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To: Region 3 Director Randall and Region 3

From: Bill Harrison

As requested, here is the current status of the activities of the IEEE-USA Medical Technology Policy Committee.

The IEEE-USA Medical Technology Policy Committee (MTPC) has been inactive for the past two years. The MPTC email alias is still active. From time to time someone sends an email on a topic of interest to the group, and generates some email activity.

IEEE-USA Vice President, Government Relations Tom Tierney has challenged MTPC members as follows:

“I'm perfectly willing to make a motion to the IEEE-USA Board of Directors to reinstate MTPC to active status provided the following:

- (1) IEEE-USA Government Relations Director is able to identify an IEEE-USA staff member who can help oversee logistics
- (2) A minimum of 10 proactive IEEE-USA members who will write position statements, white papers, letters, and articles. They must also organize events that increase awareness within Congress. I have required all committees to organize an event on the Hill and to produce at minimum three products (e.g., position statements).
- (3) Two proactive leaders to chair the committee.

If these can't be done, there is the alternative route of standing up an issue network, which is a streamlined committee that is intended to be focused on singular issues. If someone wants to pursue that route, I'll be happy to help guide them through the short process.

Let me know what you all collectively decide to do.”

No one has volunteered to reorganize and lead the MTPC. Chris Brantley, IEEE-USA Staff Managing Director, indicates the MTPC email alias will remain active for development of issues and organization of a new committee.

Bill Williams and Bill Harrison have served as corresponding Region 3 members of the MTPC for some years.