



28 July 2006

Mr. Paul Nikolich
Chair 802, LMSC
18 Bishops Lane
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Dear Paul:

As you know, the Standards Board is conducting an inquiry into the activities in and surrounding the 802.20 working group and has suspended the group's activities. The Standards Board has identified two concerns. First, the Working Group has been the subject of several appeals from the very beginning of the group, with three appeals now pending at one level or another and recent activity in the group appears to have become highly contentious – significantly beyond what is normally experienced in 802 or in IEEE-SA more broadly. Second, a preliminary investigation into the group's operation revealed a lack of transparency, possible "dominance," and other irregularities in the Working Group.

At its Thursday and Friday, September 14 & 15, meeting, the Standards Board will continue its inquiry and make further decisions as to the future of 802.20. The Standards Board invites the 802 Executive Committee to make a written submission to the Standards Board. The Executive Committee may decide upon the specific form that the submission will take. For example, the Executive Committee may collect statements from any interested members and submit them as a group, or the Executive Committee may present summary versions of the views expressed.

You are invited to make a live presentation at the September meeting to report the views of members of the Executive Committee. If you choose to make a live presentation, you will be limited to 15 minutes, and you should allow at least another 15 minutes for questions from the Standards Board.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Mills". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "M".

Steve Mills
Standards Board Chair