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**2024 PPIC GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CHARLESTON, WV**

**JUNE 11, 2024**

***Minutes recorded by Cristiano Paiva, Past PPIC Secretary  
Updated by Craig Wester, PPIC Secretary***

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# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – CHRIS HERON

Meeting called to order by CHRIS HERON at 1:00 PM EDT.

# ANTI-TRUST ANNOUNCEMENT – CHRIS HERON

Chris Heron reviewed the Anti-Trust Reminder with the meeting attendees.

# REVIEW OF ANNUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – CRISTIANO PAIVA

Cristiano Paiva reviewed the Annual Executive Committee Meeting minutes.

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Membership Update – Roly Roberge

### Our current committee membership is 117, an increase of two from oct, 2023. The increase is due successful recruiting at the annual meeting.

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

* + - 1. Senior Members – 32
      2. Members – 78
      3. Fellow Members – 2
      4. Life Senior Members – 2
      5. Life Fellow Member – 0

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

* + - 1. Vendors – 66 (previously 56)
      2. Mill people – 24 (previously 21)
      3. Consultants – 14
      4. Academic – 3
      5. Retired – 11

## Conference Contact Update – Roly Roberge

### The list has 742 contacts down from 756 due to list cleanup.

## Fellows Nominations – John Kay

### This past year we had two committee members whose names were submitted via sponsors from other industry committees. Unfortunately, the nominations for Dave Durocher and David Mazur for elevation to the 2024 class of IEEE Fellows were not successful. This is not uncommon for Fellow nominations. Several nomination attempts may be necessary to submit the best nomination content for the nominee. This year both David Mazur and Dave Durocher were renominated for the class of 2025.

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

### Paper Awards:

First Place -- Factory Acceptance Testing: From Three Different Perspectives by Jaco Krüger, Marc Elliott, and Warren Hopper

Second Place: Modern IED Data Capture Configuration Challenges by Duane Leschert, Kris Sommerstad, Jacob Janzen, and Craig Wester

Best Mill Paper: The Crucial Role of Cybersecurity in Operational Technology by Matthew Cosnek, Christina Lutkus, and Dante E. Barragan

## Publicity Update – Rich Turner

* + 1. No updates

## PPIC Awards and Nominations – Todd Legette

### 2024 Meritorious Engineering Awards – Sergio Panetta

### 2024 Meritorious Service Award – Walter Simpson

## Webmaster –Nehad El-Sherif

### Both websites are updated.

* + 1. Cristiano to send 2024 meeting notes to Nehad for publication.
    2. Nehad to keep working on getting a new logo for PPIC
    3. Need to work with Website Manager to add a section dedicated to the Standards Committee and 3371 WG

# OPERATING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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

### Subcommittee met on Tuesday June 11, 2024 at 12:30pm in conference room 225

### 6 members, 3 guests, 2 excused members present.

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Paper Status | 2025 | 2026 |
| A | 4 | 0 |
| B | 0 | 0 |
| C | 4 | 0 |
| D | 0 | 0 |
| E | 0 | 0 |
| **Paper Totals** | **8** | **0** |
| **Tutorials** | **0** | **0** |
| **Panels** | **0** | **0** |
| Paper Reviewer | Rory Johnson | |

## DCS – Drives and Control Systems Subcommittee – Ed Swiecicki

### Subcommittee meeting held on June 11, 2024

### 32 members present, 2 excused, 44 unexcused, 8 guests in attendance

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| Paper Status | 2025 | 2026 |
| A | 1 | 0 |
| B | 2 | 0 |
| C | 8 | 3 |
| D | 3 | 1 |
| E | 0 | 1 |
| **Paper Totals** | **14** | **5** |
| **Tutorials** | **0** | **0** |
| **Panels** | **1** | **0** |
| Paper Reviewer | NA | |

## PDS – Power Distribution Subcommittee – Walter Simpson

### Meeting held on June, 11 2024.

### 20 present, 8 excused, 9 unexcused, 11 guests attended.

### Christine Crites will assume the duties of Chair beginning June 15, 2024.

### Josh Talbott has agreed to serve as Vice-Chair beginning June 15, 2024

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| Paper Status | 2025 | 2026 |
| A | 4 | 0 |
| B | 2 | 1 |
| C | 2 | 5 |
| D | 0 | 0 |
| E | 0 | 0 |
| **Paper Totals** | 8 | 6 |
| **Tutorials** | **1** | **1** |
| **Panels** | **1** |  |
| Paper Graders | Craig Wester, Walter Simpson | |

