

Minutes of TC5 at IEEE APEC 2016 on March 22 2015

Chair Sudip Mazumder presented the agenda for the meeting. The following items were addressed by those members present (please, see enclosed list of attendees):

1. Approval of the minutes of the TC5 meeting at ECCE 2015. The minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Braham Ferreira, PELS President, presented about (a) the IEEE Smart Village initiative and some efforts that will be started by PELS AdCom soon (e.g., investing \$50k in a competition), and (b) ICRERA, a non-IEEE conference on renewable energy that focus mainly on power system issues as opposed to design of power electronics converters for power systems which is addressed in conferences like PEDG. PELS AdCom has decided to join forces with the organizers of this conference that may become part of IEEE PELS conferences. The details are still being developed and Don Tang is the main liaison with ICRERA organizers. A vote of the members of TC5 will take place as whether TC5 wants to be involved with this conference or not.
3. Chair Mazumder provided a status report addressing the following:
 - * the website,
 - * the TC5 technical thrusts,
 - * reports on IEEE PEDG 2015 (Aachen, Germany), PEDG 2016 (Vancouver, Canada, June 22-26), PEDG 2017 (Florianopolis, Brazil),
 - * PEMWA 2016 (Jeju, South Korea): organizers were asked to present a new budget considering a 20% potential profit,
 - * Paper awards from PEDG 2015,
 - * Sustainable Energy Systems award,
 - * JESTPE 2015 is closed and published with a date of November 2015 having 33 papers, and
 - * JESTPE 2016 is still going; deadline may be extended.
4. Dushan Boroyevic, chair of the IEEE PELS Fellow Committee, presented about the process to be nominated to the grade of IEEE fellow.
5. The conference ACEPT promoted by the Singapore government to take place from October 25-27 2016 in Singapore as part of the "Energy Week" was presented to the membership to seek support. Views were exchanged since there may be a potential conflict with INTELEC which will take place from October 23-27 2016. No decision was adopted at this meeting since it was viewed that this issue belongs with IEEE PELS Conference committee directed by Mario Pacas.