

Comments for the Record
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The following are comments that Western Telecom Consultants, Inc. (WTCI)¹ would like to share with the DySPAN-SC participants. The views expressed are solely those of WTCI and may or may not reflect the views of other organizations. The views may, or may not, be consistent with the views of CSSB of which J. Hoffmeyer is a member. The views are based on public information.

1) Background

From SASB Meeting March 2011

- Whereas the Communications Society Standards Board is currently the Sponsor for all projects previously sponsored by SCC41,

Move that consideration of the establishment of DYSPAN-SC as a Sponsor be deferred until the Standards Board is satisfied that the proposed Sponsor **will operate in a fair and open manner and perform proper oversight of its projects.**

From SASB Meeting June 2011

- The SASB SCC41/1900.4 Oversight Committee is authorized to **share appropriate information, in confidence,** with the COMSOC Standards Board to assist with its integration of DySPAN activities into COMSOC.

Highlighting of words is by WTCI for emphasis.

2) Concerns of Western Telecom Consultants, Inc. (WTCI)

WTCI very much understands the need for some organizations (including even Government organizations) to occasionally meet in Executive Session in order to discuss personnel issues and other issues not appropriate for the public domain. However, it is the view of WTCI that Executive Session has been used excessively by the IEEE-SA Oversight Committee because it continues without any action being taken. Based on the June SASB motion, it appears that Executive Session approach will necessarily be a continuing trend by the CSSB and that DySPAN-SC Participants will continue to be given zero information.

WTCI is concerned about the words:

- ... “ that the proposed sponsor will operate in a fair and open manner and perform proper oversight of its projects”
 - The rank-and-file members have not been given any information as to what this means.
 - What are the problems (perceived, alleged, or actual)?
 - How can the DySPAN-SC participants help solve these problems unless they are told what the problems are?

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- ... “share appropriate information in confidence” ...
 - Unless there are personnel issues, why is there a need for this to be in confidence?
 - If it is a personnel issue, why has the SASB not taken action?

The SASB has been participating in SCC41 and DySPAN-SC meetings for nearly 2 years. How long is it going to take before the SASB is willing to either take action or to stop the continuous oversight function?

WTCl also has the following concerns:

- The continued activities of the OC have a detrimental impact on the ability of DYSPAN-SC and the 1900.x WGs to focus on the technical work of the WG.
- The continued activities of the OC have a detrimental impact on the morale of the DySPAN-SC and 1900.x participants.
- The continued activities of the OC have a detrimental impact on the ability to actively recruit new participants for DySPAN-SC and the 1900.x WGs.

3) **WTCl Recommendations**

- a) WTCl recommends that the SASB Oversight Committee and now the CSSB observer identify in real-time during the meeting, any procedural errors that they note during the course of any meeting (either physical or teleconference).
- b) WTCl recommends that SASB Oversight Committee and the CSSB observer summarize verbally all of the procedural errors that they observe during the closing session of each DySPAN-SC Plenary.
- c) WTCl recommends that the SASB Oversight Committee and the CSSB observer provide a written summary of the issues that they have observed within 14 days of the close of each DySPAN-SC Meeting.

The exception to the above recommendations is that if the problems observed are due to the performance of one or more individuals, then it is obvious that no information can be provided to DySPAN-SC participants. However if it is a problem with the performance of one or more individuals, WTCl recommends that action be taken to replace that individual or individuals within 2 months of the closing of the Brussels DySPAN-SC Plenary.

In considering the above recommendations, WTCl hopes that the OC and the CSSB observer will consider the fact that many participants are focused primarily on the technical issues and are not expert parliamentarians and should be corrected, but forgiven, for procedural errors.

Finally, WTCl hopes that by expressing these concerns, that other DySPAN-SC participants will express their opinions publicly either in support of these opinions or offer differing opinions publicly.

WTCl also hopes that opinions by others will be voiced during this DySPAN-SC Plenary session. It suggested that participants socialize this during the meeting and then voice their opinions during the closing session under AOB.