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The NesCom2000 Initiative: **Electronic PAR Submissions**

by Jim Carlo and Jim Isaak

he goal of the NesCom2000 initiative is to provide for the electronic distribution of Project Authorization Requests (PARs) via the Web. Global electronic access will enable a wide range of developers and customers to review the project objectives before and after approval by the IEEE Standards Association (IEEE-SA) Standards Board. Today, PARs are submitted in paper form and, after approval, are difficult to retrieve, except by special request to the IEEE Standards staff. With electronic submission and placement on the Web, the wide dissemination of project goals will be facilitated.

Submittal of a PAR is one of the most important steps in the IEEE standards development process as the PAR is the document that defines a project, distributes information about the project to others, and provides the framework for the development of the standard. The sponsoring group submits all PARs developed within the IEEE to the New Standards Committee (NesCom) for review: (a) to ensure that the project's scope and purpose are clearly stated, (b) to provide a forum for coordination of the developing standard with other groups, and (c) to address key legal issues relating to safety, copyright, etc.

Over the next two years, the NesCom2000 initiative will move forward without detriment to the due diligence or integrity of the current system. In addition to providing widespread visibility of IEEE standards development, another advantage of the NesCom2000 initiative is to minimize the working group and sponsor administrative effort for PARs while facilitating the process. In the future, NesCom review of PARs will be handled electronically and feedback will get to the PAR submitter very quickly. The efforts of NesCom2000 will increase the speed of PAR review by NesCom, reduce IEEE staff effort, and establish a "continuous process" where PARs are reviewed on a continuous basis, rather than at the staggered 4 quarterly meetings of the IEEE-SA Standards Board and NesCom. In addition, the electronic format will allow submitters to provide technical scope explanations in a less constrained form than the bounded paper format available today.

An electronic PAR form is available at http://standards.ieee.org/guides/par/index. html. The form is in two parts. The first part is the electronic submission that contains the normal PAR information. The second part is

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One Year of IEEE Standards On-Line

by Pushpa Krishnaswamy

EEE Standards On-Line recently reached its one-year anniversary. Through the service, numerous standards users have experienced the advantage of immediate access to IEEE's world-renowned technical standards—anywhere, anytime. The service is especially helpful to IEEE Standards users in far-off places who prefer not to wait four to six weeks for the mail to deliver their standards to them.

Three subscriptions are currently available, with at least three more to become available by the fall of this year. The subscriptions available now are Local Area Network/ Metropolitan Area Network (LAN/MAN) 802, Power Transmission and Distribution (T&D), and Software Engineering. Substations, Switchgears, and Bus Architecture standards will be added to the list by the fall.

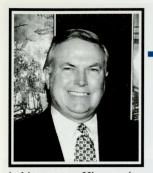
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FROM THE CHAIR OF THE IEEE-SA STANDARDS BOARD

by Richard Holleman

ecently, during the Region 8 meeting in Piscataway, a participant from Russia asked me if an IEEE Standards Association (IEEE-SA) standards committee could be organized

in his country. His question and comments from some of the other participants reminded me of the Institute's slogan, "IEEE—Networking the World." It is a very relevant theme for the SA. I think of it as, "Networking the World Through Standards." For me, this expresses the basis upon which the activities of the SA and the SA Standards Board are established, and globalization is certainly a key element.

More specifically, in the SA strategic plan, one of the major goals is to maximize the recognition of IEEE standards worldwide through the development of appropriate relationships with external entities. This goal was developed in response to the Institute's overall goal of implementing full globalization of the IEEE in five years. The use of IEEE regional entities worldwide (e.g., sections as focal points for IEEE standards activities in that region) is one of the sub-goals included in the SA strategic plan. The intent is to create a form of national committee to further promote the globalization of IEEE-SA standards

None of this is being undertaken simply to increase the worldwide presence of the IEEE, but rather in response to the inquiries and inter-

ests exhibited by many IEEE members in many countries throughout the world. This was very evident in 1997 when the Standards Board met in Mexico City, and I expect it will be an active topic of discussion during the September Standards Board meeting in Europe, where there will be a day of joint activities with the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) at its Sophia-Antipolis headquarters.

