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**PULP & PAPER INDUSTRY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**of the**

**GENERAL COMMITTEE**

**MEETING**

**2023 PPIC GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Spokane, WA**

**June 13, 2023**

***Minutes recorded by Emily Held, PPIC Secretary and Treasurer***

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# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – MARK ZAWADZKI

Meeting called to order by Mark Zawadzki at 3:40 PM EDT.

# ANTI-TRUST ANNOUNCEMENT – MARK ZAWADZKI

Mark Z. reviewed the Anti-Trust Reminder with the meeting attendees.

# REVIEW OF 2022 INTERIM GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – EMILY HELD

Emily reviewed the Annual General Committee Meeting minutes.

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INTERIM MEETING REPORT – EMILY HELD

Emily reviewed the interim executive meeting report.

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Membership Update – Roly Roberge

### Our current committee membership is 112. The difference in membership is the retirement and people changing jobs.

### The IEEE membership grade distribution of our membership is as follows:

* + - 1. Senior Members – 34 (previously 33)
      2. Members – 71 (previously 72)
      3. Fellow Members – 4
      4. Life Senior Members – 2
      5. Life Fellow Member – 1

### The job sector distribution of our membership is as follows:

* + - 1. Vendors – 61 (previously 60)
      2. Mill people – 21 (previously 22)
      3. Consultants – 19
      4. Academic – 2
      5. Retired – 9

## Conference Contact Update – Roly Roberge

### Contact list is in process of being updated. Miscellaneous updates. Current list is 753 contacts. There are concerns about the Membership spreadsheet missing some detailed information about member’s conference attendance. To work to correct. John Kay has the old version.

## Fellows Nominations – John Kay

### There were no Fellow nominations for 2022.

### Sergio Panetta and Dave Mazur have been nominated for Fellow in other committees in 2023.

### For reference, success rate of fellow nominations are listed: (1) 2021 – nominations-936, elevated-282

(2) 2022 – nominations-1029, elevated – 311  
(3) industry success rates – 2021-30.3%, 2022-41.6%

## Paper Awards, Magazine, and Transaction Submittals – Nehad El-Sherif

### 14 recommended out of 23 for transactions. We are past the publish date for papers to be published in 2023.

## Publicity Update – Rich Turner

### An article to celebrate the 2022 conference will be in the Nov/Dec 2022 issue of the IAS magazine, including all names of paper winners.

### The IEEE website have the correct locations for the 2023 and 2024 conferences, but the fields of interest do no match for each year. Rich has asked Dave Durocher to correct so they are the same.

### A Save the Date and Call for Papers for the 2023 Spokane conference was sent out.

## PPIC Awards and Nominations – Todd Legette

### Three nominations, 1 Service – Walter Simpson 2 for Engineering, Chris Heron and Daleep Mohla.

### Targeting January to have a vote for the award winners.

## Webmaster – Mark Pollack

### The website has been updated except the 2022 Technical Program to serve as a guide for visitors. Hotel information is updated, but no links are active at this time for registration.

### Jeff Paetkau is almost done with all registration information to be fixed to allow multiple registrations under one email.

# LIAISON REPORTS

## IEEE-IAS Executive Committee Update – Dave Durocher

### Nehad promoted to Process Industries Leader from member-at-large.

## Electrical Safety Workshop Update – Greg Drewiske

### This is a great conference in a great location with great information on all things related to Electrical Safety. ESW 2024 is March 4-8, 2024 in Tuscon, AZ.

