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Dear Colleagues,

We would like to inform you about our ongoing efforts on inclusive language in the IEEE 802.1 Working Group. We have the [IEEE P802.1ASdr](#) Inclusive Terminology amendment project ongoing to change non-inclusive language to inclusive language in the IEEE 802.1AS Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks – Timing and Synchronization for Time-Sensitive Applications. We would like to note that IEEE Std 802.1AS is based on IEEE 1588 Standard for a Precision Clock Synchronization Protocol for Networked Measurement and Control Systems.

[IEEE Std 1588g-2022](#) identifies the alternative terms to be used in IEEE 1588 instead of the current non-inclusive language, e.g., “timeTransmitter” instead of “master” and “timeReceiver” instead of “slave”. The [IEEE P802.1ASdr](#) amendment implements this terminology change to IEEE Std 802.1AS as specified by IEEE Std 1588g-2022. Furthermore, the [IEEE P802.1ASdn](#) project amends IEEE Std 802.1AS with YANG modules using the inclusive terminology specified by [IEEE Std 1588g-2022](#) and [IEEE P802.1ASdr](#).

We have put a significant effort in the alignment among organizations that work on time synchronization protocols (including, e.g., the IEEE 1588 Working Group, the IEEE 802.1 Working Group, ITU-T Study Group 15, 3GPP) for the consistent introduction of inclusive terminology.

We think it would be beneficial for the industry if IEEE P3400 would maintain this consistency by aligning with what has been achieved so far on inclusive language.

Respectfully submitted,
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