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Re:	Electronic Straw Poll SP001
Abstract	Description of the straw poll and results
Purpose	Deal with complications arising out of the July virtual plenary.
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Results

The following summarizes the results. The majority of respondents followed the directions, but several did not. Several suggested via comments that they did not understand or agree with the poll questions. We received some "None of the above" choices for each questions. Received comments are provided below, anonymized.

Poll Results Summary

Q1:	a	b	c	d
	$800-$500	$500-$300	$150-$300	Zero
	2	7	25	3
	5.41%	18.92%	67.57%	
Q2:	a	b	c	d
	6	4	3	<3
	10	16	7	4
	27.03%	43.24%	18.92%	
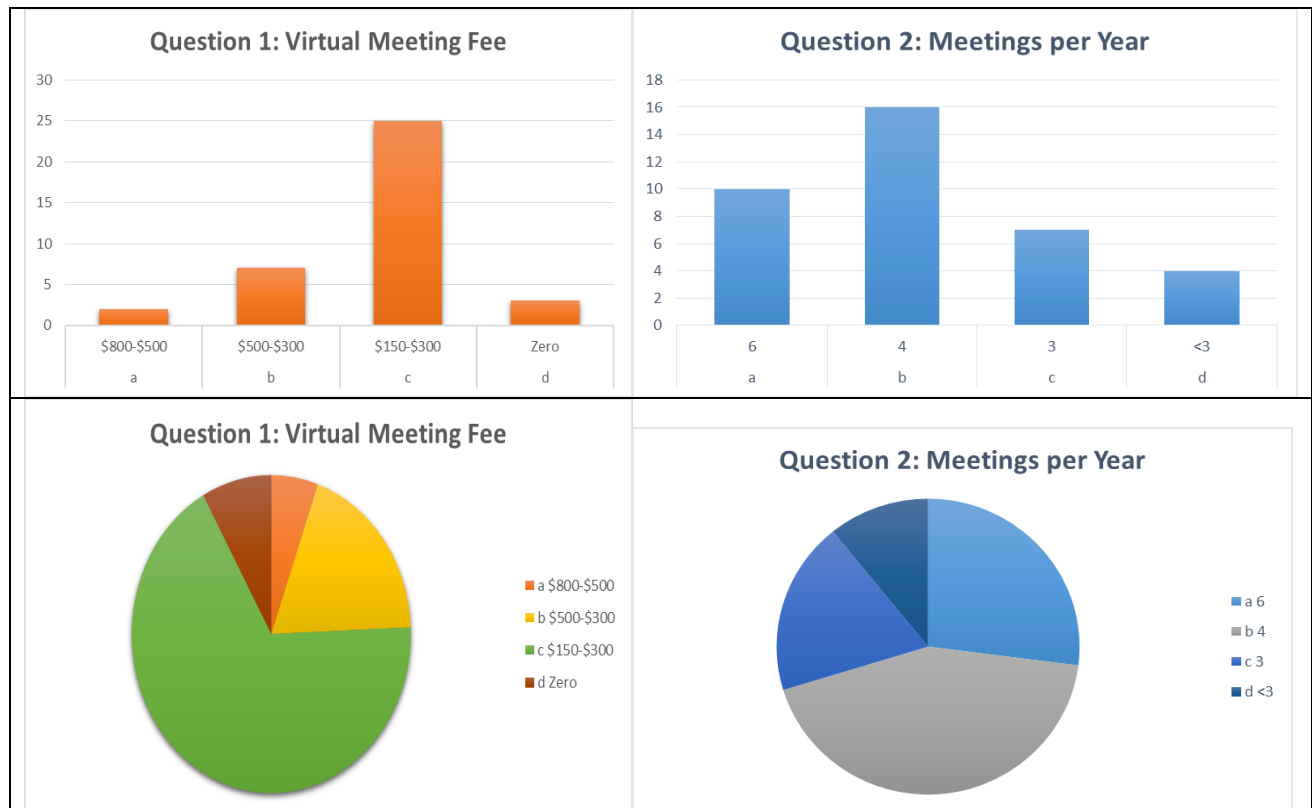
Comments Reveived

Question # 1

We at #### think it is good to put up a charge as it guarantees that attendees show substantial interest. Otherwise the groups may become unmanageable and less productive. On the other hand we think that the selectable amounts of your questions are on the high side. We would better like something like 50-200.

