

**Proposed Bylaw Revisions**  
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**Bylaw 2.3 - General Provisions Applicable to All Ballots**

[GitHub Issue #67](#)

Change the title of the section, and separate out the types of ballots (FORUM ballots, WG ballots, election ballots, informal decisions, etc.)

[GitHub Issue #57](#) (and [GitHub Issue #52](#))

Remove “must”, as in, voting must occur on the Public List.

Add: Voting can occur via a portal specified by the [Forum/CWG]

And in **section 4.1 (3)** clarify that votes in uncontested elections go to the [Forum/CWG] Public List

[GitHub Issue #58](#)

Allow CWG Chairs to tabulate votes (this is being done already)

[GitHub Issue #49](#) (Quorum Determination)

Edit item 7 in section 2.3 for consistency with the Member Tool, which calculates quorum after the voting period is over.

**Bylaw 2.4 - Requirements for Draft Guideline Ballots**

[GitHub Issue #58](#)

- 5. - Allow CWG Chairs to announce IPR review periods (this is being done already)
- 8. - Add CWG Chair with duties to close out review period and publish amended guideline.

[GitHub Issue #59](#)

7. – Delete 7. “In addition to following the process for submitting Exclusion Notices set forth in Section 4 of the IPR Policy, Members shall also send Exclusion Notices to the Public Mail List as a safeguard.” This is redundant because IPR section 4 already requires this.

Possible replacements are:

“7. Exclusion Notices must comply with Section 4 of the IPR Policy, or they are null and void.” OR

“7. Exclusion Notices must be sent to the Public Mail List in accordance with the IPR Policy.”

#### [GitHub Issue #61](#)

9.a. – Remove requirement to publish Patent Advisory Group conclusion to internal/non-public list

#### [GitHub Issue #62](#)

Add 9.c. “If an Exclusion Notice is filed during the IPR Review Period, an alternative ballot may be proposed at any time as a replacement.”

### **Bylaw 3.2 – Interested Parties**

#### [GitHub Issue #63](#)

Add requirement that Interested Parties “meet additional criteria, as set by the Forum, to ensure a substantive interest or expertise relevant to the Forum’s objectives.” And, a petition for status as an Interested Party must include a list of qualifications.

Interested Parties would need to agree to an **“Interested Party” IPR Policy Agreement** that would explain how non-member individuals and organizations are covered.

### **5.3.3 Output of Working Groups**

#### [GitHub Issue #46](#) (Release Cycles)

### **3. Release Cycles**

Guidelines that have completed IPR will be queued for publication on March 15 or September 15

If a CWG Voting Member believes that a Maintenance Guideline qualifies for immediate release due to urgency or other exceptional reasons, a request for a Special Release may be made. A Special Release may be approved either by consensus or by ballot.

CWGs continue to approve ballots and complete IPR Review on a regular basis.

## **Bylaw 5.5 – IPR Policy**

### **[GitHub Issue #64](#)**

Replace “the IPR Policy Agreement attached as Exhibit A” with “an IPR Policy Agreement” to allow differentiation between forms of agreement for individuals, organizations, etc.

## **Bylaw 5.6 – Forum Subcommittees**

### **[GitHub Issue #65](#)**

Replace “Forum Subcommittees must post all agendas and minutes on a public mail list.” with “Forum Subcommittees must provide all agendas and minutes.”

## **Definitions**

### **[GitHub Issue #66](#)**

Make the definition of the Questions List more generic, instead of “questions@cabforum.org”.