

APTA Power, Signals, and Communications Technical Forum Minutes of Meeting

Date: June 11, 2006

Time: 2 – 5pm

Location: Joint PSC Technical Forum & Communications Subcommittee Mtg., NY, NY

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Agenda Items:

I. Afternoon Social – Sponsored by Russ Taylor and Okonite

II. Introductions

- Jon announced that Ed Rowe would be absent due to a quadruple bypass that he underwent on Friday and that he was doing well.
- Thanks was also given to Chair and Vice Chairs for a year's hard work; Sponsor – Okonite/Russ Taylor for snacks; Host – NYCT for setting up conference; and Lou Sanders and APTA staff for all the hard work in getting the meeting set up,
- All introduced themselves

III. Nominations and Elections

Current chairs: Ed Rowe, Chair; Steve Bezner, Vice Chair Power; Bob MacDonald, Vice Chair Signals; Jon McDonald, Vice Chair Communications

- Jon noted that elections were only for Power, Signal and Communications Technical Forum. Elections for the Communications Subcommittee would be in about a year.
 - a. *P.S. &C. Chair:*
 - i. Nominated – George Pristach & Ed Rowe. Ed Rowe was re-elected in a 10 to 12 vote.
 - b. *Power Vice Chair:*
 - i. Nominated – Steve Bezner – no contest, re-elected
 - c. *Signals Vice Chair:*
 - i. Nominated – Bob MacDonald – no contest, re-elected
 - d. *Communications Vice Chair:*
 - i. Nominated – Jon McDonald – no contest, re-elected

IV. Website

- Jon took comments on website. General consensus was that it was a good start but much more needed to be done.
- All are to send comments to Jon on website.

V. Update on APTA Regional P.S. &C. Conference – Los Angeles MTA, 2006

- Jon noted that the Regional PSC Conference in LA was well attended and very worthwhile. Attendance was about 30 people.
- Group nominated the following locations for the next Regional meeting:
 - a. Washington DC
 - b. Atlanta
 - c. Miami
- Atlanta won out 5/10/7 respectively. Meeting is to be scheduled in January 2007.

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VI. APTA P.S. & C. 2006 Program

- Lou Sanders noted the importance of selecting good topics for the presentation sessions at the Rail Conference. Currently the PSC Technical Forum enjoys 3 sessions and the occasional 4th. However, we are in competition with other topics for slots and must be creative to retain our slots. Lou suggested that each breakout group discuss this and come up with something.

VII. Maintainers Training Presentation by Cam Beach

- Cam Beach gave his presentation on Signal Maintainer's Training.
- Presentation posted to www.psctechnicalforum.com

VIII. TTCI by Bill Moore Ede

- Bill Moore Ede gave his presentation on TTCI testing
- Presentation posted to www.psctechnicalforum.com

IX. P.S. & C. Standards Status

- a. Gary Touryan noted that not a lot has happened over the past year with the IEEE standards. Website needs to be updated and he will send a link to be posted the PSC website
- b. Bob MacDonald noted IEEE Working Group 25 had made some progress and he would send a link for the website
- c. Anne O'Neil and others also noted the IEEE Working Group 26 on Standards for System Engineering and Integration was languishing. Anne will also send a weblink for the Working Group.

X. TRB Research

- a. Jon noted the progress on the existing TRCP study on the Survey of Radio and Wireless Capability. It has progress to the selection of a firm and was awaiting contract negotiation.
- b. It was also noted that new problem statements are due by Thursday 6/15/06. Breakout groups should be finishing their problem statements and sending those in.

XI. Power, Signal and Communication Break Out Sessions

XII. Adjourn