Simply stated, the first challenge before us is to provide an effective organizational structure that can carry out IEEE-SA standards activities in a manner that supports the needs of industry, government, the general public, and the members of the Institute on a global basis. Next, we must maintain and consistently improve the existing processes and procedures for the development and approval of IEEE standards, especially through further cooperation and increased interaction with the technical societies, as well as through the use of new methods for the development and promulgation of industry-based standards. Finally, with the potential for increased regional representation in SA activities and involvement in standards development, we can begin to accomplish the critically important goal of globalization.

Hopefully, in 1998, progress will have been made in many of these areas. As I indicated in my answer to Region 8 participants, there are more opportunities than limits to what we can do, provided we are truly committed to change. Through the successful execution of the SA strategic goals, these opportunities will become reality.

IEEE Partners with NEMI

by Karen McCabe

nder the auspices of the IEEE Standards Association (IEEE-SA)-and its initiatives to make available standards-related information developed outside of the traditional standards process to meet the needs of industry today—IEEE has partnered with the National Electronics Manufacturing Initiative, Inc. (NEMI) to produce and disseminate the IEEE/NEMI Low-Cost Open Architecture Controller Specification.

Peer reviewed by a balanced group representing industry, academia, and user groups, the IEEE/NEMI document defines the software interface for a controller by defining a set of Application Programming Interfaces (APIs). Industry, the primary users, will benefit economically from using this specification primarily by reducing the time it takes to bring a product to market.

With IEEE-SA's focus on industry needs, dissemination of this document to a broad standards-specific/industry audience can accelerate the benefits of the open architecture approach and expose the concept of a specification for a low-cost, open architecture controller. Ultimately, interest in the community will be heightened and the document can be put into the standards process to be published as an IEEE standard.

Plans are to make this document available on the IEEE Standards web site. Look to the Web site at http://standards.ieee.org for new details regarding the project.

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Report by the President of the IEEE-Standards **Association (IEEE-SA)**

by John Rankine

The IEEE-SA Board of Governors of the Institute's overall strategy. held its third meeting of the year on 15 May. It was a hard-hitting meeting, as is needed by any ambitious organization to get things on track. The focus was

on the fundamental policy issues that must be handled expeditiously to maintain IEEE as a key player in international standardization. The paramount challenge is to deliver to industry what it needs, particularly in fast-moving technologies.

At its 3 May meeting, the Executive Committee of the IEEE Board of Directors very positively received our proposal for a new entity to enable IEEE to launch a new category of program whereby industry can get fast and responsive answers to immediate standardization needs. The ways in which this might be done are under intensive study and legal review. Two white papers, one on Industry Centric Standards and a second on a proposed Industry Standards and Technology Council, have been distributed for comment, and the latter is undergoing review by legal counsel. Industry is making clear to us that corporations want to have direct input into standards development, and events bear out every other week that this is what industry is doing via consortia and other means.

What follows are some highlights of our Board of Governors activities, in partnership with the staff.

With regard to management services, we now have one new program under contract, National Electronics Manufacturing Initiative, Inc., Herndon, VA, where we are supporting peer review, editing, and publishing—hard copy and Web.

The IEEE Standards Association Strategic Plan maps with that of the Institute's—we now have goals and objectives which are reflective

We are keenly aware that new approaches and ways of doing things. however vital, will not always please everybody. For this reason, we have appointed an outstanding Appeals Board of seven highly experienced and fair-minded individuals, including a former IEEE President.

