FINAL 802.20 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

At its June Standards Association meeting REVCOM voted 7-0-2 to reccommend the 802.20 draft to the Standards Association Standards Board for approval as an IEEE Standard. The Standards Board voted 14-0-2 to support the REVCOM recommendation and approve the 802.20 standard.

There are two active PARS currently being addressed by 802.20. In my opinion, it is unlikely that the efforts on these PARs will require attention from the 802.20 Oversight Committee.

With the approval of the 802.20 standard, the 802 Executive Committee should address the return of 802.20 to normal operation. This would include the elimination of the conflicted and unconflicted EC and the bloc voting methodology utilized by the 802.20 Working Group.

The 802.20 Oversight Committee served the 802 Committee and the IEEE-SA by assuring that the processes, procedures, rules and requirements of these organizations were scrupulously employed in guiding the 802.20 draft to approval as an IEEE Standard. Further, it assured that the process was accomplished in a fair, open, democratic and effective manner. The work of the 802.20 Oversight Committee serves as a positive example of what can be accomplished within the requirements of the IEEE-SA. It also serves as a positive example of how, even in the face of adversity, the standards process can and should be done.

The 802.20 Oversight Committee has served its purpose and recommends to the 802 EC that it be dissolved. The work of Geoff Thompson and Mike Takefman in assuring that the mission of the 802.20 Oversight Committee was accomplished, can not be over emphasized. Praise is given to Michael Lindsay, and Claire Topp the IEEE counsels and to Steve Mills, Karen Kenney and Paul Nikolich who provided invaluable advice, encouragement, support and guidance to the Oversight Committee.

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