



Standards & IPR Policy Committee (SIPC)

Interim Charter

Scope: The scope of the SIPC encompasses all public policy issues related to standardization globally, including issues relating to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

Charter: The TIA Standards and IPR Policy Committee is a Committee formed under Article VIII, Section 3 of the TIA By-laws and pursuant to the TIA Rules of Governance. The Committee shall be responsible for policy and position decisions regarding standards-related policy issues, including but not limited to issues relating to (a) ICT standardization, (b) the role of government vis-à-vis standardization, (c) international trade aspects of standards, and (d) the interplay of standards, intellectual property rights (IPR), and related governmental action.

Procedures: Any TIA general member can join the Committee and have a vote. The TIA member must designate a person to be its representative on the Committee. If such representative cannot attend a meeting or conference call, or cannot participate in a vote, that representative can identify an alternate to represent that TIA member in that regard through an e-mail to the supporting TIA staff.

The Committee shall strive to seek a broad consensus with regard to its decisions. If consensus does not appear to be possible, a vote may be taken via e-mail. The Chairman shall authorize the issuance of a ballot and set the deadline for responses. The Chairman shall endeavor to provide the Committee membership with sufficient time to determine and submit their votes, while recognizing that there may be constraints such as externally set deadlines.

A decision of the Committee shall be determined by a majority of the “yes” and “no” votes cast (not including abstentions or failures to vote) by then-current voting Committee membership.

The Committee membership also will share information on these types of issues and help ensure that the Committee membership and TIA leadership are aware of current developments, especially to the extent that they may impact TIA’s own standardization activities.

The Committee’s communications with regard to decisions referenced in the Charter will adhere to the rules set forth in Article X of the By-laws. The Committee Chairman and/or supporting TIA staff will be responsible for providing such communications to other relevant TIA Committees for information.