The challenges we have to meet are also requiring special efforts by talented people, which means we cannot overlook awards and recognition. Thirty-four Working Group Chair Awards have been given since our last meeting. There are currently five Standards Medallions under ballot. The Steinmetz Award candidates have been processed and the final nominee will go to the IEEE Board of Directors for approval. The call for Standards Board Distinguished Service Award nominees will be sent out in November and a new chair is being sought for the Awards Committee.

Our IEEE-SA membership now numbers over 1500, plus two organizational representatives, five corporate members, and one government member. We expect the membership to jump with the implementation of the new SA membership balloting requirement in

In conjunction with the thinking of the Executive Committee of the IEEE Board of Directors, we have decided that the planned Standards Association elections be put forward to 1999. Some good news is that the IEEE Standards Association dues will remain the same for 1999, by far the lowest in the field of standards development.

Finally, I must report on how hard your IEEE-SA Board of Governors is working. They are a very dedicated and open-minded team who welcome your input to be sure we are meeting your interests. The staff and volunteer cooperation is superb and a model for the Institute.

Let us have your input. You will get a prompt and polite reply. •

IEEE Registration Authority Committee Establishes Procedures to Acquire TEDS ID Number

by Kang Lee

In connection with the recently developed IEEE Std 1451.2-1997, Standard for a Smart Transducer Interface for Sensors and Actuators—Transducer to Microprocessor Communication Protocols and Transducer Electronic Data Sheet (TEDS) Formats, the IEEE Registration Authority Committee (RAC), working with the Committee Chair and the 1451.2 Working Group Chair, has established procedures on how transducer producers should submit proposals requesting extension TEDS ID numbers.

IEEE Std 1451.2-1997 defines a set of specifications for smart connectivity between transducers (sensors or actuators) and microprocessors through the introduction of the TEDS concept. A TEDS is the manufacture data for the transducer and may include the manufacturer's name, type of transducer, sensor data, and setting of actuator. In addi-

uncertainty, etc., as well as optional calibration parameters, if required, for the device.

The procedure for acquiring an extension TEDS ID number is as follows.

- 1) An applicant must send IEEE a Proposal for Industrial Extension TEDS (PIET).
- 2) An IEEE-appointed independent expert, who will provide the applicant with feedback regarding any suggested changes according to the requirements in the standard, will review the proposal. The applicant's final proposal, after meeting all the requirements of the standard, will be assigned a unique extension TEDS ID number.

The standard defines the digital interface and standardized TEDS data format. It also outlines the communications protocols that allow the accessing of the TEDS, reading of

tion to the mandated and optional specifications for the TEDS, the standard also provides some flexibility for manufacturers to add extensions to the TEDS. Blocks of functional addresses are reserved for extensions to be used by industry.

The standard can be purchased from IEEE by calling 1.800.678.4333 (in the U.S. and Canada) or 1.732.981.0060.

For more information on IEEE Std 1451.2-1997 and other IEEE P1451-related activities. please contact Kang Lee, TC9 Committee Chair, at kang.lee@nist.gov or Stan Woods, 1451.2 Working Group Chair, at woods@hpl.hp.com. The IEEE Registration Authority can be reached at i.ringel@ieee.org or fax 1.732.562.1571. ◆

Kang Lee is the TC9 Committee Chair.

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APPROVED PARS FOR NEW STANDARDS

P286 (PE/EM) Recommended Practice for the Measurement of Power Factor TIP-UP of Electric Machinery Stator Coil Insulation

P492 (PE/EM) Guide for the Operation and Maintenance of Hydro Generators

P802.3ad (C/LM) Standard for Information Technology—Local and Metropolitan Area Networks—Part 3: Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD) Access Method and Physical Layer Specifications—Aggregation of Multiple Link Segments

P1003.24 (C/PA) Standard for Information Technology—Portable Operating System Interface Part nn: Real-Time Distributed Systems Communication (C Language)

P1073.1.3.5 (EMB) Standard for Medical Device Communications, MDDL, Virtual Medical Device, Specialized, Defibrillator

