



TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE



September 12, 2011

Dear Committee Members and Guests:

You and your companion are cordially invited to attend the Fall 2011 Meeting of the IEEE-PES Transformers Committee to be held **October 30 to November 3** in Boston, Massachusetts. It is my pleasure, and the pleasure of OMICRON electronics Corp. USA, to be your host for this event.

Our meeting will be at the **Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel** (606 Congress Street). This hotel is about a 15 minute walk from Downtown Boston, in the growing Seaport District on the Boston Harbor. It is convenient to many activities including shopping, restaurants, sporting & music venues, theatre and museums. We have planned some tours and social events, however there is so much to do and see in Boston and the surrounding areas, we have also left some time for you to discover our beloved city. There are some ideas at the end of this letter, and more information is provided on the Committee's web site. OMICRON host employees and hotel staff will also be available during the meeting to provide assistance and suggestions.

The discounted guestroom rate is US\$159, including complimentary Internet in the guest rooms. Just mention "IEEE Transformers" to receive the group rate. Visit the Committee's web site for a link to registration. The cut-off date for this group rate is October 7, but we expect the hotel to sell-out before then. Parking at the hotel is US\$42 per day, however we encourage you to take a taxi or public transportation from the airport, due to its close proximity and because Boston is very easily accessible by walking and public transportation.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Register on-line at www.transformerscommittee.org for tours, social events, and meeting registration. Register by October 7 to receive the US\$50 early registration discount. The on-line registration system will be disabled on October 26 to print name badges and to finalize counts. Note that the cost to walk-up register at the meeting is substantially higher than for registering on-line in advance.

At this meeting, we are again offering **free meeting registration for first-time end-user attendees**. (Note: Typically an "end-user" is someone who works for an electric utility or an industrial facility which purchases transformers covered by IEEE standards.)

Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) is located 3 miles northeast of the hotel. Cost of one-way transportation to/from Logan Airport:

Taxi - Approx. \$25
Watertaxi (on request) - \$12
Train/Bus - \$2

BOSTON WEATHER

In late October, the autumn foliage will be in full effect. This time of year it tends to be chilly, although you will not need your snow gear. A light to heavy jacket would be suitable for day and the nights can be quite cold so please keep that in mind. Normal daytime highs for -this time of the year average 57°F (14°C), and night time lows are 42°F (6°C). You will need medium weight clothing and possibly some rain gear. Dress at the meeting is business casual.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday - Boston Duck Tour

This is a great way to familiarize yourself with the area and begin to learn about Boston's rich history. The "DUCK", a W.W.II style amphibious landing vehicle, will pick you up from the hotel and take you on an 80-minute tour of Boston, including a dip in the Charles River. Space is limited, so register early!

Monday Evening - Boston Frightseeing Tour

Make the most of Halloween Night in Boston by joining us on this haunted tour of one of America's oldest cities. This guided trolley and walking tour will pick you up from the hotel and take you to graveyards and sites of "haunted" scandals from throughout history. Space is limited to one bus-load so register early!

Sunday Evening Reception - Renaissance Waterfront Hotel Ballroom

OMICRON is proud to host this reception set amongst gorgeous views of the Boston skyline. Cash-bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Please indicate your intention to attend this event during the on-line registration process.

Tuesday Speaker Luncheon - Mr. Frank DePaola

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Highway Administrator, Frank DePaola will speak of innovation in Massachusetts at the newly formed MassDOT. His speech will include the efficiencies of combining the MBTA (subway and train system), RMV, Mass Aeronautics, and the Highways under one umbrella.

Wednesday Evening Social - Spirit of Boston

Enjoy a gourmet dinner, live music, and a private tour of the Boston Harbor waterfront aboard the Spirit of Boston. Located directly across the street from the hotel, this dinner cruise will show you all Boston has to offer!

SPOUSE/COMPANION TOURS

Monday, October 31

Join us for a guided bus and walking tour of **Boston and the North End** in the morning, followed by an **Italian lunch at Maggiano's**. After lunch, visit the renowned Museum of Fine Arts featuring the new Art of the Americas wing.

Tuesday, November 1

Take a bus ride to **JFK Presidential Library** and take a walk through the life and times of one of America's most beloved Presidents. From there you will take a bus to **Pickering Wharf for Lunch in the Seaport** before touring through Salem. This will include a tour of the Salem Witch Museum, before returning to Boston in late afternoon.

TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS

We have two interesting and practical presentations planned on Monday and Tuesday afternoon: "Partial Discharge Measurements", and "Use of Furans as a Diagnostic Tool to Estimate Insulation Life". Arrive early to get a good seat.

TECHNICAL TOUR

Tuesday Evening - Doble Laboratories in Watertown, MA

Open tour for all conference attendees and their spouses/companions. See the enclosed flyer for more information. Indicate your desire to attend when registering on-line for the meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Along with this invitation letter, additional meeting information can be downloaded from the Committee's website (www.transformerscommittee.org).

1. Meeting Registration Form. This document is primarily used for those who do not have access to the Internet or need to pay by paper check or money order. It also makes a good guide to review the fees before you begin the on-line registration process. On-line registration is strongly encouraged.

2. Detailed Meeting Schedule & Thursday General Session Agenda. If there are any noteworthy changes, an updated schedule will be posted on the Committee's web site approximately one week prior to the meeting.

3. Information Flyers:

- Sunday Duck Tour and Monday Frightseeing Tour
- Spouse/Companion Tours
- Tuesday Speaker Luncheon
- Wednesday Evening Dinner Social
- Technical Tour
- Technical Presentations

The entire OMICRON Host Team and we are committed to making your visit to Boston a memorable one. We look forward to seeing you in Beantown!

Sincerely,

Charles and Mary Ann Sweetser

Fall 2011 Meeting Host

OMICRON electronics Corp. USA

