Special Event: IEEE LTSC PRESENTATIONS

The IEEE Learning Technology Standards Committee (IEEE LTSC) Standards Program

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Hosted by Robby Robson and Avron Barr



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## **The Program for Today**

- The IEEE Standards Association (IEEE-SA) [5 minutes] Jonathan Goldberg, IEEE-SA staff liaison to the IEEE LTSC
- The IEEE LTSC Portfolio [10 minutes] Robby Robson, IEEE-SA Board of Governors and Vice Chair (and former Chair) of the IEEE LTSC
- Panel: ADL-Related Standards Projects [15 minutes] Jim Goodell, Chair P1484.20 (Competencies) Bob Sottilare, Chair P2247 (Adaptive Instructional Systems) Jono Poltrack, Chair P9274 (xAPI) Andy Johnson, Chair P1484.12.4 (SCORM Renew) Avron Barr, LTSC Chair representing P7919 (eBooks for Learning)
- Questions for the Panel [30 minutes] The Audience



# **The IEEE Standards Association**

Jonathan Goldberg



## **Global IEEE**

The largest technical community in the world!

#### Mission

- Advancing Technology for the Benefit of Humanity
- Membership
  - 417,000 Members in 160 Countries
  - With 46 Societies and Technical Councils
  - 330 Sections in 10 Geographic Regions
- Activities
  - 1,800 conferences per year (average of 5 per day)
  - 200 transactions, journals, and magazines
  - 4 million documents in IEEE Xplore®





## **The IEEE Standards Association**

**Globally Recognized Standards** 

#### Portfolio

- 1200+ active standards
- 700+ standards in development
- Membership
  - 7000+ Individual Members
  - 20,000+ Standards Developers
  - 300+ Corporate Members
- Activities
  - Standards Development
  - Incubation (Industry Connections)
  - IEEE Conformity Assessment Program (ICAP)
  - Registration Authority (e.g. MAC addresses)
  - Corporate Advisory Group
  - Open Source (NEW!)

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100+ Smart Grid Standards

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▶ Flagship WiFi and telecommunications (802)

Electronics

- ▶ 400 500 standards in power & energy
- Ethical applications of technology



## **Standards Development**

Open, Transparent, Industry Consensus Standards

Process governed by five imperatives:

- Openness: Anyone can participate
- Consensus: Decisions are consensus-driven
- Balance: All stakeholders represented, no one interest can dominate
- Due Process: Governed by visible procedures, entire process is transparent
- Right of Appeal: Any decision may be appealed on procedural grounds

#### ▶ Subscribes to Open Stand Principles of the IEEE, IETF, W3C, Internet Society, and IAB

- Respectful cooperation among standards organizations
- Adherence to principles (above)
- Focus on technical merit and benefits
- Free or Fair, Reasonable, and Non-Discriminatory (FRAND) terms
- Standards are voluntarily adopted. Success is determined by the market

Well-designed, well-honed process

Supported by staff and tools
With global reach

► And access to technical expertise

IEEE STANDARDS ASSOCIATION

# **The IEEE LTSC Portfolio**

Robby Robson



## The IEEE LTSC

History and Scope

- ▶ 20+ Year History
  - Started in 1997
  - 14 Published Standards
  - 12 Approved Active Projects
  - Several Study Groups looking at new projects (including one joint project with the IEEE Education Society)

 Accredited technical standards for learning technology<sup>1</sup> and the design methods and practices that facilitate its development, deployment, and maintenance.







Scope

### **First Wave of Standards**

**Enabling Portability for Learning Content** 

- ▶ Learning Object Metadata (LOM Joint with IMS Global part of SCORM) [2002]
  - With XML Binding [2005]
- ▶ Learning Technology Systems Architecture (LTSA) [2003]
- ▶ Content Object Communication (SCORM Runtime communication) [2003 2005]
  - JavaScript API
  - XML Binding
- ▶ Reusable Competency Definitions (RCD IMS Global version is RDCEO) [2007]
- ▶ Recommended Practice for Digital Rights Expression Language (DREL) [2007]
- ▶ Resource Aggregation Model for Learning, Education, and Training (RAMLET) [2012 2016]
  - Conceptual model plus five mappings from other standards to the conceptual model



## **Current Portfolio**

#### Focused on Data Collection, Analysis, and Governance

#### **SCORM Renew (10-year expiration)**

 Maintain content object communication standards used in SCORM as active standards

#### Competency Definitions

 Standardizing "ecosystem mapping" work that found commonalities among standards for competencies and competency frameworks

#### ▶ xAPI

- JSON Data Model and RESTful Web Service
- Implementation

#### Adaptive Instructional Systems

- Classification
- Interoperability
- Evaluation

#### ▶ eBooks and eReaders for Learning

Requirements to support learning applications

#### ► Augmented Reality Learning Experience Model

 Conceptual and data models for portability of ARenhanced learning activities

#### ▶ Digital Intelligence (DQ)

 Framework for Digital Literacy, Skills, and Readiness originating in the DQ institute

#### ▶ Federated Machine Learning

ML on data sets that cannot be combined

#### ▶ Child and Student Data Governance

 Help users certify how they approach accessing, collecting, storing, utilizing, sharing, and destroying child and student data.



## But Wait ... There's More

**Related and Future Activities** 

▶ Industry Connections Industry Consortium on Learning Engineering (ICICLE)

- Defining and promoting Learning Engineering as a new profession and an academic discipline
- 600+ members
- Successful conference (May 2019)
- Future as IEEE community / council / society
- New joint project with the IEEE Education Society on Secure and Trusted Learning Systems
- ▶ New Study Group on defining the architectural framework of the modern learning ecosystem
- Collaboration with ISO/IEC JTC1 SC36 (Information Technology for Learning, Education, & Training)



## **Panel on ADL-related Standards Projects**

Short statements followed by audience questions



## Each panelist has been asked to

- State their name and affiliation
- State the name of the standards project they Chair or represent
- State the *problem* the standard is intended to solve in one sentence
- State the *technical approach* being taken in two or three sentences
- State the *current status* of the project



# Wrap-up

And contact information



## How to get involved

Requirements, contact information, and meeting times

- You do not need to be an IEEE member to participate in standards development
  - You do need to be a member of the IEEE-SA to vote on approval of a draft standard after it is developed by and submitted by a working group
  - Each WG has its own meeting times, typically weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly
- ► To get involved:
  - Go to <u>https://sagroups.ieee.org/ltsc/</u>
  - Sign up to get notifications of our meetings

► Contact one of us:

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