

Meeting Announcement

I am writing this letter to inform you that the Fall 2021 Transformers Committee meeting scheduled to take place in Milwaukee, WI from October 17-21 has been canceled. This decision has been made after careful consideration of the changing COVID situation and the potential increased health and safety risk to our attendees. Proceeding with an in-person meeting would likely result in many of our voting members and regular attendees being unable to attend the Milwaukee meeting. The resulting low attendance will make it difficult to establish quorum in many meetings and, as a result, no substantive business will be possible. Fortunately, our host hotel in Milwaukee has agreed to allow us to cancel this meeting without financial penalty.

In lieu of an in-person meeting in Milwaukee, a virtual meeting will be scheduled, but the specific date of the virtual meeting has not been finalized. The meeting planners are currently looking at dates in November, but coordination with Encore, the audio-visual firm that has supported our last two virtual meetings must be worked out before we can confirm a specific date. We expect a final decision to be made within a few days. Please check the Committee's website (www.transformerscommittee.org) for updates in the coming days.

The format of the virtual meeting will be as similar as reasonably possible to the format that has been used for our last two Committee meetings. If you are an activity leader you may have already seen a preliminary meeting schedule, but some of the meeting times may change to accommodate the virtual format. A revised meeting schedule will be posted on the Committee website within the next few weeks.

If you previously made a hotel reservation at the host hotel (Hyatt Regency Milwaukee) using the IEEE Transformers Committee reservation code for the reduced rate, your hotel reservation will be automatically canceled. If you made a hotel reservation at another hotel, or outside the reduced room rate block at the host hotel, you will need to cancel the reservation yourself. If you have booked airline flights to attend the meeting in Milwaukee, please cancel them.

Our registration system was being prepared for an in-person meeting, so some changes will be required before we can open registration for the virtual meeting. Please be patient while we make these changes and continue to check the Committee website regularly for announcements regarding registration.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience or costs resulting from the cancellation of the in-person meeting. We believe it is in the overall best interests of our participants and the Committee to shift to a virtual format and we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we make this change.

Best Regards,



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Chair, IEEE PES Transformers Committee