

In the following, text that differs from the current LMSC Rules/Policies and Procedures is underlined

3.4.2 Voting Between Plenary Meetings

At times, it may become necessary for the Executive Committee to render a decision that cannot be made prior to the close of one plenary but must be made prior to the following plenary. Such decisions shall be made using electronic balloting. Provision shall be made for the LMSC membership to observe and comment on Executive Committee electronic ballots. All comments from those who are not members of the Executive Committee shall be considered. Commenters who are not members of the Executive Committee are urged to seek an Executive Committee voting member (normally their Working Group or Technical Advisory Group Chair) include the viewpoint of the commenter in their vote.

3.4.2.1 Executive Committee Electronic Balloting

The Chair, or an Executive Committee member designated by the Chair (usually a Vice Chair), shall determine the duration of the ballot, issue the ballot by e-mail and tally the votes after the ballot is closed. Executive Committee voting members shall return their vote and comments by e-mail.

The minimum duration of an electronic ballot shall be 10 days unless the matter is urgent and requires resolution in less time. Maximum advance notice is encouraged for all ballots on urgent matters. The tally of votes shall not be made until at least 24 hours after the close of the ballot to allow time for delivery of the e-mail votes.

The affirmative vote of a majority of all voting members of the Executive Committee is required for an electronic ballot to pass.

3.6.2 Executive Committee Action on Proposed Policies and Procedures Changes

The proposed rules change shall be presented at an Executive Committee meeting in conjunction with a Plenary Session. The Executive Committee shall take one of three actions on the proposal: Approve for Distribution and Executive Committee Ballot, Assign for Study, or Reject.

Approval for Distribution and Executive Committee Ballot shall require the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of all voting members of the Executive Committee and will result in the distribution of the proposal and an Executive Committee electronic ballot on the change.

If Approval for Distribution and Executive Committee Ballot is not achieved, a vote to Assign the proposal for study is taken, (see "Assignment of the Proposal to Study"). Assignment for Study shall require the affirmative vote of at least one third of all voting members of the Executive Committee.

If Assignment is not achieved, no further action is taken on the proposal and it is Rejected.

3.6.3 Distribution and Executive Committee Ballot

Executive Committee ballots on Policies and Procedures changes shall be at least 30 days in duration and shall close at least 30 days before the opening of the next Plenary session (to allow time for comment resolution). Distribution of ballots on Policies and Procedures changes to the LMSC membership shall be accomplished as provided by Section 3.4.2

3.6.5 LMSC Approval

After distribution of a proposed Policies and Procedures change and an Executive Committee electronic ballot has been conducted, the Executive Committee member designated in accordance with Section 3.4.2.1 shall tabulate the ballot results, attempt to resolve the comments, and present the comments and proposed resolution at an Executive Committee meeting in conjunction with a Plenary Session. The Executive Committee shall approve, assign, or fail to accept the proposal.

LMSC approval of the revised text of the proposed Policies and Procedures change shall require the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of all voting members of the Executive Committee. LMSC approval will result in the rules change becoming effective at the end of Plenary Session during which approval is voted. The revised LMSC Operating Rules shall be forwarded to the Computer Society Standards Activities Board (CS SAB). If the revised Policies and Procedures are known to be in conflict with the CS SAB Policies and Procedures, the cover letter shall request formal CS SAB approval of the variance. In the case where the rules change is in conflict with the Policies and Procedures of CS SAB, the rule change will be put into effect as stated above but will be withdrawn immediately if rejected by the CS SAB. CS SAB rejection shall be announced to the LMSC Executive Committee by the most expeditious means available (e-mail, FAX, regular mail) and to the LMSC membership at the next Plenary Session.

If LMSC approval is not achieved, a vote to assign the proposal for further study and recommendation shall be taken. Assignment shall require the affirmative vote of at least one third of all voting members of the Executive Committee.

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5.1.5.1 Disbanding a Working Group

After all standards, recommended practices and Technical Reports for which a hibernating working group is responsible are withdrawn or transferred to another group or groups, an Executive Committee electronic ballot of 30 minimum duration will be conducted to whether the hibernating working group will be disbanded.

If the Executive Committee electronic ballot on disbanding the group passes, the Working Group is disbanded. If the ballot fails, then the Executive Committee Chair shall determine a future date when the disbanding of the group will be reballoted.