P1207 (PE/ED&PG) Guide for the Application of Turbine Governing Systems for Hydroelectric Generating Units

P1244.1 (C/SS) Standard for Media Management System (MMS) Architecture

P1244.2 (C/SS) Standard for Media Management System (MMS) Session Security, Authentication, and Initialization Protocol (SSAIP)

P1244.3 (C/SS) Standard for Media Management System (MMS) Media Management Protocol (MMP)

P1244.4 (C/SS) Standard for Media Management System (MMS) Drive Management Protocol (DMP)

P1244.5 (C/SS) Standard for Media Management System (MMS) Library Management Protocol (LMP)

P1244.6 (C/SS) Standard for Media Management System (MMS) Media Manager Interchange Protocol (MMIP)

P1244.7 (C/SS) Standard for Media Management System (MMS) Media Manager Control Interface Protocol (MMCIP)

P1244.8 (C/SS) Standard for Media Management System (MMS) C Language Procedural Interface Authentication and Initialization Protocol (SSAIP)

P1244.9 (C/SS) Standard for Media Management System (MMS) User Mount Commands

P1244.10 (C/SS) Standard for Media Management System (MMS) Standard Administrative and Operational Commands

P1244.11 (C/SS) Standard Data Mover for Storage Systems (MOVER)

P1254 (PE/IC) Guide for the Measurement and Use of Soil Thermal Stability Data

P1364.1 (C/DA) Standard for Verilog Register Transfer Level Synthesis

P1409 (PE/T&D) Guide for Application of Power Electronics for Power Quality Improvement on Distribution Systems Rated 1 kV through 38 kV

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P1484.13 (C/LTSC) Standard for Information Technology—Learning Technology—Student Identifier

P1524 (PE/TR) Guide for the Definition of Thermal Duplicate Liquid-Immersed Distribution, Power, and Regulating Transformers

P1532 (C/TT) Standard for Boundary-Scan Based in System Configuration of Programmable Devices

P1596.10 (C/MM) Standard for SCI/LAMP Multiport Bus Interface

PC37.48.1 (PE/SWG) Guide for the Operation, Classification, Application, and Coordination of Current Limiting Fuses with Rated Voltages 1 kV through 38 kV

PC37.90.3 (PE/PSR) Standard for Electrostatic Discharge Tests for Protective Relays

PC57.12.33 (PE/TR) Guide for Distribution Transformer Loss Evaluation

PC62.44 (PE/SPD) Guide for the Application of Low-Voltage (1000 Volts rms or Less) Surge Protective Devices Used on Secondary Distribution Systems (Between the Transformer Low-Voltage Terminals and the Load Side of the Service Entrance Panel)

REVISED PARS

P802.5t (C/LM) Standard for Information Technology—Telecommunications and Information Exchange Between Systems—Local and Metropolitan Area Networks—Part 5: Token Ring Access Method and Physical Layer Specifications—100 Mbit/s Dedicated Token Ring Operation

P982.1 (C/SE) Standard Dictionary of Measures of the Software Aspects of Dependability

P982.2 (C/SE) Guide for the Use of Standard Dictionary of Measures of Software Aspects of Dependability

P1157 (EMB) Standard for Healthcare Data Interchange—Overview and Framework

P1320.1 (C/SE) Standard for Functional Modeling Language—Syntax and Semantics for IDEFO

PC37.90.1 (PE/PSR) Standard Surge Withstand Capability (SWC) Tests for Relays and Relay Systems Associated with Electric Power Apparatus

PC95.2 (SCC28) Standard for Radio Frequency Energy and Current Flow Symbols

PARS FOR STANDARDS REVISIONS

P45 (IA/MTC) Recommended Practice for Electric Installations on Shipboard

P111 (PEL) Standard for Wideband (Greater Than 1 Decade) Transformers

P404 (PE/IC) Standard for Cable Joints for Use with Extruded Dielectric Cable Rated 5000–138 000 V and Cable Joints for Use with Laminated Dielectric Cable Rated 2500–500 000 V

