



TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE SPRING 2022 MEETING



March 16, 2022

Dear Committee Members and Guests:

You and your spouse/companion are cordially invited to Denver, Colorado, USA, to attend the spring 2022 meeting of the IEEE PES Transformers Committee, March 27–31. We look forward to welcoming you to the Mile High City, named one of the top two best destinations to live in the United States by *US News & World Report*! With parts of the city sitting exactly 5,280 feet above sea level, Denver is located on high rolling plains, 12 miles east of the "foothills," a series of gentle mountains that climb to 11,000 feet. Just beyond is the "Front Range of the Rocky Mountains," a series of stunning snowcapped peaks that rise to 14,000 feet, with 200 named peaks visible within the city limits. Denver boasts 300 days of sunshine each year, a thriving cultural scene, diverse neighborhoods, stunning architecture and award-winning dining, all of which have made it one of the fastest growing U.S. cities and one of the most visited by outdoor adventurers, art enthusiasts and foodies alike.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Our meeting will be held in the heart of downtown Denver at the [Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center](#), 650 15th Street. Offering three regionally-inspired restaurants, well-equipped fitness center, indoor lap pool, comfortable rooms and suites, the Hyatt Regency offers views of the Rocky Mountains and the city's dramatic skyline. Adjacent to the Colorado Convention Center and just one block from shopping at 16th Street Mall, this contemporary luxury hotel is close to some of the city's most popular historic, cultural, dining and entertainment venues.

Our discounted guestroom rate at the hotel starts at US\$189 per night and includes complimentary wireless internet in guestrooms and hotel public space as well as complimentary fitness center access for all overnight guests. Visit the Committee's website for a link to reserve a room, or if you call the hotel, mention "IEEE Transformers" to receive the group rate. The cut-off date for the group rate is Wednesday, March 2, but we expect the hotel to sell out before this date.

GETTING THERE: The Hyatt Regency is located approximately 25 miles/40 km east of Denver International Airport (DEN). Taxi fare is approximately US\$70 one way from the airport, and taxis are required to accept credit card payments. UBER and Lyft (starting at approximately US\$32) are also approved for ridesharing at the Denver International Airport. Additionally, mass transit options are available starting at US\$2 one way. Underground hotel covered self-parking located off 14th and Welton Streets is US\$42/car per night. Valet parking is also available at a rate of US\$52/car per night.

MEETING REGISTRATION: Register on-line for the meeting, Sunday night reception, Monday and Tuesday lunches, spouse/companion Monday tour and Tuesday activity (this link can also be found on the Committee website Next Meeting page): <https://cvent.me/yqYy5o>. Register by **Wednesday, March 2**, to receive a US\$50 early registration discount. The on-line registration system will be disabled on Wednesday, March 23 to print name badges and finalize counts. 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: March temperatures in Denver are typically comfortable during the day and quite a bit cooler at night with only a tiny chance of rain (average high of 58°F/14°C and low of 29°F/-2°C). While March can be one of Denver's snowiest months, the snow often melts quickly once the sun comes out (remember: 300 days of sunshine annually!). Our spouse/companion tour on Monday does include some shopping time that will require participants to be outside and the hotel is within walking distance to a TON of great restaurants, so we are hoping for these averages to play out on the high side! Dress for the meeting is business casual.

SUNDAY EVENING WELCOME RECEPTION: The reception will be held inside the Hyatt Regency's beautiful Centennial A Ballroom from 6pm to 8pm, featuring live music, a variety of fantastic food and cash bars. Please indicate whether you will attend this reception during the meeting registration process.

SPOUSE/COMPANION TOUR & ACTIVITY: Monday's **Experience Estes Park** tour starts with an early breakfast at the hotel, so the bus can leave by 8:30am to navigate through the mountains to beautiful Estes Park. Accompanied by an energetic and fun guide, attendees will arrive at [the Stanley Hotel](#) for a private tour of one of the U.S.' most haunted hotels. Afterwards, the group will head to lunch at an Estes Park favorite restaurant, followed by time to explore the quaint downtown shops before heading back to the hotel.

Tuesday morning's activity is all about relaxation and learning a unique form of art called **Zentangle®**. Taking place right at the Hyatt Regency, award-winning artist and certified Zentangle instructor, [Annie Reiser](#), will help participants create beautiful art using basic pen strokes to form structured patterns in a stress-free environment. No drawing experience is required!

See flyers for details and register early as attendance is extremely limited.

NO TECHNICAL TOURS OR WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER SOCIAL: Many venues are not yet booking events or tours. We hope to be able to offer these types of activities again during the fall meeting in Charlotte.

ADDITIONAL MEETING INFORMATION: Along with this invitation letter, additional meeting information can be downloaded from the Committee's website at www.transformerscommittee.org/meetings/2022-spring-denver-meeting/:

- Registration Fees Summary – 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 all of what Denver has to offer and look forward to seeing you at the spring 2022 meeting!

Best regards,

Jeff Gragert

Spring 2022 Meeting Host

