

IEEE Distribution Subcommittee
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As you all know, Smart Grid is a hot topic. It has been for the past few years and will continue to be into the future. The Distribution SC has several groups that are working on Smart Grid topics. We even have several IEEE Standards, either existing or being developed, that we considered to under Smart Grid. So please support and become involved in these working groups and help out in the development of the standards. You are also urged to ballot on these standards to help them become adopted.

Speaking of standards, IEEE-SA as come out with a new Operations Manual. There are several items that are of interest to the subcommittee. The first is that any standard that is currently valid will now have a 10 year life, instead of the previous 5-year life. This will be of a benefit to those standards where there is no significant change. The next item is that there will be no more re-affirmation of standards; they will need to be "revised" every 10 years. As for balloting, there can be no more than 1/3 of the ballot pool in any interest category (the old manual had it at no more than 50%, of which 1366 had to ask 3 balloters to change their interest category to meet the 50%). Last, if someone signs up to ballot on a standard and they fail to return their ballot (fail to vote), then IEEE-SA may disqualify the voter from future ballots.

Also, I encourage anyone who is a member of IEEE-SA to ballot on any standard that they have an interest in. If you believe that there is something wrong in that standard, you are encouraged to vote "negative". But remember, if you do cast a negative ballot, you will need to provide both comments on what is wrong and a proposed fix.

There are several Working Groups sponsoring panels at both the upcoming T&D Conference and the 2012 General Meeting. The Distribution Reliability WG is sponsoring 2 panel sessions at the T&D. The Smart Distribution WG is sponsoring several sessions at both the T&D and the 2012 GM. And even though it is not a Distribution WG, the Lightning Performance of Overhead Lines WG is sponsoring a panel session at the T&D. You are encouraged to attend as many of these sessions as you can.

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