P691 (PE/T&D) Guide for Transmission Structure Foundation Design and Testing

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P1010 (PE/ED&PG) Guide for Control of Hydroelectric Power Plants

P1015 (IA/PSP) Recommended Practice for Applying Low-Voltage Circuit Breakers Used in Industrial and Commercial Power Systems

P1076 (C/DA) Standard VHDL Language Reference

P1228 (C/SE) Standard for Planning Software in Safety Related Systems

PC37.93 (PE/PSR) Guide for Protective Relay Applications of Audio Tones Over Telephone Channels

PC57.13.1 (PE/PSR) Guide for Field Testing of Relaying Current Transformers

PC57.13.3 (PE/PSR) Guide for Grounding of Instrument Transformer Secondary Circuits and Cases

WITHDRAWN PARS

P802.5u (C/LM) Standard for Token Ring Access Method and Physical Layer Specifications 100 Mbit/s Dedicated Token Ring Operation Over Multi-Mode Fibre

P1073.3 (EMB/MIB) Standard for Medical Device Communications Transport File—Common Subset

P1320.1.1 (C/SE) Standard User's Manual for the Integrated Computer Aided Manufacturing (ICAM) Function Modeling Method—IDEFO

CONDITIONS MET

802.12c (C/LM) New Standard for Information Technology—Local and Metropolitan Area Networks—Part 12: Demand-Priority Access Method, Physical Layer and Repeater Specifications: Supplement for Full Duplex Operation

1101.11 (C/BA) New Standard for Mechanical Transition Module Specifications for Microcomputers using the IEEE 1101.1 Equipment Practice

1127 (PE/SUB) Revision Guide for the Design, Construction, and Operation of Electric Power Substations for Community Acceptance and Environmental Compatibility

1226.3 (SCC20) New Standard for Software Interface for Resource Management for a Broad Based Environment for Test (ABBETTM)

1302 (EMC/SC) New Guide for the Electromagnetic Characterization of Conductive Gaskets in the Frequency Range DC to 18 Ghz

1346 (SCC22) New Recommended Practice for Evaluating Electric Power System Compatibility with Electronic Process Equipment

1374 (SCC21) New Guide for Terrestrial Photovoltaic Power System Safety

1404 (SCC32) New Guide for Microwave Communications System Development: Design, Procurement, Construction, Maintenance, and Operation

1406 (PE/IC) New Guide to the Use of Gas-In-Fluid Analysis for Electric Power Cable Systems

NEW STANDARDS

The approved draft standards highlighted below are available for sale while in production. You may order them through IEEE Customer Service at 1.800.678.IEEE (in the US and Canada) or 1.732.981.0060.

802.3z (C/LM) Supplement to Information Technology—Local and Metropolitan Area Networks—Part 3: Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD) Access Method and Physical Layer Specifications—Media Access Control (MAC) Parameters, Physical Layers, Repeater, and Management Parameters for 1,000 Mb/s Operation [AD227-NBD] • \$80.00 • IEEE Mbr: \$64.00

1062a (C/SE) Recommended Practice for Software Acquisition—Content Map to IEEE 12207.1 [AD231-NBD] • \$41.00 • IEEE Mbr; \$33.00

1233a (C/SE) Supplement to Guide to Developing Systems Requirements Specifications—Content Map to IEEE 12207.1

[AD232-NBD] • \$41.00 • IEEE Mbr: \$33.00

1248 (PE/ED&PG) Guide for the Commissioning of Electrical Systems in Hydroelectric Power Plants [AD233-NBD] • \$54.00 • IEEE Mbr: \$43.00

1320.1 (C/SE) Standard Syntax and Semantics for the Integrated Computer Aided Manufacturing (ICAM) Definition Language—Function Modeling (IDEFO)

