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TO: T13 Technical Committee Participants

SJ: T13 Procedure for a proposal cut-off date for inclusion in a given draft standard Letter Ballot Results

The subject letter ballot closed with a vote of 6:6:0:12. During the ballot period two members lost their principal membership which changes the ballot results to 6:6:0:10.

The NCITS Policies and Procedures SD-2 do not specifically state what vote is required to establish a procedure. In matters that do not have a specific NCITS voting rule the matter is deferred to Robert's Rules of Order. In this case a simple majority establishes a rule and a simple 2/3 vote may amend the rule. Consequently the motion failed.

While there is no specific requirement to address negative comments on a vote regarding the rules, the Chair has included resolution of the letter ballot comments on the next agenda. Since those on the losing side did not submit comments there is probably nothing to address.

The specific ballot results were:

FNAME	LNAME	COMPANY	CLASS	VOTE
Charles	Brill	AMP, Inc.	P	DNV
Larry	Lamers	Adaptec, Inc.	A	N
Ron	Roberts	Apple	A	N
Victor	Siu	CMD Technology	P	Y
Hale	Landis	Consultant	P	Y
Paul	Raikunen	Digital	P	DNV
Robert	Liu	Fujitsu Computer Products	P	Y
Tony	Goodfellow	GSI	P	N
Anthony	Yang	Hitachi America Ltd.	P	DNV
Dan	Colegrove	IBM Corp.	P	Y
Darrell	Redford	Iomega Corp.	P	N
Pete	McLean	Maxtor Corp.	P	N
Christopher	Mayne	O.R. Technology	P	Y
Curtis	Stevens	Phoenix Technologies	P	DNV
Greg	Elkins	QLogic Corp.	P	DNV
Mark	Evans	Quantum Corp.	P	DNV
Gene	Milligan	Seagate Technology	P	N
Paresh	Sheth	Silicon Systems Inc.	P	DNV
Alan	Longo	SyQuest Technology Corp	P	DNV
Mike	Winchell	Symbios Logic	P	DNV
Tokuyuki	Totani	Toshiba America Electr Comp	P	Y
Tom	Hanan	Western Digital Corp.	P	DNV

Y=Yes N=No DNV=Did not vote

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Comments accompanying the No votes:

Larry Lamers Comment: This procedure does nothing to improve the standards process; it increases the bureaucracy and red tape neither of which we need more of. It will not increase the 'stability' of working drafts and will provide a barrier to entry to those that are not part of the insider cartel.

Ron Roberts Comment : I believe this procedure will prohibit useful work from being accomplished during monthly meetings. It will also cause more Letter Ballots to be issued thus delaying votes unnecessarily. This is a very bad procedure.

Tony Goodfellow Comment Would vote yes if the rules for setting the cut off were the same.

Darrell Redford Comment: Total voting members should be 2/3 to pass anything. I find it ridiculous that this proposal is being considered while abstentions are not 'permitted on technical issues which include final actions.' If they are not permitted then, w should they be permitted for passing anything?

Pete McLean Comment: T13 procedures currently provide for the stabilization of a committee Project draft document whenever the committee deems reasonable. Having stabilized a draft, procedures require a two-thirds vote to modify material in the draft or to add material to the draft. If the committee wishes, it can vote to incorporate new proposals into the draft up to the new proposal Cutoff date and then stabilize the draft. This has the same effect as the question on this letter ballot, without adding to or complicating current committee procedures.

Marc Noblitt Comment: : I don't believe this to be in the best interest of the committee, it would make it very difficult if not impossible fore the committee to function.

Regards,

G.E. Milligan
T13 Chairman