

Working Group on Voltages at Publicly and Privately Accessible Locations
Chuck DeNardo, Chair
Disney's Contemporary Resort
Orlando, Florida
January 12, 2010
9:00 a.m. – noon

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

The Working Group on Voltages at Publicly and Privately Accessible Locations met during the IEEE PES Joint Technical Committee Meeting at Disney's Contemporary Resort in Orlando, Florida from 9:00 a.m. to noon on January 12, 2010. There were approximately 40 people in attendance. During presentation of the mandatory patent infringement and litigation slides there was a brief discussion with Bill Ash, acting Standards Association liaison, regarding concerns that had been expressed about possible working group violations of IEEE's antitrust rules. The group was told there was presently no violation and why, and all present appeared to be satisfied with the explanation. This discussion was followed by approval of the previous meeting minutes and introduction of attendees.

The chair then provided an update concerning officer elections that had been placed on hold pending an answer to the following question. Should the chair be appointed by the sponsoring committee, or elected by the working group members? Because the T&D Committee rules now in place allow for either method, a vote was held to determine which would be used by this working group as it moves forward. Members voted to allow appointment of the chair. Since nominations had been solicited, and no one had been nominated to hold the positions of Vice Chair and Secretary, a vote was not necessary. The existing Vice Chair and Secretary will remain in their positions until the next required vote (i.e. 2012).

Three presentations followed:

- John Goodfellow of Biocompliance Consulting discussed efforts to build a database of important documents related to Section 5 of the guide, Human and Animal Electrical Sensitivity. These documents would be placed in a password protected site linked to the group's web site. They would be reviewed and categorized by members. The site would be expanded in the future to hold relevant documents concerning other sections of the guide.
- Stu Hanebuth of Consolidated Edison brought the working group up to date on activities of the New York State Stray Voltage Task Force, and indicated that members of the task force would remain active working group participants as we move forward.
- Aaron Prazan of Southern California Edison discussed the California Electrical Code (i.e. General Order 95) and how its unique rules governing system neutral conductors can affect both stray and contact voltages levels.

Following these presentations the chair indicated there would likely be a web meeting prior to the next General Meeting. The web meeting would cover recent swimming pool code changes and pool investigation protocol recommendations. Prior to adjournment there was a thought provoking exchange regarding whether or not the group should attempt to set a "not to exceed" voltage exposure standard. Nothing was decided, and additional discussion will be required.