

Dear SEC,

March 20, 2003

I have had several inquiries with respect to the 802.20 officer selection process during the March 2003 Plenary Session. This note reviews the decisions made, describes the present status of 802.20 and outlines an interim plan for progressing the current work of the committee.

The LMSC operated under its Policy and Procedures (specifically section 5.1.2 quoted below) during the Session, the 802.20 election process and the confirmation process. At the March 13, 2003, evening 802.20 working group meeting, a chair and two vice chair officers were elected by the working group members. At the March 14, 2003, afternoon SEC meeting, the motion to confirm the elected officers failed. Pursuant to the LMSC Policy and Procedures, the LMSC chair appointed Geoff Thompson as interim chair of the working group to fill the vacant chair position. Geoff Thompson provisionally accepted the role of interim chair, with at least one of the conditions being that his employer would support him in that role. A motion to affirm the interim chair appointment passed. *"Motion: to affirm Geoff Thompson as the interim chair of 802.20, until the end of the July 2003 Plenary session, with the objective of taking new nominations for the officers of 802.20 and conducting new elections."*

Objections to process are addressed by the appeals provisions that are set forth in Section 9 Appeals of the Computer Society Standards Activities Board's Policy and Procedures (<http://computer.org/standards/ORIENT/p&ptoc.htm>).

I ask for everyone's support in constructively working through the start-up phase of working group 802.20 and maintaining focus on developing a high quality standard within the scope and purpose of the existing 802.20 PAR.

Regards,

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"5.1.2 Chair: LMSC Working Group Chairs and Vice Chairs shall be elected by the Working Group and confirmed by the LMSC Executive Committee. Terms shall end at the end of the first Plenary session of the next even numbered year. Initial appointments, and temporary appointments to fill vacancies due to resignations or removals for cause, may be made by the Chair of the LMSC, and shall be valid until the end of the next Plenary session."