PEEC CPWD Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2016

Date: July 18, 2016
Start time: 1:00 PM
End time: 2:00 PM
Location: SB – Beacon A

Attendees:

- Sarika Kushalani-Solanki (chair), skushalanisolanki@mail.wvu.edu
- Valentina Cecchi (vice chair), ycecchi@uncc.edu
- Zeb Tate (past chair), zeb.tate@utoronto.ca
- Edvina Uzunovic (VP-Education), euzunovic@wpi.edu
- Michael Ahern (mfahern@wpi.edu)
- Sara Eftekharnejad (seftekha@syr.edu)
- Nada Mohamed Nabil (nada.fahmy@sci.svu.edu)
- Marwa ElSayed (marwakarim900@gmail.com)

1. Discussion on the role of the subcommittee and how it fits in with Edvina’s vision

Edvina:

- PES wants to promote more webinars, tutorials, plain talks
- Aim: to organize 3 committees:
  1. Webinars
  2. Tutorial and plain talks
     (Members from academia and industry - equally split)
  3. Steering committee – overseeing general direction

Zeb:

- Webinars from PES scholars, get early students more interested in power engineering

Other ideas:

- Promotional videos
- Teach the teachers

2. PES Careers (follow up on last year discussion)

- What is the role of the SC on PES Career
- Spreading word among students about the site and among possible employees
- What is the status of PES Careers now?

ACTION ITEMS:

- Edvina – to get connected to Dennis Ray to see what he needs from us, what the status is, e.g. Website maintenance (Zeb volunteered pending more detail), promotion to students, finding new job openings (US and internationally), who he has working on it already
• One of our responsibilities would be to connect the different international PES Careers sites and organize conference call

3. Maintenance of our SC site
• Migrate everything under PEEC Main website – there is a site for our SC under PEEC Main
• Right now issues with getting in past website, logging in, and retrieving content.
• Look into potentially taking up responsibility to maintain PES Careers site

4. SC Positions starting in Jan 2017:
• Past Past Chair – Zeb
• Past Chair – Sarika
• Chair – Valentina
• Secretary – to be elected

5. 2 candidates for the secretary position:
   1. Masood Parvania from Utah (expressed interest via email to Sarika), and
   2. Sara Eftekharnejad from Syracuse U. (present at the meeting)

6. Vote on the secretary position
   • Brief discussion on who is eligible to vote ...
   • Outcome of the vote:
     o Sara is the new secretary
     o Masood is the new secretary elect

7. Edvina:
   • Reach out to high school students to attend T&D 2018 in Denver – pilot effort
   • What would the project be? How to reach out to high schools in Denver
   • Students to visit conference for a day