

Title: **Recommending Dean Wallace for Emeritus Member**
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1. Abstract

It is my pleasure to recommend that INCITS appoint Dean Wallace 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/document.php?document_id=148049&wg_abbrev=eb

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.

Dean Wallace’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 Dean becomes an Emeritus member.

When nominating someone as Emeritus Member, the [INCITS Policies] Section 3.9.3.4, Emeritus Members, lists some requirements and requires the nominator to provide additional details of the nominee. Below we show that Dean 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 Dean fulfills each of those requirements:

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- “must not be a representative of a dues-paying member of the committee;”
As of January 2024, Dean Wallace 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”
Dean Wallace joined T11 (the predecessor of INCITS/Fibre Channel) in 1999 and thus can look back on a 25-year long membership in the US committee(s) responsible for standardizing Fibre Channel.
- “shall have made significant contributions to standards efforts.”
 - From 1999 until 2023, Dean 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);”
 - 1999 - 2023 Dean represented the following companies in INCITS/Fibre Channel (and their predecessor committees): Marvell Semiconductor, Inc (Cavium, Inc prior to Marvell, Qlogic

Corporation prior to Cavium).

- “the organizational affiliation at the time of last participation on the committee;”
 - Most recently, Dean was the chair of INCITS/Fibre Channel Physical Interfaces-8 expert group (FC-PI-8) and vice-chair of INCITS/Fibre Channel Physical Variants task group.
- “a history of the contribution made by the individual; and”
 - Dean is the recipient of the following INCITS awards recognizing his contributions to the standards process:
 - 2007 INCITS Team Award for Officers
 - 2011 INCITS Technical Excellence Award
 - 2016 Gene Milligan Award for Effective Committee Management
 - 2023 FCIA Lifetime Achievement Award
 - Dean’s contributions include:
 - Chaired the Fibre Channel physical interfaces expert group (FC-PI) for all projects from 2000 to 2023 (i.e., projects 3-8 including 6P and 7P)
 - Chaired the Fibre Channel Methodologies for Signal Quality Specification (FC-MSQS) expert group for all projects from 2010 to 2023 (i.e., projects 1-3)
 - Chaired the Fibre Channel Signal Modeling FC-SM (signal modeling)
 - Chaired the Fibre Channel Joint T11.2/T11.3 expert group from 2000 to 2023
 - Vice-chair of the Fibre Channel Physical Variants (T11.2) task group from 2000 to 2023
 - Dean’s technical contributions include, but are not limited to, the following areas of Fibre Channel standards development:
 - Integration of the Common Management Interface specification (CMIS) interface for optics
 - Directed the chip to module performance evaluation for 32GFC
 - Examination of Ethernet technology and its adaptation to Fibre Channel
 - Definition of Transmitter and Dispersion Eye Closure Quaternary (TDECQ) for VCSELs at 64GFC
 - Conducted an evaluation of bidirectional vs VCSEL technologies for 128GFC
 - Lead an investigation of Link Speed Negotiation (LSN) improvements using the Transmitter Training Signal (TTS)
 - Guided evaluation of Fibre Channel vs Ethernet baud rates
 - Drove the definition of parallel Fibre Channel for 32GFC and 64GFC to product quad-speed solutions (128GFC parallel and 256GFC parallel, respectively)
- “the date of retirement from the ICT industry.”
 - Dean fully retired from the Fibre Channel industry on January 31, 2024.

5. Motion for INCITS/Fibre Channel

Motion: INCITS/Fibre Channel nominates Dean Wallace 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]. Document T11-2024-00039-v000 contains the required supporting documentation (see above).

Motion by Howard Johnson and seconded by Tom Palkert. Motion carried: In Favor – 21, Opposed – 0, Abstain - 0.

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 3.8.5, Resignation of Membership.

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.