

Rule Change Status

April 21, 2020

Update to P&P

- Newest is revision 16
 - <https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/18/ec-18-0102-16-0PNP-proposed-lmsc-p-p-2018.doc>
- Based on 2012 baseline, approved in 2014 by AudCom
- AudCom requested this as the most likely to see immediate action and approval
- This has been submitted to AudCom for review.
- Hope/plan is for AudCom reviewer comments to be available for LMSC review at June telecon, on which we can approve revised P&P.

New Clause 11

11.0 Revision of Standards Committee Inferior Rules

Revisions to the Standards Committee Operations Manual and Standards Committee Working Group Policies and Procedures shall be submitted by a Standards Committee member to the Standards Committee no less than 30 days in advance of a motion (or conclusion of an electronic ballot) to approve the proposed revision. Amendments in response to comments on the proposed revision are permitted. Insufficient time to consider complex amendments is a valid reason to vote disapprove. A motion to revise either document shall require a vote of approve by at least two thirds of all voting members of the Standards Committee. If approved, the revisions become effective at the end of the meeting where the votes were taken or at the conclusion of the electronic ballot in which they were approved.

Proposed OM changes

- Allow change of OM by electronic ballot
- Add “escape clause” for rule modification in exigent circumstances.

OM Extraordinary External Circumstances

- Rationale
 - We can't predict every mode of failure (e.g., tornado in Austin, mentor failing, dark stormy night, winter storm adjusting travel schedules)
 - But we don't want to simply suspend rules because they are inconvenient
- Suggestion:
 - For these circumstances, electronic ballot with early close (can happen very quickly) or in regularly scheduled meeting
 - For limited period of time specified in the motion.
 - Allow LMSC Chair to act independently with 'veto' by any LMSC member (still under discussion)

One suggestion

- In case of an extraordinary external circumstance that prevents the ordinary conduct of business, suspension or modification of any OM procedure for a specified period of time is permitted subject to approval by a motion with 2/3 of LMSC voting members voting approve. In such a circumstance, the Standards Committee Chair may suspend or modify any OM procedure [when the Standards Committee is not meeting?] [for a specified period of time?] [until such a motion of the Standards Committee is completed?]; however, the suspension or modification terminates immediately upon the stated objection of any LMSC voting member.

Alternate proposed text

- In case of an extraordinary external circumstance that prevents the ordinary conduct of business, suspension or modification of any OM procedure for a specified period of time is permitted subject to approval by a motion with 2/3 of LMSC voting members voting approve. In such a circumstance, when the Standards Committee is not meeting, the Standards Committee Chair may suspend or modify any OM procedure upon explicit declaration thereof. This shall be in effect until such a rule suspension motion of the Standards Committee is completed; however, the Chair's suspension or modification terminates immediately upon the stated objection of any LMSC voting member.

Key issues

- Length of time for rule suspension
 - Should we put a limit on it in the rules or rely on the time limit in the motion?
- Can LMSC Chair suspend OM rule without motion, but with caveat that any LMSC member can object, forcing a vote?

Upcoming Schedule

- Ad-hoc sessions every Wednesday, noon Arizona Time for 1 hour
 - Next session is tomorrow, 22 April 2020
 - WebEx invitation has been re-sent to reflector
- Current work items
 - OM: Extraordinary external circumstances
 - OM: 30 day PAR process via electronic meetings
 - WG P&P: Updates to 2018 baseline.
- Comment by email if you can't attend
- Meeting minutes are in ec-20-0064, check for latest revision.