

Minutes – Teleconference – September 5, 2006

Participants: Dan Arnold, Jim Bacher, Henry Benitez, Jack Burns, Ted Freeman, Richard Georgerian, Murlin Marks, Mark Montrose, Rich Pescatore, Dan Roman, and Ken Thomas.

1. VP Report – Technical Activities. Rich Pescatore reported that there hasn't been any follow through on the part of his TC chairs. He has been on the road a great deal. The BoD discussed concepts to boost the motivation and commitment of the TC chairs. Rich suggested a face-to-face meeting at the PSES Symposium might help. It was agreed to have a technical meeting at 4-5:30 Tuesday afternoon.

2. VP Report – Conferences. Richard Georgerian reported that we are doing "quite well" with 89 sign ups, and about 15 exhibits so far. We got several vendors at the EMC Symposium. We had on the order of a hundred individuals stop by the booth that Richard G. and Jim manned. It helped that we had various freebies to hand out.

We can accommodate another dozen or so more exhibitors.

Richard said that we have one Platinum, one Gold, and one Silver patron for the conference.

We need to promote the symposium! It was suggested that it be an action item for Daniece to promote the symposium with the chapters.

Action Item: (09/05/2006) Encourage chapters to promote PSES Symposium – Daniece

The block of hotel rooms has already filled up. The BoD discussed expanding the allotment.

Richard said that the symposium committee seems to be functioning well.

It was suggested that Dell & HP might contact a third party that might be interested in presenting technical information about lithium batteries. The BoD discussed various ways to approach this, but it was generally agreed that this was a hot (pun intended) issue with the public recently, and directly connected to the PSES mission. Jack will look into this further.

Action Item: (09/05/2006) Set up a forum on lithium battery issues at the 2006 conference – Jack

Henry will contact John Freudenberg (who we've not heard from in some time) about having the 2008 PSES conference in the Boston area.

Action Item: (09/05/2006) Determine whether the Boston area is viable for a 2008 conference – Henry

3. EMC Symposium, TC-8 Report – Jim reported that about five people attended the TC-8 (EMC Society) Annual Meeting. The TC-8 workshop went reasonably well, with about sixteen people attending. We had a lot of competition for the same time slot, and people had to start leaving for plane flights as the afternoon wore on.

There probably won't be a TC-8 workshop next year in Hawaii. The symposium schedule will be revamped for Hawaii. Our conference next year will be in the Denver area.

4. VP Report – Membership. No formal report. The Elections Committee is short on nominees. Mark will get working on this. We also have some officer slots to fill.

Action Item: (09/05/2006) Get Elections Committee up and running; find suitable nominees – Mark

5. VP Report – Communications. Jim reported that the next issue of the Newsletter will be going out in a few weeks.

We have a few peer-reviewed papers in the flow, but we urgently need more.

6. NRTLs – Ken Thomas said he would contact his local (Chicago area) NRTLs about PSES activities. It was suggested that this is something Daniece could encourage all chapters to do.

7. Our next face-to-face meeting will be on Sunday, October 22 in Irvine, California. We will have a teleconference on October 3 at the usual time (2pm PDT, 3pm MDT, 4pm CDT, and 5pm EDT) and place.

Tentative 2007 BoD Meetings: February 18 in Universal City, CA; June 17 in Philadelphia; and October 2 in Denver.

Adjournment: 3:30 PM PDT. Henry thanked the BoD for their participation.

Murlin Marks, Secretary

Action Items

- (8/15/2004) Jack to coordinate contacting universities and trade schools – open
- (6/11/2005) Mark & Elya to come up with policies for trade groups/standards organizations/not-for-profit organizations conference participation – open
- (6/11/2005) John Freudenberg to contact trade groups/standards organizations/not-for-profit organizations about conference participation – open
- (2/16/2006) Ken will contact UL Research about getting Newsletter material – open
- (2/16/2006) Rich Pescatore will set up an email blast asking about member technical areas of interest (e.g. fuel cells, batteries, etc.) – open
- (09/05/2006) Encourage chapters to promote PSES Symposium – Daniece
- (09/05/2006) Set up a forum on lithium battery issues at the 2006 conference – Jack
- (09/05/2006) Determine whether the Boston area is viable for a 2008 conference – Henry
- (09/05/2006) Get Elections Committee up and running; find suitable nominees – Mark