

IEEE Substations Committee D0 / E0 Subcommittees Joint Meeting  
2015 Spring Meeting – Minneapolis, MN  
Monday, 5/18/15 11:00 AM

**Meeting Notes**

D0 Chair: Hamid Sharifnia      E0 Chair: Don Wengerter

The joint D0/E0 meeting was called to order by Hamid and Don. Introductions were made. Attendance was not taken due to the short duration of the meeting and the size of the group.

Hamid pointed out the pages in the program that contain the IEEE patent slide information (27-30). The WG chairs should still make a call for potentially essential patents.

The working group chairs reported on the status of their WG and plans for this meeting.

A discussion was then held concerning the upcoming committee re-organization. Some highlights: The Substations Committee will likely be losing the C0 subcommittee or at least part of it, but will likely be gaining an all-inclusive grounding subcommittee. Pending changes will be voted on by the executive council later this year and should become effective around April of 2016.

Finally, a discussion concerning the Nashville meetings was held. This meeting has grown tremendously in recent years. There were about 125 attendees in 2014. What used to be a simple task of booking a conference room or two at a hotel has become a major burden on the D0/E0 chairs.

- They need help with hotel planning, registration, badges, similar to what the host committee does for the annual meeting.
- Another suggestion was to hold the fall D0/E0 meetings at the JTCM meetings in the winter, thus eliminating the need for the extra planning efforts. A disadvantage to this is that the meeting would be closer to the Spring Annual Meeting instead of being more evenly placed throughout the year.
- It was also pointed out that new technologies allow more collaboration via teleconferencing, etc.

Hamid and Don requested that the Nashville meeting options be discussed in the Working Group meetings this week. The group decided that we need to get through the re-organization first, especially with the potential grounding group changes. We can then decide what to do about Nashville. Nashville will continue at least for this year.

Future Meetings:

Nashville, TN, October 5-8, 2015, Holiday Inn (same as last year)

Atlanta, GA, May 22-26, 2016

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