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

### Meeting held on June, 11 2024.

* + 1. 7 Member present

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| Paper Status | 2025 | 2026 |
| A | 1 | 0 |
| B | 1 | 0 |
| C | 0 | 0 |
| D | 1 | 0 |
| E | 2 | 0 |
| **Paper Totals** | **5** | **0** |
| **Tutorials** | **3** | **0** |
| **Panels** | **1** | **0** |
| Paper Reviewer | NA | |

## Standards Subcommittee – Greg Drewiske

### The 3371 Working Group is being led by Mark Zawadzki and is making good progress. They are planning to head to the initial round of balloting by June of 2025. We need to make some updates to the website to include information about the Standards Committee and the 3371 Working Group. Daleep is also requesting we identify other standards we can develop specific to the Pulp and Paper Industry -- maintenance practices, safety topics, other Standard Operating Procedures that should be captured for future generations. The Vice Chair, hasn’t been able to be reached. Mark will initiate a search for a new Vice Chair. Daleep recommends we work towards a goal of having other standards in progress to help build critical mass. Potential topics:

* Electrical Maintenance Standard for Mills
* Safety Standards specific to Pulp &amp; Paper
* Move the TAPPI Drives Short Course and/or TIP’s into a standard. Duncan is following up with TAPPI on this, as TAPPI no longer has the manpower to keep it up.
* What other knowledge or SOP’s need to be captured for future generations?

# 2024 CHARLESTON WA CONFERENCE REPORT – Justin Gaulin

### 144 Registrations, 10 guests, 44 tutorials participants

# FUTURE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS – Rich Butler

* 1. 2025 – Murfreesboro, TN – Dale Boyd and Brandon Cook
     1. We have HOP for the conference.
     2. Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro, TN
     3. Conference: June 15th to 19th 2025
     4. Same week of NFPA
     5. Brandon Cook is the vice-chair
  2. 2026 – Vancouver, WA – David Durocher
     1. Tentative Dates: June 14-18
     2. David Durocher – Hilton Vancouver WA
  3. 2027 – Cincinnati, OH -- Mark Z. and Todd Legette

### 2026 hosted by Mark Z. and Todd Legette

* 1. 2028 – (Southeast or Midwest)

# CONFERENCE TECHNICAL PROGRAM REPORT – Emily Held

1. 21 Papers for Charleston WV (10 already presented ISA, 4 Mill authors), 1 panel, 4 tutors

# OLD BUSINESS

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

* + 1. The balance for this account as of 12/31/23 was $191,770. For the Grant Fund, the maximum IEEE Foundation reimbursement will be 2021=$181,257, 2022=$158,271, 2023=$191,770, total $531,298, 3-year average $177,099 @ 5% = $8,855. Both funds are held by the IEEE Foundation.
    2. Significant new donations to the James A. Rooks Memorial Grant Fund in the past year include $50,000 from the IEEE IAS, paid in equal amounts of $25,000 in 2023 and 2024, $5,000 from the International Paper Foundation and $2,625 total from 10 generous committee members and authors that donated their individual stipends from paper awards and tutorial presentations. These included (in alphabetical order) Chris Heron, Mike Highsmith, Ryan Krady, Dan Neeser, Terry Neighbors, Ernesto Rivera, Semion Roginskiy, Ryan Walden, Joemoan Xavier and Mark Zawadzki.

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

* + 1. 1 x Intern
    2. 10 x engineering awards

## IAS Donation to Rooks Fund - Nehad El-Sherif and Dave Durocher

### IEEE Surplus was available, and Nehad and Dave secured a $50,000 donation split in equal parts over 2023 and 2024 to be put into the James A. Rooks Memorial Grant Fund. IEEE IAS Board unanimously approved.

