the process

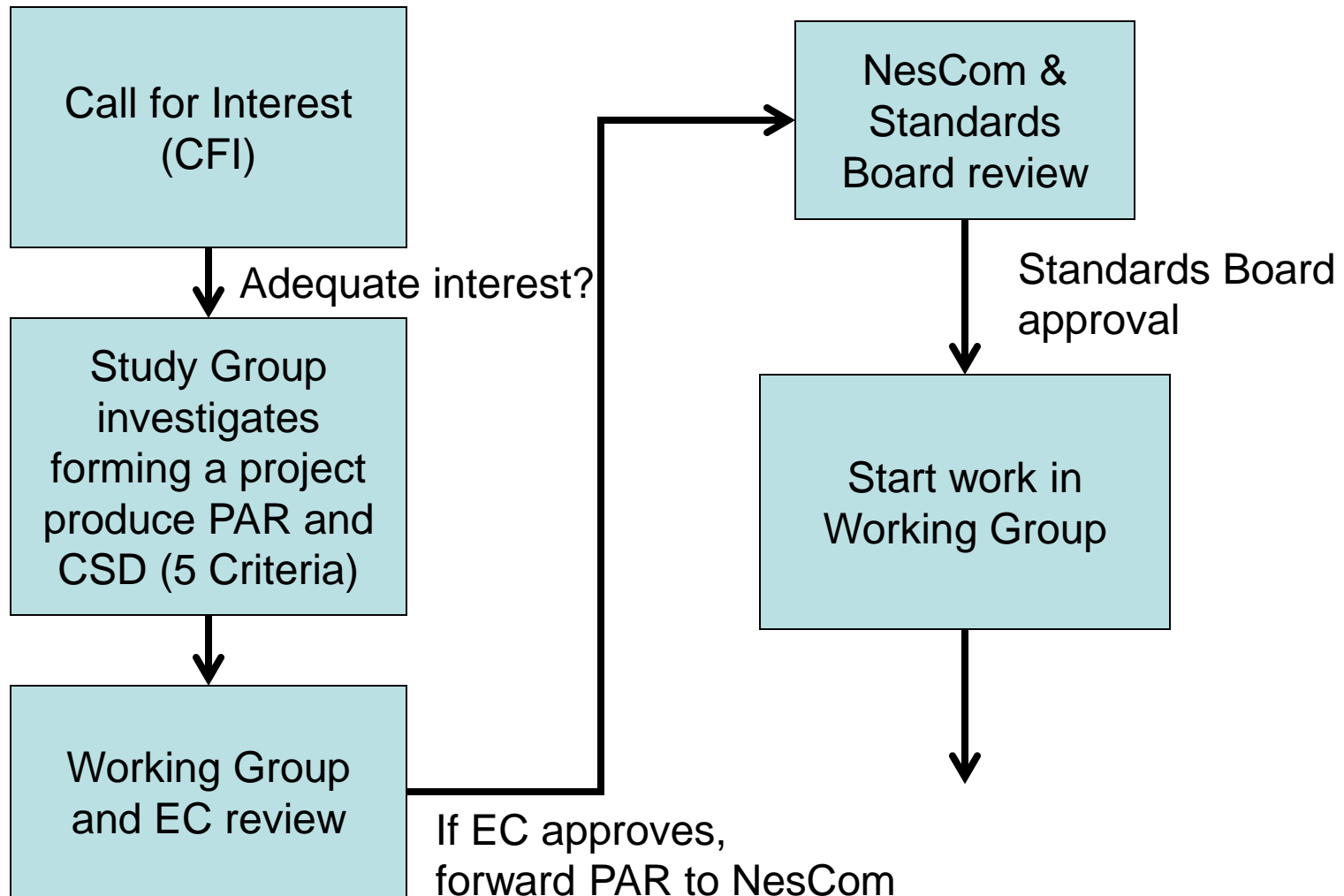
- **Due process** – procedures are publicly available and followed consistently
- **Consensus** – requiring agreement of a majority or supermajority – for technical decisions here  $\geq 75\%$
- **Openness** – ensuring materially interested and affected parties can participate
- **Balance** – representation from all interested parties without overwhelming influence from any one party
- **Right of appeal** – process to ensure due process

# More terms

- CFI – Call for interest – a brief meeting to outline a topic and determine if there is interest in investigating possible project
- Study Group – a group formed to investigate a project and produce a PAR
- Criteria for Standards Development (CSD) – In IEEE 802 the basis for determining whether to forward a PAR.
- Five Criteria – a subset of the CSD



