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Reciprocal Credit Discussion

Overview

- When the TAGs were formed (regulatory and coexistence) there was a desire to encourage attendance
  - One method was to grant attendance credit in the home WG while attending the TAG
  - Consensus was at the time (and at the last revision of the WG P&P) that this applied only to current WG voting members
  - You can maintain voting rights, but not gain voting rights
- Note that the rules already allow a person to gain voting rights in more than one WG

Definitions (WG P&P 4.2.4)

- **Home group:** a Working Group or TAG in which a person is a member (i.e., has voting rights).

- **Target group:** a Working Group or TAG in which the person is attending and the Working Group Chair of the home group has approved as target group.

- **Maintaining credit:** meeting participation credit that is registered in the home group while the person is attending a meeting in the target group.

- WG Chair determines what is a target group "To encourage attendance in certain target Working Groups whose subject matter is of significance to a Working Group."

WG P&P, 4.2.4 Maintaining Credit

- The Chair of the home group shall determine if maintaining credit will be allowed for that home group while attending a target group. A person registering attendance in a target group shall obtain attendance credit in the persons home group and the target group. If the person has more than one home group for which the Chair of the home group has allowed maintaining credit, then the person shall select which home group for which they will be given credit

How should it be used? (IMHO)

- WGs should, as appropriate, designate target groups that are TAGs or LMSC Standing Committees (e.g., JTC1, IETF).

- TAGs should not designate target groups.

- Our current TAGs have few sessions, so one consequence is it is easy to gain and maintain voting rights in both TAGs, while maintaining voting rights in one or more WGs.

- I do not know the correct way to do this in IMAT (assuming that they have not completely messed it up, which is most likely).