None of the above. It is not clear if we are picking the value of attending an electronic meeting or agreeing to cover expenses for a cancelled face to face meeting. If the above question is just around the amount we would pay to attend an electronic meeting then $150-$300 seems too high.

Question # 2

I listened to the treasurer's report at the July 2020 plenary and it seems that IEEE 802 has deferred paying termination fees for the venues cancelled so far by agreeing to reschedule them for the future. It is not clear how that works into this question. I think 4 meetings per year (2 plenaries, 2 interims) is sufficient.

We think that traveling rules from x country to y meeting place will probably keep unstable for minimally a year. This would result in changing individuals being able to attend in person and thus risk to get variations in votes. In addition there is a risk for people being for any reason not able to travel of loosing voting rights. So in the mix there should absolutely be minimally one online plenary just to be able catching the whole group of interested and voting individuals in order guaranteeing a stable and widely accepted standard. On the other hand not having regular meetings in person will reduce the chance mitigating any quarrels between companies, regions, countries and individuals where f2f discussions with productive breaks and socials have proven to be very effective.

Prefer the following breakdown of meetings per year: 2 plenaries, 1 interim face-to-face; 1 plenary electronic, 2 interims electronic.

General

My view is that the structure of 802 meetings is no longer ideal. I agree that there is benefit in certain face to face meetings, particularly for consensus building, but I think it unnecessary for the whole of 802 to meet at the same venue for a whole week 3 times per year.

As an example, my primary interest is 802.15.4 – I am not interested in the other 802.15 activities as they do not affect me and I don't understand why 802.16 and 802. 22 are now part of 802.15! However, I would be interested in attending certain 802.18, 802.19 and 802.24 sessions but there is

often an overlap between the sessions I want to / need to attend in 802.15.4 and the other WGs, and I can't be in 2 places at once.

Therefore, the fact that all WGs meet at the same time is NOT helpful to me – they would be better staggered across different weeks. I understand that the PAR process might benefit from concurrent WG meetings, but that could be managed remotely also.

It is my understanding that the reason that 802 has such a large financial exposure for the plenaries is the size of venue we need to support all of these concurrent WG meetings. Unless there is a compelling argument that I am missing, beyond being convenient for EC members, surely it'd make more sense if different WGs met during different weeks and only when necessary, with most business conducted through virtual meetings.

In this case, the EC could meet either virtually or face 2 face as they chose, separately from the other Working meetings.

Remark: the poll seems to suggest 802, but the header indicates 802.15, which gave me some doubt about the span for this poll.

For the electronic meetings, we think it is reasonable to ask for a fee to cover the cost and raising some hurdle to ensure that really interested persons participate.

We also think that the number of face-to-face meetings should be limited when restrictions are lifted, because we expect a longer period of unsureness and don't want to pay for unnecessary cancelling cost.

<u>The Straw Poll</u>

To aid 802 leadership in planning for future meetings, the WG Chair has authorized the following Straw Poll be conducted electronically to poll the Working Group members. Your input is needed. **This is a Straw Poll so all members so all participants are eligible to vote**.

This Poll will open today and close at 6PM ET Thursday 23-July-2020.

Please return this email, with your choices, to Clint Chaplin and Ben Rolfe (clint.chaplin@gmail.com, ben@blindcreek.com).   Only the results of the poll will be published: individual responses will not be made public.

Put LBxxx-[LAST NAME]-[FIRSTNAME]-RESPONSE in the Subject Field. Example: LBxxx-HEILE-ROBERT-RESPONSE with your responses to the poll questions in the BODY of the email.

In the body of the email please indicate your selection for the following two (2) questions:

Question # 1. Given that IEEE 802 incurs significant expenses cancelling (plenary) face-to-face meetings, it has been suggested that a meeting fee might be charged for attendance at electronic meetings

substituting for those face-to-face plenaries. What would you consider the highest reasonable and fair registration fee range to be: (select one):

   a. $800-$500
   b. $500-$300
   c. $150-$300
   d.   My employer/sponsor is unwilling to pay meeting fees for electronic meetings.

Question # 2. Once government and company restrictions have been lifted, what do you perceive as the reasonable number of face to face meetings (plenaries and interims) per year?

   a.   6 following the pre-2020 allocation of 3 plenaries and 3 interims:
   b.   4
   c.   3
   d.   < 3
        Note for options (b) through (c) the division between plenaries and interims is TBD