

IEEE 802.11ax Dominance Allegation

Overview

- A member of IEEE 802.11 presented a dominance allegation to the IEEE 802.11 Chair
- The Chair, declaring him self conflicted in the matter, appointed an unconflicted Vice Chair of IEEE 802.11 to form an investigative committee.
- That committee has completed its work and has made recommendations.

Relevant documents

- Dominance complaint
 - <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/16/11-16-0784-00-0000-dominance-allegation-in-tgax.doc>
- Report of the investigative committee
 - <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/16/11-16-1519-00-0000-report-from-11ax-dominance-investigation.docx>
- Recommendations of the investigative committee
 - <https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/16/ec-16-0186-01-00EC-recommendations-for-tgax-dominance-complaint.docx>
- Best practices for industry groups
 - <https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/16/ec-16-0190-00-00EC-industry-group-best-practices.pdf>
- Response from Broadcom
 - <https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/16/ec-16-0198-00-00EC-response-to-dominance-allegation-recommendation.docx>

Unconflicted EC members

- At our opening, the following EC members were declared to be unconflicted in this matter:
 - Radhakrishna Canchi
 - Clint Chaplin
 - Subir Das
 - James Gilb
 - Tim Godfrey
 - Bob Heile
 - Rich Kennedy
 - David Law
 - Apurva Mody
 - Paul Nikolich
 - Glenn Parsons
 - Geoff Thompson
- Any updates?

Conflicted/unconflicted

- The criteria we shall use in classifying the EC members as Unconflicted or Conflicted:
- a) The "perception of conflict" is a test for disclosure: Is the EC member aware of a fact (about himself or someone else) that would cause a reasonable person on the outside looking in to believe that the member had an interest in the outcome or for whatever reason was unable to decide in the best interest of the IEEE.
- b) The test for a determination of an "actual conflict" was whether there was in fact an interest that could prevent someone from making an unbiased decision.

Items for open discussion

- Questions from 802.11 WG Chair, as in ec-16-0186-01
- Response from Broadcom

Motion

- Moved: IEEE 802 EC approves the recommendation in ec-16-0186-03-00EC and instructs the Chair of IEEE 802.11 to take the actions described therein.
- NOTE: Only IEEE 802 EC voting members unconflicted on this issue may vote.
- Moved: Gilb, second Heile