

The working group met on Monday, September 27, at 8:00AM. This is the thirteenth meeting of the working group.

Patents:

IEEE-SA rules on Patents were reviewed prior to further discussions. The introductory slide, and slides #1 through #5 of the IEEE-SA Patents Slide Set dated 25-March-2008 were shown. The WG attendees were advised:

- The IEEE's patent policy is consistent with the ANSI patent policy and is described in Clause 6 of the IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws;
- Early identification of patent claims which may be essential for the use of standards under development is encouraged;
- There may be Essential Patent Claims of which the IEEE is not aware. Additionally, neither the IEEE, the WG, nor the WG chair can ensure the accuracy or completeness of any assurance or whether any such assurance is, in fact, of a Patent Claim that is essential for the use of the standard under development.

The participants were provided an opportunity to identify patent claim(s)/patent application claim(s) and/or the holder of patent claim(s)/patent application claim(s) that the participant believes may be essential for the use of the standard which will result from the activity of the WG.

No responses were received during the meeting regarding patent claim(s)/patent application claim(s) and/or the holder of the patent claim(s)/patent application claim(s) that were identified (if any) and by whom.

General:

The PAR for this project was approved by IEEE-SA in December, 2005 and is valid through 2010, having been extended in August 2009. The PAR revision discussed at the last meeting and submitted in June was approved by NesCom.

Draft 9 is currently being recirculated after 7 comments and 2 negative ballots.

Attendance included 5 WG members and 8 guests. Several members expressed their regrets and were unable to attend for family or job-related reasons.

Attendance was as follows:

Members: J. Mizener, A. Morse , D. Edwards, D. Dunne, K. Flowers.

Guests: J. Hidaka, M. LaFond, A. Jivanani, A. Rowell, D. Moser, J. Shullaw, M. Flack & C. Kennedy.

The results of the recirculation were discussed and the comments reviewed. It was agreed that the comments did not result in a change in the document. Attempts were made to contact the negative balloters in order to better understand their comments.

The topic of revising the voltage ranges to match other related standards was discussed and it was concluded that Matt Ciglia of IEEE should be consulted on the best path forward. The change would be to the title only as the voltages are not mentioned in the scope or purpose.

The coordination with C37.50 was discussed and Keith Flowers reported that the language previously contained in C37.17 had been accepted into C37.50 and that balloting would begin most likely in November.

It was noted that the timing of the C37.50 balloting would most likely require a PAR extension and that the extension could be coupled with a change in the voltages. Once again, Matt will be consulted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30AM.

Report submitted by:

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