[AD234-NBD] • \$49.00 • IEEE Mbr: \$39.00

1320.2 (C/SE) Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language—Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEF object)

[AD242-NBD] • \$69.00 • IEEE Mbr: \$55.00

1465 (C/SE) Adoption of ISO/IEC 12119 International Standard—Information Technology—Software Packages—Quality Requirements and Testing [AD236-NBD] • \$42.00 • IEEE Mbr: \$34.00

1490 (C/SE) Adoption of a Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge [AD237-NBD] • \$54.00 • IEEE Mbr: \$43.00

2000.1 (C/PASC) Standard for Information Technology: Standard for Year 2000 Terminology [AD238-NBD] • \$52.00 • IEEE Mbr: \$42.00

REVISED STANDARDS

603 (NE/NPE) Standard Criteria For Safety Systems for Nuclear Power Generating Stations [AD228-NBD] • \$43.00 • IEEE Mbr: \$35.00

730 (C/SE) Standard for Software Quality Assurance Plans

802.3aa (C/LM) Standard for Information Technology—Local and Metropolitan Area Networks—Part 3: Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD) Access Method and Physical Layer Specifications—Maintenance Revision #5 (100 BASE-T)

[AD229-NBD] • \$41.00 • IEEE Mbr: \$33.00

828 (C/SE) Standard for Software Configuration Management Plans

830 (C/SE) Recommended Practice for Software Requirement Specification

P1005 (EDS) Standard for Definitions, Symbols, and Characterization of Floating Gate Memory Arrays [AD230-NBD] • \$53.00 • IEEE Mbr: \$42.00

1219 (C/SE) Standard for Software Maintenance

C57.110 (PE/TR) Recommended Practice for Establishing Transformer Capability When Supplying Nonsinusoidal Load Currents

[AD241-NBD] • \$43.00 • IEEE Mbr: \$34.00

REAFFIRMED STANDARDS

213-1987 (EMC/SC) Standard Procedure for Measuring Conducted Emissions in the Range of 300 kHz to 225 MHz from Television and FM Broadcast Receivers to Power Lines

376-1974 (EMC/SC) Standard for the Measurement of Impulse Strength and Impulse Bandwidth

390-1986 (R1993) (PEL/ET) Standard for Pulse Transformers

488.2-1992 (IM/AI) Standard Codes, Formats, Protocols, and Common Commands for Use With IEEE Std 488.1-1987, IEEE Standard Digital Interface for Programmable Instrumentation

524a-1993 (PE/T&D) Guide to Grounding During the Installation of Overhead Transmission Line Conductors

802.1B-1992 (C/LM) Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Network: LAN/MAN Management

802.1E-1990 (C/LM) Standard for Local Area Network: System Load Protocol
802.1F-1993 (C/LM) Standard for Local and

Metropolitan Area Networks: Common Definitions and

Procedures for IEEE 802 Management Information

C37.21-1985 (R1991) (PE/SWG) Standard for Con-

C37.24-1986 (R1991) (PE/SWG) Guide for Evaluating the Effect of Solar Radiation on Outdoor Metal-Enclosed Switchgear

trol Switchboards

C37.27-1981 (R1992) (PE/SWG) Standard Application Guide for Low-Voltage AC Nonintegrally Fused Power Circuit Breakers (Using Separately Mounted Current-Limiting Fuses)

C57.106-1991 (PE/TR) Guide for Acceptance and Maintenance of Insulating Oil in Equipment

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the signature page, which must be submitted by fax or mail to the NesCom secretary.

Electronic submission of a PAR is accomplished in one of two formats, either ASCII

AWARDS SPOTLIGHT

Standards Medallion

The Surge Protective Device Committee presented four Standards Medallions at the Spring SPDC awards banquet on 6 May 1998, the recipients were:

Michael G. Comber Robert J. Davidson, Jr.

