

IEEE 802 Ombudsperson

Any person dissatisfied with a technical decision shall follow the approved procedures for providing technical input to the Working Group, including but not limited to presenting the concern to the Working Group, and making a technical comment during the applicable comment submission and/or balloting period.

There is a right of appeal on procedural grounds. A significant attempt, however, should be made to resolve procedural concerns informally, since it is recognized that a formal appeals process has a tendency to negatively, and sometimes permanently, affect the goodwill and cooperative relationships between and among persons.

Procedural concerns within the Standards Committee, or a Standards Committee subgroup, should first be presented to the respective Chair. If the procedural concern is not resolved after presentation to the respective Chair, or the individual(s) involved for any reason do not wish to present the procedural concern to the respective Chair, the procedural concern may be presented to the IEEE 802 Ombudsperson. **Concerns shall be submitted through the established IEEE 802 Ombudsperson alias.**

The IEEE 802 Ombudsperson is an individual who has been appointed to confidentially assist in informally resolving procedural concerns where initial attempts fail, or where the individual(s) involved wish to bring it directly to the IEEE 802 Ombudsperson. If the informal attempts to resolve a procedural concern by presenting it to the respective Chair or IEEE 802 Ombudsperson are unsuccessful the formal appeals process can be invoked.

The IEEE 802 Ombudsperson shall ensure that any attempts at resolution comply with IEEE policies and procedures, and that any processes outlined in IEEE SA policies and procedures are conducted as outlined in the governance documents (e.g., addressing suspicions of dominance). If requested **via the IEEE 802 Ombudsperson alias**, the IEEE 802 Ombudsperson **or IEEE SA Program Manager shall make all reasonable efforts to** protect the privacy and confidentiality of the complainant. **This shall not apply in instances where IEEE and/or the IEEE 802 Ombudsperson have a legal obligation for disclosure.** The employer and other affiliation(s) of the IEEE 802 Ombudsperson shall be made available to participants in IEEE 802. If the individual(s) involved believes the IEEE 802 Ombudsperson has a real or perceived conflict of interest, the person(s) may direct the concerns to the Chair of the IEEE 802 Executive Committee.