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# OPERATING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

## PCEMC – Process Control, Engineering, Maintenance, Construction Subcommittee – Dave Durocher

### 9 members present, 10 guests

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| Paper Status | 2024 | 2025 |
| A | 0 | 0 |
| B | 1 | 0 |
| C | 7 | 0 |
| D | 2 | 0 |
| E | 2 | 0 |
| **Paper Totals** | **12** | **0** |
| **Tutorials** | **0** | **0** |
| **Panels** | **1** | **0** |
| Paper Reviewer | Rory Johnson | |

## DCS – Drives and Control Systems Subcommittee – Duncan Rhodes

### 58 members, 4 excused, 23 attended, 31 unexcused,

### Edward Swiecicki is Chair, Elizabeth Herrin is Vice-Chair

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| Paper Status | 2024 | 2025 |
| A | 0 | 0 |
| B | 0 | 1 |
| C | 6 | 5 |
| D | 1 | 1 |
| E | 1 | 1 |
| **Paper Totals** | **8** | **6** |
| **Tutorials** | **2** | **1** |
| **Panels** | **0** | **0** |
| Paper Reviewer | NA | |

## PDS – Power Distribution Subcommittee – Walter Simpson

### Notes not received

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| Paper Status | 2024 | 2025 |
| A | 3 | 0 |
| B | 3 | 0 |
| C | 1 | 0 |
| D | 0 | 0 |
| E | 0 | 0 |
| **Paper Totals** | **7** | **0** |
| **Tutorials** | **2** | **0** |
| **Panels** |  | **0** |
| Paper Reviewer | Stan Zakharin, Cristiano Paiva, Glenn Smith, Hugo Gomez | |

## S&T – Safety & Training Subcommittee – Justin Gaull

* + 1. 10 present, 5 excused, 10 guests

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| Paper Status | 2024 | 2025 |
| A | 1 | 0 |
| B | 0 | 0 |
| C | 1 | 0 |
| D | 1 | 0 |
| E | 1 | 0 |
| **Paper Totals** | **4** | **0** |
| **Tutorials** | **3** | **0** |
| **Panels** | **1** | **0** |
| Paper Reviewer | Jaco Kruger | |

## Standards Subcommittee – Greg Drewiske

### Title is Recommended Practice for Specifying AC Coordinated Drive Systems for Operation on 3 Phase AC 50/60 Hertz up to 1000 Volt Systems for Pulp and Paper Industry Installations. Working with Daleep to specify the scope to move forward. Working Groups are only for 6 months.

# SOKANE CONFERENCE REPORT – WARREN HOPPER

### 88 attendees, with 26 first time attendees.

# FUTURE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

## 2024 – Justin Gaull and Rich Butler

### Charleston, WV for 2024. Embassy Suites in Downtown Charleston.

### Planned for June 9-14, 2024. The city of Charleston, WV is providing a tourism budget for hosting the conference. Easy access to downtown.

## 2025 and Beyond

### Looking at maybe central area.

### Have an offer of hosts from Atlanta and Minnesota for 2025, but no commitments. No prior conference in Minnesota.

### Volunteers for Cincinnati in 2026 hosted by Mark Z. and Todd Legette.

# CONFERENCE TECHNICAL PROGRAM REPORT – CHRIS HERON

1. 2023 – 20 papers, 3 tutorials, 2 panels.
2. 2023 Conference and Beyond – The Technical Program Chair and Paper Review Chair (Chris Heron and Nehad El-Sherif) both have visibility of the Scholar 1 programs for both PPIC and IEEE-IAS. This should eliminate the need for two separate copyrights going forward and improve the submission process. There is further work required if the paper is to be published.

# OLD BUSINESS

## James A. Rooks Memorial Grant Fund Status – Dave Durocher

### The IEEE IAS PPIC has access to two funds held by the IEEE Foundation in the name of our former member Jim Rooks. The “James A. Rooks Memorial Intern Fund” was first established in 2007 and this fund’s scope is limited in that the committee can use these funds only to support student interns working at paper mills to reimburse their costs to attend the annual conference. The “James A. Rooks Memorial Grant Fund” was established in 2014, and this fund includes a scope that allows flexibility for our committee to reimburse conference attendance by student interns, young professionals or others as deemed appropriate to promote growth of conference attendance via support of students and young professionals. Individual donors were required to submit written agreement to move funds from the Intern account to the Grant account when the Grant account was first established. The plan moving forward is to deplete the Intern Fund to zero over the next several years, and promote new donations to the Grant Fund. **The current balance of the James A. Rooks Memorial Intern Fund is $63,454. The current balance of the James A. Rooks Memorial Grant Fund is $158,271.**

## Rooks Student Interns & Young Engineering Professionals – Emily Held

### Spokane Conference accepted 6 Young Engineering Professionals, and 2 interns. Great turnout, most in history.

## Paper Submission Training Webinar - Emily Held

* + 1. Emily Held and Mark Zawadzki to put this together and present to all authors and sponsors.

