

ROLE of REVCOM

Background

The role of RevCom is defined in policy documents as follows:

IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws

4.2.3 Standards Review Committee (RevCom); 4.2.3.1 Scope

This committee shall be responsible for reviewing proposals for the approval of new and revised standards and for the withdrawal of existing standards to ensure that the proposals represent a consensus of the members of the official IEEE Sponsor balloting group. The committee shall routinely examine submittals to ensure that all applicable requirements of the IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual have been met and make recommendations to the IEEE-SA Standards Board regarding their approval.

IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual

4.2.3 Standards Review Committee (RevCom)

This committee acts in an advisory capacity to the IEEE-SA Standards Board by making recommendations on the approval or disapproval of standards submitted for IEEE-SA Standards Board approval or adoption.

Approval or adoption of a standard requires a consensus of RevCom that the requirements of the procedures of RevCom and those of the IEEE-SA Standards Board have been satisfied. Specifically, this means that the final results of the ballot and statements submitted by balloters who participated in the development of the standard indicate that consensus has been achieved and unresolved negative ballots have been properly considered, together with reasons why the comments could not be resolved.

Composition

The standing committees are composed of Standard Board members and other qualified volunteer engineers.

Discussion

The membership of RevCom includes engineering representatives from various technical societies. They have engineering expertise that may be useful in providing technical clarification to other members and in judging if a change to a document or a comment, considered by a ballot resolution group, is technical versus editorial in nature.

The determination of the balloting group through balloting must be respected, but RevCom must also seek to protect the IEEE-SA from future potential litigation and from non-compliance in future ANSI audits.

When a RevCom member feels strongly about a technical or procedural issue regarding a submitted project, but fails to convince a majority of the members, that member may seek to pull the project from the Standard's Board consent agenda for discussion at the Standards Board meeting. That member should be prepared to lead the discussion.