# IEEE 802 standards development life cycle – part 1



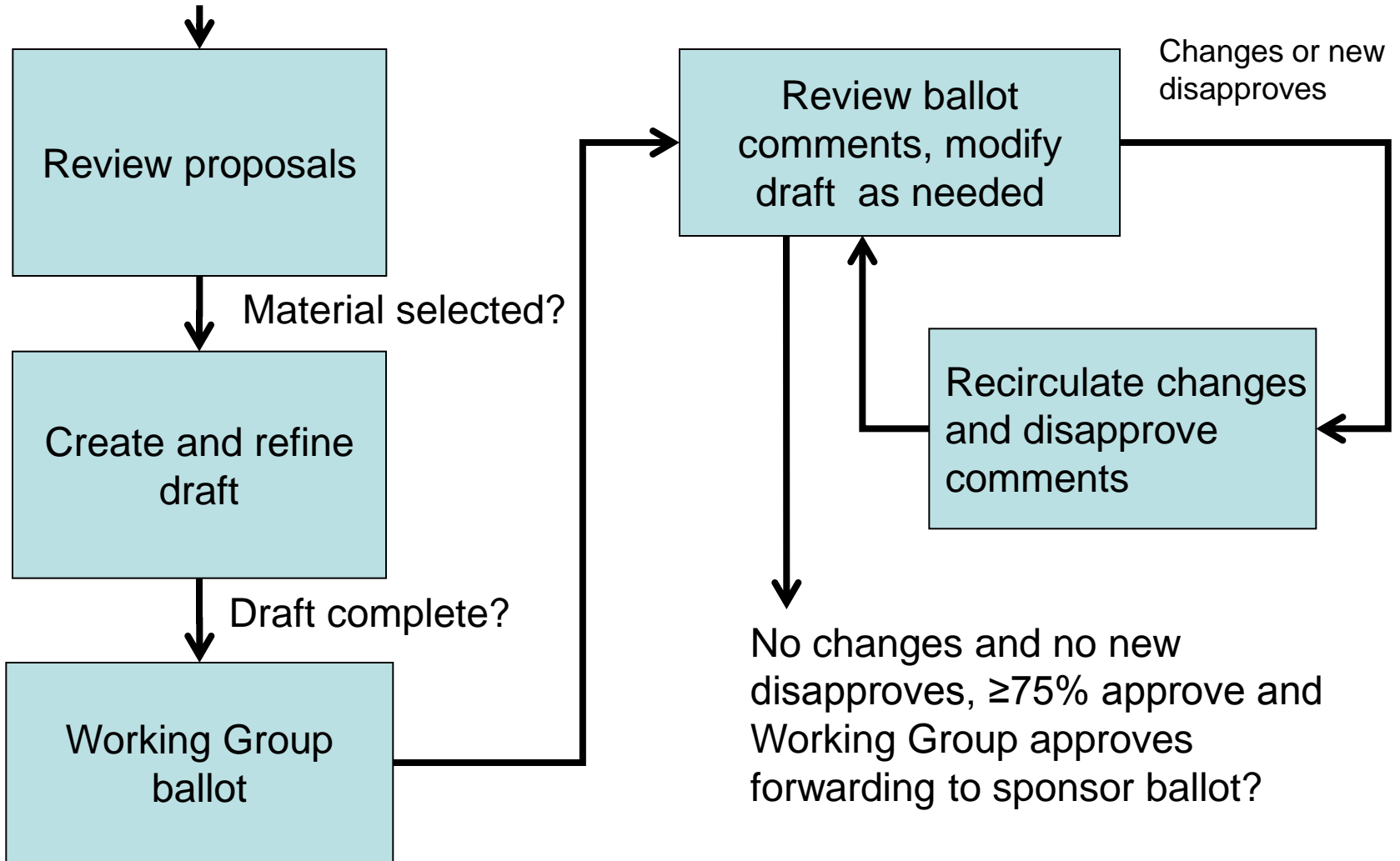


# IEEE 802 criteria for standards development (CSD)

- Project Process
  - Managed objects
  - Coexistence (for a wireless project)
- Five Criteria
  - Broad Market Potential
  - Compatibility
  - Distinct Identity
  - Technical Feasibility
  - Economic Feasibility



