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COORDINATION WITH ENTITY-PROCESS IEEE PROJECTS

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Concerns

- Entity projects exist with scopes that interact with IEEE 802 scope
- IEEE 802 has attempted to establish liaison
 - In at least one case, draft access has been refused
- Perception of fairness
 - Non-IEEE standards groups (often smaller than IEEE 802) can join entity projects

History

- PARs used to include a list of groups for coordination
- Coordination responses at Sponsor ballot needed for RevCom approval
- Apathetic non-responsive groups made this burdensome to Sponsors and RevCom
- Coordination list was removed
- But an interested party could always join sponsor ballot
- Creation of entity process makes this harder

A case study

- IEEE 802 had concerns about a project in entity Group Y
- Y refused to provide drafts under liaison; concerns:
 - IEEE 802 would overwhelm them with comments
 - motivation of supporters of competing non-IEEE standard
- Some IEEE 802 members bought drafts and some had access through their employer
- Draft comments were made – situation combative
- Small informal group formed to address concerns
 - identified productive changes which Y adopted
- IEEE Standards Staff worked with IEEE 802 to arrange agreement for bulk draft purchase for recirculations
- Comments reasonable in tone and volume
- Some tension still remains

IEEE 802 perspective

- We have never no-cost refused liaison access to drafts
- We have never been refused no-cost liaison access to a non-IEEE-SA SDO's drafts
- We should have at least as good access to work in an IEEE-SA project
 - as we have to external projects
 - As external SDOs have to that project

Liaison inside IEEE-SA

- At a minimum, IEEE-SA should require all Sponsors to provide drafts for liaison/coordination to other IEEE-SA sponsors with an interest
 - One possibility is like the original coordination requirements except not requiring response – responsibility to respond is on the sponsor requesting access – lack of response shouldn't impact std approval

Entity membership

- Provide a way for IEEE 802 to have an equivalent voice in entity projects to that of outside standards/specification developing standards