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To: IEEE 802 LMSC Participants

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SUBJECT: IEEE 802 LMSC Status Update under restricted travel conditions

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Dear IEEE 802 LMSC Participants,

I hope you and your families are doing as well as possible in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and are taking all necessary precautions. I want any member of the IEEE 802 family who has been impacted by this pandemic, either directly or indirectly, to know that you are in our thoughts.

Please note that the May 2020 face-to-face interim sessions have been cancelled and a decision regarding the status of the July 2020 plenary session will be made shortly. To address the cancellation of these face-to-face meetings, the IEEE 802 Executive Committee (EC) is actively working to convert the activities scheduled that would occur during our normal face-to-face meetings into online processes as quickly as possible. Furthermore, given the travel restrictions in place around the world, the EC is actively working to ensure that our work can continue remotely, via email and on-line tele-conferencing tools

To that end, the IEEE 802 EC leadership is reviewing our rules to prioritize what changes need to be made to our policies in order to ensure that the group can continue to work in a productive manner. At the same time, we are actively working with the IEEE Standards Association Standards Board to rapidly eliminate any policy barriers to your productivity. In addition, we are also evaluating our options with teleconference tools to ensure remote access for our different Working and Technical Advisory Groups,

I am deeply grateful for the contributions of the entire 802 community. The important work we do here in IEEE 802 LMSC has changed the way people live and work on a global scale. All should take pride in our technical standards, which have helped enable the connectivity that is allowing billions of people to stay connected in these difficult times.

I will keep you informed via regular updates. As we take these necessary steps during these challenging times, the EC appreciates your patience. Stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Paul Nikolich
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