## Social Media Ad Hoc Subcommittee - Dante Barragan

### Dante has done a great job getting views and engagement of our page on LinkedIn. Need committee support to come up with content ideas.

## Standards Update - Greg Drewiske and Mark Zawadzki

### Standards Committee met, had successful working meeting this conference.

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# NEW BUSINESS

## 2023 Executive Committee Rotation

## Conference Location for 2025 - Need Volunteers - Rich Butler and Mark Zawadzki

* 1. Improving Paper Reviewer Participation
  2. Recording Future Conferences/Hybrid Format?
  3. Other?

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm PST

# APPENDIX A – GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE

Attendance was not recorded

# APPENDIX B – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**IEEE IAS PULP & PAPER INDUSTRY COMMITTEE**

**FULL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**ANNUAL MEETING – SPOKANE, WA**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

**3:35 PM – 5:00PM, Pacific Time**

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| 1. Welcome & Introductions | Mark Zawadzki |
| 1. Anti-Trust Announcement | Mark Zawadzki |
| 1. Review of 2022 Interim General Committee Meeting Minutes | Emily Held |
| 1. 2023 Executive Committee Annual Meeting Report | Emily Held |
| 1. Standing Subcommittee Reports: | |
| * 1. Membership Update   2. Conference Contact List   3. Fellows Nominations   4. Paper Awards, Magazine and Transaction Submittals   5. Publicity Update   6. PPIC Awards and Nominations   7. Webmaster   8. PPIC Emeritus | Roly Roberge  Roly Roberge  John Kay  Nehad El-Sherif  Rich Turner  Todd Legette  Nehad El-Sherif  Dave Durocher |
| 1. Liaison Reports | |
| * 1. IEEE-IAS Executive Committee Update   2. Electrical Safety Workshop Update | Dave Durocher  Greg Drewiske |
| 1. Operating Subcommittee Reports: | |
| * 1. PCEMC - Process Control, Engineering, Maintenance, Construction   2. DCS- Drives and Control Systems Subcommittee   3. PDS – Power Distribution Systems Subcommittee   4. S & T – Safety & Training Subcommittee   5. Standards Subcommittee | Dave Durocher  Duncan Rhodes  Walter Simpson  Justin Gaull  Greg Drewiske |
| 1. 2023 Spokane Conference Committee Report | Steve Pittman/Warren Hopper |
| 1. Future Conference Committee Reports: | |
| * 1. 2024 Charleston, WV   2. 2025 and Beyond | Justin Gaull, Rich Butler  Rich Butler |
| 1. 2023 Spokane Technical Program Report (Including Paper Submission Process) | Chris Heron |
| 1. Old Business: | |
| * 1. James A. Rooks Fund   2. Rooks Student Intern & Young Engineering Professionals   3. Paper Submission Training Webinar   4. Social Media Ad Hoc Subcommittee   5. Standards Update | Dave Durocher  Emily Held  Emily Held  Dante Barragan  Greg Drewiske/Mark Zawadzki |

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| 1. New Business |  |
| 1. 2023 Executive Committee Rotation 2. Conference Location for 2025 – Need Volunteers 3. Improving Paper Reviewer Participation 4. Recording Future Conferences/Hybrid Format? 5. Other? | Mark Zawadzki  Rich Butler/Mark Zawadzki  Mark Zawadzki  Mark Zawadzki/Duncan Rhodes  Mark Zawadzki |

**Adjourn by 5:00 PM or earlier.**