## PPIC Emeritus Program- Dave Durocher

* + 1. PPIC Emeritus Members including Dave Durocher, Pete Famighetti, Warren Hopper, Rory Johnson, John Kay, John Malinowski, Daleep Mohla, Duncan Rhodes and Mark Weaver. In April 2024, Nehad El-Sherif was approved by the PPIC Exec Committee as the 10th Emeritus member.
    2. Attending the 2024 Charleston conference this week are five Emeritus Subcommittee members: Dave Durocher, Warren Hopper, Daleep Mohla, Nehad El-Sherif and Duncan Rhodes. A pre-conference meeting on Sunday June 9, 2024 was held in the Charleston Boardroom at the conference hotel. Members attending the conference agreed to 1) attending the Monday first time attendee breakfast and connect directly with new attendees 2) lead the effort in scoring for paper presentations used for best paper awards . In addition, other individual contributions for the conference this year included:

Dave Durocher: New paper “Dismiss Your Fears: A Guide to Writing & Presenting a Paper at the IEEE PPIC Conference”; Paper Review/Grader; PPIC Roundtable Moderator “Capital Projects The Good, The Bad and the Ugly” Drewiskie, Feldkirchner, Kruger; PCEMC Subcommittee Chair (7 papers, 1 panel); Rooks Program

Duncan Rhodes: Conference Treasurer; Paper Review/Grader; DCS Subcommittee Past Chair

Warren Hopper: New paper “Factory Acceptance Testing–from Three Different Perspectives” Elliott, Hopper, Kruger

Daleep Mohla: Tutorial “Changes Approved for the 2024 edition of NFPA 70E” Mohla, Crow

Nehad El-Sherif: PPIC Paper Review Chair, Awards Chair, New paper “GFCI: A Standards Perspective” El-Sherif, Domitrovich; Tutorial “Introduction to Codes & Standards”

## Paper Submittal & Copyright Process Ad-Hoc Committee Update – Dave Durocher

* + 1. Papers submitted for conference record.

## Paper Submission Webinar - Chris Heron

* + 1. Emily Held will work on getting it done by end of November – Mark Z. has volunteer to help.

## Social Media Ad Hoc Subcommittee - Dante Barragan

* + 1. Dante Barragan continues to update the LinkedIn page. 625 members

## Conference Registration/Website Vendor Going Forward

* + 1. Nehad El-Sherif will be talking with a vendor by end of October beginning of November.

# NEW BUSINESS

1. Craig Wester was approved as a new Secretary for 1 year

2. Stan Simms was approved as the new membership chair

3. Emeritus financial support move out of the general committee – no objections. Executive team to vote the USD $2500 subsidized.

4. Standardization of name of paper and numbering to be consistent among all the different subcommittees – Emily held to work on it.

5. Scholar One – Emily Held will be working on ScholarOne for the 2025 Conference in Murfreesboro, TN. She will get with Dale Boyd to start the process as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm EST.

# APPENDIX A – GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE

* + 1. 59 People in attendance

# FULL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA - ANNUAL MEETING – CHARLESTON WV

**IEEE IAS PULP & PAPER INDUSTRY COMMITTEE**

**FULL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**ANNUAL MEETING – CHARLESTON WV**

**Tuesday, June 11, 2024 3:35 PM – 5:00PM, Eastern Time**

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| 1. Welcome & Introductions | Chris Heron |
| 1. Anti-Trust Announcement | Chris Heron |
| 1. Review of 2023 Interim General Committee Meeting Minutes | Cristiano Paiva |
| 1. 2024 Executive Committee Annual Meeting Report | Cristiano Paiva |
| 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 | Roly Roberge  Roly Roberge  John Kay  Nehad El-Sherif  Rich Turner  Todd Legette  Nehad El-Sherif |
| 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  Edward Swiecicki  Walter Simpson  Justin Gaull  Greg Drewiske |
| 1. 2024 Spokane Conference Committee Report | Justin Gaull |
| 1. Future Conference Committee Reports: | |
| * 1. 2025 Murfreesboro TN   2. 2026 Vancouver WA   3. 2027 Cincinnati OH   4. 2028 TBD (Southeast or Midwest) | Dale Boyd  David Durocher / TBD  Mark Zawadski / Todd Legette |
| 1. 2024 Spokane Technical Program Report | Emily Held |
| 1. Old Business: | |
| * 1. James A. Rooks Fund   2. Rooks Student Intern & Young Engineering Professionals   3. PPIC Emeritus Program   4. Paper Submittal & Copyright Process Ad-Hoc Committee Update   5. Paper Submission Training Webinar   6. Social Media Strategy | Dave Durocher  Emily Held  Dave Durocher  Dave Durocher  Emily Held  Dante Barragan |
| 1. New Business |  |

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