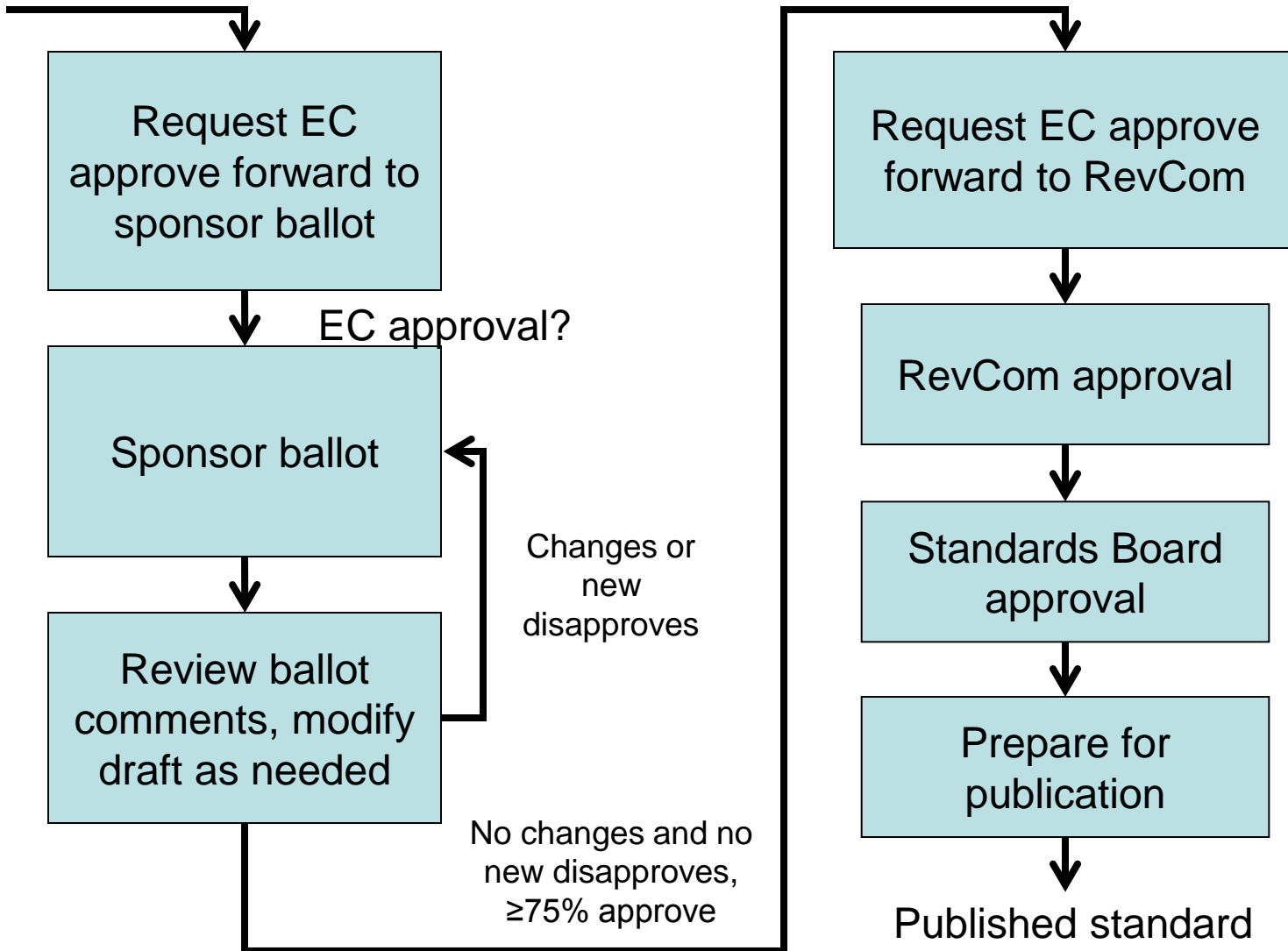
# IEEE 802 standards development life cycle – part 2







# IEEE 802 standards development life cycle – part 3





# Standards life cycle – part 4

And then there is maintaining the standard

- Keep the standard current by producing amendments and corrigenda (corrections)
- Renew the life of the standard with revision
- When the standard is out of date, withdraw it.



# Voting and membership

- Voters have responsibility to vote on letter ballots
- Three levels of review/voting occur in IEEE 802 standards development:
  - Task force or task group review or ballot
    - Requirements vary – consult Working group.
  - Working group ballot
    - Requirements on next page
  - Sponsor ballot
    - Open to all interested parties
      - Via IEEE SA-membership

# Acquiring Working Group voting membership

- Participating at a meeting = at least 75% presence.
- For a new Working Group, persons participating in the initial meeting become members.
- For an existing Working Group, after attending 2 of last 4 plenary sessions or 1 plenary and 1 interim, membership starts at the next plenary attended.
  - May require submitting a letter of intent.

# Retaining Working Group voting membership

- Participate in 2 of the last 4 plenary sessions.
  - An interim may substitute for one of the 2 plenary sessions.
- Return working Group letter ballots
  - Membership may be lost for failing to respond or responding abstain for reason other than “lack of technical expertise” to 2 of the last 3 ballots.

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- NO corporate pitches
- NO prices
- NO restrictive notices – presentations must be openly available
- Silence your cell phone ringers



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[https://standards.ieee.org/about/sasb/patcom  
/materials.html](https://standards.ieee.org/about/sasb/patcom/materials.html)





Getting more information

# Resources

- IEEE 802 home page:
  - <http://www.ieee802.org>
- IEEE 802 chairs, etc.
  - <http://www.ieee802.org/wgchairs.shtml>
- Links to IEEE and IEEE 802 procedural documents:
  - <http://www.ieee802.org/devdocs.shtml>
- Links to IEEE 802 WG and TAG pages:
  - <http://www.ieee802.org/dots.shtml>
- Links to these slides and IEEE 802 orientation
  - <http://ieee802.org/orientation.shtml>