Dan Melchior Jonathan J. Woodworth

The IEEE 802 Committee presented five Standards Medallions at the IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Committee Plenary Meeting on 8 July 1998, the recipients were:

Howard Frazier, Jr. Vic Hayes

William P. Lidinsky Robert D. Love

Michael J. Seaman

The IEEE-SA Standards Board formally congratulates the officers, as well as their working groups, on the publication of the following standards. Wolfhard J. Vogel; IEEE Std 211-1997

L Guy Jackson; IEEE Std 399-1997

Bruce C. Douglas, Charles R. Heising, and Don O. Koval: IEEE Std 493-1997

Rulon Frank; IEEE Std 693-1997

Pat Thaler and William G. Lane; IEEE Std 802.12c-1998
Joseph M. Gwinn: IEEE Std 1003.13-1998

Roger U. Fujii and Dolores R. Wallace; IEEE Std

Dave Schultz: IFFF Std 1074-1997

Eike Waltz and Frank Hom; IEEE Std 1101.11-1998
Terence Raymond McComb: IEEE Std 1122-1998

Anne-Marie Sahazizian: IEEE Std 1127-1998

Gary Hardenburg; IEEE Std 1226.3-1998

J. Joseph Brann: IEEE Std 1278.1a-1998

Simone Youngblood; IEEE Std 1278.4-1997

Stephen A. Fleger; IEEE Std 1289-1998 Hugh W. Denny; IEEE Std 1302-1998

Harold E. Epstein; IEEE Std 1375-1998

Robert L. Gottschalk; IEEE Std 1404-1998

Barry Hedquist; IEEE Std 2003-1997

Leonard L. Tripp and Perry DeWeese; IEEE/EIA 12207.1-1997 & 12207.2-1997 Sheldon P. Kennedy; IEEE Std C57.18.10-1998

John R. Rossetti; IEEE Std C57.138-1998

Jonathan Woodworth; IEEE Std C62.22-1998

Ronald J. Oedemann; IEEE Std C135.20-1998 & IEEE Std C135.63-1998

text or HTML. Editing the HTML form is most practical with an HTML "aware" editor, whereas the text version can be handled with any flat text editor. Both formats are available on the PAR Web master page. For text submission, the instructions are given in the first few lines of the form. Upon completion, the form is submitted electronically to the NesCom secretary (r.kershner@ieee.org) and the signature page is signed and submitted by fax.

As the NesCom2000 process evolves, NesCom intends to evaluate the PAR forms electronically rather than on paper. After evaluation and approval, the PAR forms will be placed on the IEEE Standards Web site to allow for increased availability throughout the world. This initiative will increase the visibility of IEEE-SA Standards Activity and move projects through the standards process in a manner that is quicker, easier, and more accessible. •

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Standards Meeting Facilitation

by Donald Loughry

his year is bringing changes to how meetings are handled within the IEEE and within the standards-development community of the IEEE Standards Association (IEEE-SA). Creating useful safeguards, leveraging Institute resources, and avoiding potential tax liabilities are some of the considerations being addressed by an Institute-wide effort to better orchestrate how the various entities of the Institute conduct their meetings. The overall objective is to facilitate rather than regulate.

The Meetings and Services Committee (MSC) has traditionally been a committee of the Technical Activities Board (TAB). However, TAB has proposed that the MSC should become a committee of the IEEE Board of Directors. As part of this, an extensive revision of the IEEE Policy and Procedures covering meetings has also been proposed. Since the IEEE Policy and Procedures govern actions for all the IEEE, these rules would cover standards meetings as well.

The IEEE-SA is now a member participant of the MSC and has a voice in developing the relevant procedures in a unique clause devoted to standards meetings. It is an accepted fact that a standards-development meeting is, indeed, a different type of meeting than the typical IEEE conference, seminar, or workshop. The nature of most standards meetings avoids, in large measure, exposing to risk the Institute's tax-exempt status, as few funds are collected. On the other hand, there are some standards-development meetings that involve hundreds of participating experts, where Institute liabilities are potentially significant.

