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Fall 2024 Meeting

St. Louis, Missouri USA













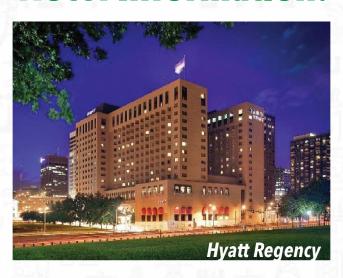
Dear Committee Members and Guests:

You and your spouse/companion are cordially invited to St. Louis, Missouri, "The Gateway to the West," to attend the FALL 2024 meeting of the IEEE PES Transformers Committee, October 27–31, 2024.

The Transformers Committee will be headquartered at the **Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch**, immediately adjacent to St. Louis' Gateway Arch. St. Louis features many exciting things to do, with many free to the public. St. Louis is home to the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team, Blues hockey team, St. Louis City soccer team and Battle Hawks UFL team. Within walking distance of the hotel, you can visit the Gateway Arch, Busch Stadium, Ballpark Village, City Museum and Union Station. In addition, there are many "must visit" landmarks and eateries, including Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Pappy's BBQ, Crown Candy, Ted Drewes and many others.

WELCOME TO ST LOUIS! We strongly encourage you to enjoy the restaurants, shops and entertainment at the Ballpark Village, a short walk from the Hyatt Regency.

Hotel Information:



Our meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at 315 Chestnut St., Saint Louis, MO 63102 · (314) 655-1234.

Attendees will have access to many great restaurants and activities within walking distance of the hotel. Even though St. Louis is a major US city, it doesn't have a "big city" feel. There's a Ruth's Chris Steak House as well as a Starbucks in the lobby.

Group room rate starts at US\$204/night, single or double.

Also, please note the Hyatt
Regency St. Louis at the Arch is a
cashless hotel. Visit the
Committee's website for a link to
reserve a room, or, if you call the
hotel, mention "IEEE Transformers"
to receive the respective group
rate. Cutoff date for the group rate
is Monday, October 7, 2024.
NOTE: The hotel is likely to sell-out
before this date!

Getting There:

The Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch is located in "downtown" St. Louis, approximately 14 miles northwest of the St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL). Estimated taxi fare to/from hotel (one way): US\$35–\$50 from STL. Estimated lyft/uber fare (one way): US\$35–\$45 from STL.

Meeting Registration:

Register on-line for the meeting, Sunday night reception, Monday and Tuesday lunches, Wednesday lunch, spouse/companion tours, technical tours, and Wednesday night social event: A Magical Evening at the Gardens. The registration link can be found on the Committee website Next Meeting page. Register by October 4th to receive a US\$50 early registration discount (depending on your registration type). The on-line registration system will change over to the on-site registration rate on October 23rd. The cost to register on-site is substantially higher than the advance registration price, and some events may not be available for on-site registration.

Weather:

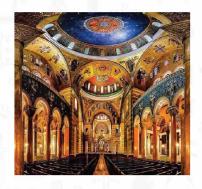
You will be in the midwestern part of the US, and St. Louis weather in late October is anybody's guess. Light to medium weight jacket is highly recommended, even if it's not needed. In late October, it's not uncommon for the weather outside to be cool and rainy; however, there are many very nice things to do within a short walking distance. As always, dress for the meeting is business casual.

Sunday Evening Welcome Reception:



The reception will be held at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch. Featuring live music by a local group, plenty of tasty food and cash bars. This is a great way to start your week off by catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. Please indicate whether you will attend this reception during the meeting registration process.

Spouse/Companion Tours:



Monday, Oct. 28, 2024 City, Cathedral & Brewery 9:30am – 4:00pm

Begin your day with a driving tour of St. Louis. Learn the history of St. Louis and tour the historic neighborhoods of Soulard and Lafayette Square. Visit and tour the Cathedral Basilica, whose interior is adorned in 83,000 square feet of mosaic tiles, one of the largest such collections in the world.

Enjoy lunch at Favazza's Restaurant, located in the famed Italian neighborhood known to locals at "The Hill." For dessert, visit a St. Louis original, Ted Drewes Frozen Custard. This unique, one-of-a-kind custard stand has been in operation since 1929 and has never been franchised.

In the afternoon, visit Anheuser-Busch Brewery, where you will be guided through a blend of rich brewing heritage, state-of-the-art technology, and extraordinary architecture. Learn how the brewery product is made from beginning to end, stop in the aging cellars, see the world-renowned Clydesdale horses and end up in the hospitality room with free product samples and time to shop the amazing gift shop.



Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024 Forest Park & Kirkwood 9:30am – 4:00pm

Begin your day with a driving tour of Forest Park, home of the 1904 World's Fair. Visit the Missouri History Museum, where you will be entertained by a docent-led tour of the re-imagined 1904 World's Fair Exhibit.

Enjoy lunch at One 19 North Tapas Wine Bar, then browse the quaint neighborhood of Kirkwood, MO with its many shops, boutiques and Farmer's Market.

Technical Tours



Monday, Oct. 28, 2024 The H-J Family of Companies 6:30pm - 9:45pm

The H-J Family of Companies will be hosting a tour of its State Road PP facility, including high voltage test lab, featuring research and development capabilities including electrical, mechanical, environmental and chemical testing and analysis. In addition, you will get a tour of the complete facility that includes tooling, mold and foundry pattern design and manufacturing, EPOXY molding, conductor fabrication, plating and distribution center.

Register online for all tours. See flyers for details.



Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024 WEG 6:25pm - 9:45pm **WEG Transformers USA,** a leading supplier of distribution and power transformers throughout North America, will host a technical tour at its distribution transformer factory in Washington, Missouri, which opened in November 2021. The tour will include an overview of all three WEG factories, a detailed tour of its distribution transformer facility followed by dinner at the plant.



Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024 The Gund Company 12:20pm - 3:00pm

The Gund Company is an industry leader in the design and manufacture of electrical insulation applications for transformers, switchgear, power electronics and rotating equipment. This technical tour will emphasize the company's manufacturing processes and includes lunch at its facility.

Wednesday Dinner Social:



Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024 6:30pm - 10:00pm

To top off a great meeting week, join us for a **Magical Evening** at the **Gardens**. The magic starts with our venue for the evening, which will be the beautiful Missouri Botanical Gardens. Not only will you be able to roam and enjoy the beautiful Missouri Botanical Gardens, but you will also be entertained during the evening with a truly magical experience. During the cocktail hour, there will be roaming magicians doing magic, including sleight of hand, mind-reading, and illusion, with a little humor mixed in. Following dinner, there will be a formal Mind Kontrol Magic Show, featuring illusions, mind-reading and other special magic. See flyer for details.

Additional Meeting Information:

Along with this invitation letter, additional meeting information can be downloaded from the Committee's website:

- **Registration Fees Summary -** Guide to review all fees before logging into the registration system.
- **Meeting Schedule and General Sessions Agenda** If any noteworthy changes are made, an updated schedule will be posted on the Committee's website a few days prior to the meeting.

We are certain you will enjoy your stay in St. Louis, and we look forward to seeing you at the FALL 2024 meeting!

Best regards, Ed Smith and The H-J Family of Companies Team

FALL 2024 Meeting Hosts





