Dear John Wack,

This letter is to inform you that it is the intent of the IEEE Computer Society Standards Activity Board (C/SAB) to disband the Voting Systems Standards Committee (VSSC) during the 14 June 2017 meeting. This decision is based on the output of the C/SAB Vitality Report completed in 2016, participation at the IEEE-SA Sponsor and Working Group, and the formation of NIST Voting Systems Public Working Groups.

In mid-2015, a request was issued to IEEE-SA to revisit an agreement to extend availability of the documents developed within VSSC. A modified agreement was made, however, the modifications did not appear to have the desired effect on the VSSC community.

Since the formation of NIST Voting Public Working Groups in mid-2015, there has been little to no activity within the IEEE VSSC Working Groups. This includes no teleconferences or meetings scheduled, no responses to C/SAB or IEEE-SA Staff requests for updated information or indication that there are any plans to continue work within IEEE.

As of March 2017, there are one (1) approved standard, two (2) withdrawn PARs and five (5) active PARs. Based on the following IEEE-SA PAR and Standard information...

   a. Active until December 31, 2021
2. P1622.1 – Standard for Voter Registration Data Interchange Format
   a. Withdrawn at the request of VSSC
3. P1622.2 – Standard for Election Results Reporting Data Interchange Format
   a. Withdrawn at the request of VSSC
4. P1622.3 – Standard for Event Logging Data Interchange Format
   a. Active until December 31, 2017
5. P1622.4 – Recommended Practice for Election Modeling
   a. Active until December 31, 2018
6. P1622.5 – Standard for Election Systems Usability and Accessibility
   a. Active until December 31, 2018
7. P1622.6 – Recommended Practice for Voting Methods Mathematical Models
   a. Active until December 31, 2018
8. P1622.1 – Standard for Electronic Pollbook Data Interchange Format
   a. Active until December 31, 2019

...and no active participation from the Sponsor or Working Groups, there is no evidence that the current projects will be completed.

With VSSC disbanded, IEEE Std 1622-2011 will be sponsored by C/SAB and all active PARs will be withdrawn.

As always, you are welcome to join the next C/SAB meeting if you wish to discuss this topic further.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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