

IEEE Distribution Subcommittee

Vice Chair Report

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Between January 2007 and June 2007, the subcommittee has been assigned a total of 47 transactions grade papers to review. Of these, 25 were new papers and 22 were revisions. This is up significantly from the same period last year. The web site for the process is located at: <http://tpwr-d-ieee.manuscriptcentral.com/> .

There has been a decline in the number of volunteers to review the new papers. There are several papers that I have received in the past few months that there have been no volunteers to review. I know that we are all very busy, but if I do not get volunteers, or enough volunteers, I may have to start assign reviewers to papers. I realize that this is not an optimal solution, but the papers do need to be reviewed.

Periodically I will send out a list of papers that require review by the subcommittee to the members of the subcommittee. I'll ask for volunteers to review the papers. After someone volunteers I will assign him or her to review the paper(s) in the system. This will automatically generate an email to the reviewer giving them the web site's address. The reviewer then will log into the system and review the paper(s).

If you do volunteer to review a paper, please make every effort to complete the review within a month. IEEE/PES has the goal of completing reviews within 90 days. As the paper may have been received up to a month before I ask for volunteers, those that do volunteer to review the paper should make every effort to review it in a timely fashion. If there are a sufficient number of reviews returned and the paper is approaching the 90-day limit, I will return the review with those that have been received.

Some recent IEEE publications have had some good articles on the peer review process. One was contained in the Institute Online and can be found at the following url: http://www.theinstitute.ieee.org/portal/site/tionline/menuitem.130a3558587d56e8fb2275875bac26c8/index.jsp?&pName=institute_level1_article&TheCat=2201&article=tionline/legacy/inst2007/mar2007/bestpractice.xml&

The second one was a little more specific to the PES and was in March's Power & Energy magazine and can be found at:

<http://www.ieee.org/organizations/pes/public/2007/mar/index.html>

Papers of archival value should

- present new methods of analysis or experimentation
- present a new process, design, or technology
- discuss and provide fresh thoughts on the effects of evolving public and environmental policies on the technologies we address and operate.

Papers to be published in the transactions must be

- written in clear and understandable language
- of interest to the reader of our journals
- of long-term value for the profession because of the above attributes.

Such papers are not those that

- plagiarize or regurgitate old and well-proven thoughts
- represent a minor variant of an old thought or analysis
- are written exposing the same or similar ideas in other publications
- have copied others' ideas without proper acknowledgment
- are poorly written or written in an obscure manner.

Please make sure that your contact information is up-to-date on the membership list, especially your email address. Working Group Chairs, please make sure your membership list are up-to-date and if there are any new members, please send me their names and email addresses. This will help me keep the reviewer email list current.

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