

**Distribution Automation Working Group
2008 IEEE/PES General Meeting
Pittsburgh, PA, USA
July 21, 2008 3:00 to 5:00 PM
Minutes**

Welcome

Georges Simard, Chair introduced himself as chair of the Working Group.

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes from the Working Group meeting in San Antonio January 2008 approved without amendment.

Membership

Membership list was passed around for update and members introduced themselves. Excellent attendance with cross section of utilities, consultants, and manufacturers.

DA Group Businesses

"Participants, Patents, and Duty to Inform" slides: Georges displayed the three slides and briefly explained the policy. The slide set will be available for reference on the DAWG website

Doug Staszkesy Special Award: John Mc Daniel announced a special award for accomplishments in Distribution Automation to be awarded at 2009 summer meeting. Nomination forms will be available on DAWG website. Larry Clark will be the chair of this award committee, Bob and Georges will assist Larry.

DAWG Activities for IEEE / PES 2008

Several panel sessions pertaining to DA was conducted at the Tampa meeting in June 2007. Copies of power point slides for some of the presentations are available on the DAWG or the IEEE/PES websites. Panel sessions conducted are:

Topic: "Distribution Automation" Chair Larry Clark

Topic: "Communication and Information Management Technologies for Distribution Automation" Chair Georges Simard

Topic: "Utility Experiences with DSM and AMI Implementation" Chair NDR Sarma

A Tutorial on Distribution Automation Concepts was conducted. 35 persons attended the tutorial, and feedback was very positive. Plan to conduct the DA seminar at future IEEE PES meetings Chair Anil Pahwa.

Proposed Topics for Panel Sessions at IEEE / PES 2009 General meeting, Calgary

Proposed Panel sessions for IEEE / PES 2009 to include:

Topic: "Integrating AMI and Advanced Sensor Data with Distribution Automation";

Topic: "DA as Part of the Smart Grid Roadmap"



Topic: "Information Models for Distribution Automation"

Anil Pahwa will update the paper deadline information for 2009 meeting and forward the information to Bob Uluski

DA Working Group Documents

- IEEE Book on Distribution Automation – Anil Pahwa suggested giving consideration to using the DA Tutorial text/index as a beginning or base for the initial index for the book. However, subject matter for this planned document will be broader than DA tutorial. Larry Clark suggested using the EPRI Distribution Automation Guidelines (published in the mid-1980's) as another possible source of information for the book. DAWG officers will be soliciting chapter writers soon. Book will be published in hardcopy form through IEEE press.
- EPRI/IEEE Guide on DA – Frank Goodman made a presentation on EPRI's web-based resources DA and smart distribution systems. The proposed information resource will have a form similar to "Wikipedia". That is, it will be a broad encyclopedia type document on the subject of DA and smart grids. System will be open access (public domain) with no specific copyright involved. This will be a "living" document, with peer review of all submitted materials by a screening board under DAWG jurisdiction. Frank presented a possible outline for the proposed resource that will be available on the DAWG website.

"Tech Watch"

The Tech Watch section created on the Distribution Automation web site is being updated with new information obtained during January 2008 DistribuTECH conference. Focus of this year's Tech Watch effort is DA application software products. Tech Watch results will be posted on the website. Bob Uluski is leading this effort.

DA Projects and Research Initiatives for Coordination

Projects

Georges requested DAWG members to submit brief summaries of recent DA activities in their company. Several summaries have been submitted and are available on the DAWG website

Research efforts

See "DA Projects and Research Initiatives for Coordination"

Open discussion on Distribution Automation

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Technical Presentations

3 technical presentations were made:



- "Distribution Automation Initiatives at National Grid", John McDaniel
- "Distribution Automation Initiatives at ComEd", Wayne Zessin
- "Distribution Automation Initiative at Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO)", Dr. BOK-NAM HA

Copies of these presentations are available on the website
Special thanks to the speakers for their excellent contribution to the meeting.

Other Distribution Automation related conferences

The list of Distribution Automation related conferences was updated

North America

- [EPRI PQA/ADA conference](#), August 2008 4-6, Cleveland, Ohio (including DOE Advanced Monitoring update on Aug 4)
- [EPRI ADA 4th International Workshop](#), October 27 - 29. 2008, Atlanta, Georgia
- IEEE/PES joint technical committee meeting, January 2009, Orlando (Details To come)
- [DistribuTECH 2009](#), February 3-5, 2009, San Diego, CA. Includes "Utility University" full day seminar on DA (Feb 2)
- Clemson University, Advanced Metering, Protection and Control, Communication and Distributed Resources March 2009, ClemsonSC, USA, (To come)

Europe

- [CIRED Smartgrids seminar](#), June 23-24, Frankfurt, Germany
- [CIRED 2009](#), June 9-11, Prague, Czech Republic
- [T&D Europe](#) 2009 March 17-19, Barcelona, Spain

The list will be updated on the website as well. Members are solicited to advise the secretary for any upcoming event.

Other

We will plan to meet at the general IEEE/PES technical meeting in Orlando in January 2009.

