

**Working Group on Voltages at Publicly and Privately Accessible Locations
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National Harbor, MD
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2PM-5PM**

The Working Group on Voltages at Publicly and Privately Accessible Locations (aka the Stray & Contact Voltage Working Group) met at the 2014 IEEE PES General Meeting on the afternoon of Monday July 28th at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, MD. There were approximately 35 people in attendance. Following review and approval of the New Orleans meeting minutes, a discussion took place with regard to extending the existing PAR and modifying the type and title of the document we have been working on. A quorum was present and before the meeting ended the voting members present unanimously voted to seek extension approval and change the type and title of the document from “Trial-Use Guide for Assessing Voltages at Publicly and Privately Accessible Locations” to “Guide to Understanding, Detecting and Mitigating Stray and Contact Voltage”. (Note: Both of these actions were later approved by SA.)

Prior to the working group meeting an Editorial Task Force had been established and a complete draft of the guide had been created. That draft was put before the group and discussed in detail. Many changes were suggested and discussed before deciding to vote on moving the draft to ballot. A motion was made to move the existing draft to the balloting process, regardless of whether or not SA approved the type and title change, and contingent upon incorporation by the Editorial Task Force of the comments received at the meeting and any received during the following six week period. The motion passed with 20 approvals and 2 abstentions.

During the meeting an announcement concerning the upcoming Jodie Lane Conference was made and concerns were expressed about the possibility of an essential patent that may hinder the approval process. (Note: Following the meeting a letter was sent from counsel to the owner of the patent to the Administrator of the IEEE-SA Standards Board Patent Committee indicating that, as presently written, they do not believe they have any essential patents that would be necessary to create a compliant implementation of the proposed standard).

The meeting was adjourned.