

Title: **Recommending Steve Wilson for Emeritus Member**

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## 1. Abstract

It is my pleasure to propose that INCITS recommend that Steve Wilson be appointed as Emeritus Member of INCITS/Fibre Channel (i.e., T11).

## 2. References

[INCITS Policies] "INCITS Organization, Policies and Procedures", :  
[https://standards.incits.org/apps/group\\_public/download.php/131088/eb-2021-00290-INCITS-Organization-Policies-and-Procedures.pdf](https://standards.incits.org/apps/group_public/download.php/131088/eb-2021-00290-INCITS-Organization-Policies-and-Procedures.pdf)

## 3. Introduction

The first paragraph of Section 3.9.3.4, Emeritus Members, in [INCITS Policies] reads:

The Emeritus Member title recognizes individuals for their extensive contribution to standards activities and enables INCITS to call on their extensive history and talent for continuity following their retirement from the ICT industry.

Steve Wilson's contribution to INCITS/Fibre Channel emphatically reflect the "extensive contribution to standards activities" and "extensive history and talent" requirements; therefore, it can only be to the benefit of INCITS/Fibre Channel, if Steve becomes an Emeritus member.

Section 3.9.3.4, Emeritus Members, in [INCITS Policies] lists some requirements and requires additional details to be provided when nominating someone as Emeritus Member. Below we show that Steve fulfills all requirements and provide the additional required information.

## 4. Required supporting documentation

[INCITS Policies] lists the following three requirements for an Emeritus Member. In-line we briefly explain how Steve fulfills each and every one of those:

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- "must not be a representative of a dues-paying member of the committee;"  
As of December 2022, Steve Wilson is not a representative of a dues-paying member of INCITS/Fibre Channel.
- "shall have served on an INCITS TC, TG or SG for a minimum of 10 years; and"  
Steve Wilson joined T11 (the predecessor of INCITS/Fibre Channel) in 1993 and thus can look back on a 30-year long membership in the US committee(s) responsible for standardizing Fibre Channel.
- "shall have made significant contributions to standards efforts."
  - From 1993 until 2022, Steve has made significant contributions to the Fibre Channel standards process.

In addition to the above requirements, [INCITS Policies] request the following information to be provided:

- “the time of service on the committee (dates);”
  - 1993 - 2022 Steve represented the following companies in INCITS/Fibre Channel (and their predecessor committees): Brocade Communications Systems, now the Brocade Storage Networking business unit of Broadcom Ltd.
- “the organizational affiliation at the time of last participation on the committee;”
  - Most recently Steve was the chair of INCITS/Fibre Channel.
- “a history of the contribution made by the individual; and”
  - o Steve is the recipient of the following INCITS awards recognizing his contributions to the standards process:
    - 2017 Gene Milligan Award for Effective Committee Management
    - 2002 INCITS Technical Excellence Award
  - o Steve’s contributions include:
    - Defined and presented a tutorial on the ANSI Fibre Channel Name Server
    - Advocated the formation of the FC-GS (Generic Services) project and served as the first chair and editor for the project
    - Editor of FC-SW-2, the main standard for describing how Switch Fabrics operate
    - Chairman for the Backbone (FC-BB-2, FC-BB-3), and Inter-Fabric Routing (FC-IFR) work groups
    - Contributor to the Base Fibre Channel, Security, Audio/Visual, and the Avionics Environment standards
    - Leadership positions Fibre Channel Industry Association (FCIA) and the Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA)
    - Established and chaired the SNIA Fibre Channel Work Group from June 1998 until April 2002
- “the date of retirement from the ICT industry.”
  - Steve fully retired from the Fibre Channel industry on December 17, 2022.

## 5. Motion for INCITS/Fibre Channel

Motion: INCITS/Fibre Channel nominates Steve Wilson for appointment by the INCITS Executive Board as an Emeritus Member of INCITS/Fibre Channel as specified in Section 3.9.3.4., Emeritus Members, in [INCITS Policies]. The required supporting documentation can be found in T11-2023-00012-v000 (see above).

Motion by Howard Johnson and seconded by TBD. Motion approved by acclamation.

## INCITS Procedures:

### 3.11 Document Access and Membership Benefits

- g. Emeritus Members
  - i. Emeritus members have access to the document register for their specific committees and documents that are shared with the committee.
  - ii. Eligible to attend or participate at meetings
  - iii. If approved by the Executive Board, Emeritus Members may be permitted to serve on delegations to international meetings but shall not serve as a U.S. Head of Delegation (HoD) or hold any international office.
  - iv. Emeritus Members shall not have the right to hold any office in INCITS or to participate in Executive Board activities.

#### 3.9.3.4 Emeritus Members

The Emeritus Member title recognizes individuals for their extensive contribution to standards activities and enables INCITS to call on their extensive history and talent for continuity following their retirement from the ICT industry.

A nomination for appointment as an Emeritus Member shall be made either by resolution of the sponsoring TC, TG or SG; or by the INCITS Secretariat. The recommendation may be proposed once the individual meets the following requirements:

- must not be a representative of a dues-paying member of the committee;
- shall have served on an INCITS TC, TG or SG for a minimum of 10 years; and
- shall have made significant contributions to standards efforts.

The nomination shall include the following details:

- the time of service on the committee (dates);
- the organizational affiliation at the time of last participation on the committee;
- a history of the contribution made by the individual; and
- the date of retirement from the ICT industry.

Such recommendations shall be submitted to the INCITS Secretariat and forwarded to the Executive Board for consideration in a meeting.

Emeritus Members hold non-voting, non-dues-paying memberships in relation to a specific TC, TG or SG.

Individuals appointed as Emeritus Member shall continue to hold their Emeritus Member title as long as all requirements noted above are met. Emeritus Members may resign their position as described in Section **Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found..**

Emeritus Members shall not count in any calculations for quorum or voting in the TC, TG or SG. The TC, TG or SG's membership roster and Annual Report shall identify Emeritus Members.