To guide those of us working with the MSC, a set of underlying principles has been developed as a basis for IEEE-SA positions. The cornerstone of these principles rests on the notion that the majority of MSC policy and procedures related to standards meetings should apply to the few meetings that warrant the extra effort required to avoid tax liabilities, where significant funds are involved, and where coordination with other entities (societies and regions) is deemed useful.

Where do we stand today in evolving

healthy guidelines applicable to standards meetings? Draft procedures have been written and are under revision, though the core content remains largely as initially presented at the March Standards Board meeting. The revisions relate to how the overall MSC document is being restructured to satisfy Institute needs. At the June Board of Directors meeting, the various entities endorsed the principles of these guidelines. Between the June and the September Standards Board meetings, the guidelines will undergo final review in anticipation of subsequent approval by the Board of Directors in November. When they are approved, the management of IEEE meetings should facilitate these aims: be conducted on a very professional basis, avoid jeopardizing the Institute's not-for-profit tax status, improve coordination among IEEE entities, and achieve the necessary accountability on projected budgets and incurred expenses. We anticipate the new MSC policy and procedures will, indeed, facilitate the standards meeting process. •

Donald Loughry is the immediate past Chair of the IEEE-SA Standards Board.

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Highlights of the 25 June IEEE-SA Standards Board Meeting

- Membership in the IEEE-Standards Association (IEEE-SA) is now required in order to ballot on a document.
- The Standards Review Committee (RevCom) reviewed 36 items, approving 34 (7 with contingencies) and disapproving 2. RevCom has successfully implemented a consent agenda procedure. In compliance with Section 5.5 of the 1998 IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual, RevCom will consider for approval only those submittals having all documentation, including recirculation ballots, complete at least 40 days prior to its meetings.
- The New Standards Committee (NesCom) approved all projects submitted for consideration. NesCom resolved to begin planning to modify its procedures such that (the first and all subsequent) requests for extension must include project status information and a project plan for completion. NesCom will revise the letter sent to working group chairs and sponsors at the beginning of the fourth year to offer guidance on support and mentoring, if the project needs assistance.
- The Procedures Committee (ProCom) reported that a matrix to review the alignment of IEEE and ISO/IEC document titles will be developed.
- The chair of SCC10 (Terms and Definitions) resigned. If anyone is interested in definitions work and would like to assume this responsibility, contact r.kershner@ieee.org.
- SCC30 (Analog Hardware Descriptive Language) has been disbanded. For information, contact r.kershner@ieee.org.
- The merger of SCC23 (Standards Coordinating Committee on Dispersed Energy Storage and Generation) with SCC21 (Standards Coordinating Committee on Fuel Cells, Photovoltaics, Dispersed Generation, and Energy Storage) was approved. Richard DeBlasio will serve as chair of the committee.
- The Standards Board approved the following motion:
- The IEEE-SA Standards Board understands the benefits of Institute-wide support of minimal common policies and procedures as they pertain to standards development meetings, and endorses, in principle, the draft (22 May 1998) Policies and Procedures (per section 10.2 on Standards Development) now before the Institute's Meetings and Services Committee.
- The next meeting of the IEEE-SA Standards Board will be held on 16 September 1998 at the Royal Hotel and Casino in Mandelieu, France.

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The IEEE-Standards Association Proposes a Full-Service Standards Program

by Andrew Salem

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This mode of operation is not unique for standards-developing organizations like IEEE. Recently, ITS America formed a similar organization, and there are many precedents for such organizations within the standards community; the Society of Automotive Engineering Review Institute, the Automotive Industry Action Group, and US CAR are a few examples.

The new organization will enable IEEE to be a full-service standards institution to the industries it serves. •

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