

Get IEEE 802 Program Renewal Status

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Abstract	This document overviews the status of the renewal discussions regarding the Get IEEE 802 Program, including a historical background summary.
Purpose	For presentation at the IEEE 802 EC Opening Meeting of 2015-07-13 and in further discussions during the July Plenary.

Status of Get IEEE 802 Program Agreement

- Most recent Get IEEE 802 Program Agreement was signed in Dec 2013
 - prior agreements specified annual review but not a specific term
 - IEEE required that many aspects of Dec 2013 agreement be held confidential
 - one undisclosed element is the term (duration) of the agreement
 - public does not currently know whether that agreement is still valid

Renewal Activity - 2014

- Plenary 13-18 July 2014
 - long discussion in 802 Task Force
 - 15 minute Task Force review
 - additional 30 min Executive Session
 - straw poll of membership (94% support program)
- Plenary 2-7 Nov 2014
 - discussed in 802 Task Force (Executive Session)
 - Adam Newman to generate draft 2015 agreement for EC review by 5 Dec 2014

Renewal Activity

Winter 2015

- 8 March 2015
 - Newman distributed draft agreement to EC members fully covered by confidentiality/nondisclosure statement
- Plenary 8-13 Mar 2015
 - review postponed; Action Items:
 - Newman to provide reasonable proprietary/confidential terms and conditions to EC for consideration
 - Nikolich to add “review of open portions of draft” to June telecon
 - Nikolich to postpone Executive Session to July 2015 Plenary

Renewal Activity

Summer 2015

- 9 June 2015
 - Newman sent Nikolich the prior draft, with highlighting added
 - highlighting intended to represent confidential material
- 10 June 2015
 - Nikolich tasked Marks to serve as the EC lead regarding renegotiation
- June/July 2015
 - Marks provided Newman with an editorial split of IEEE draft into a main agreement, to be public, and a confidential addendum
 - further discussions and draft exchanges ensued
- 9 July 2015
 - Newman provided draft main agreement, to be public, and a confidential addendum, for distribution to EC
 - Marks uploaded public document as 802-ec-15-0048-00

Aspects of 802-ec-15-0048-00

- standards, no drafts
- continuation of six-month waiting period
- although “IEEE 802 standards will remain available until replaced in the Get IEEE 802 Program by a superseding standard or become inactive” seems clear, staff has reportedly disputed its meaning
 - proposal does not incorporate language suggested to eliminate uncertainty
 - further discussion would be appropriate
- the only important content of the confidential amendment is the Payment terms (and the confidentiality statement)

Meeting Plans

- 802 EC Executive Session to review proposal
 - Wed 15 July 2015, 3-4 pm
- 802 EC Executive Session with IEEE Staff
 - Thu 16 July 2015, 3-4 pm