IEEE ET Section PES/PELS Joint Society Committee Meeting

Casual Pint (Hardin Valley Rd), January 23rd, 2018

**Attendance**

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**Discussion Topics**

**1 Finance**

The joint society has a funding of $1500 in total from IEEE for this year, with $1000 from PELS and $500 from PES. The $1000 PELS funding has been seen in lab’s account(?)

Tom will be reimbursed once the society received the money.

Cost for inviting speakers may be high since IEEE will only cover the travel expense and the society has to pay for the local expense (lodging etc.).

Suman will find what types of events/expenses can be funded by IEEE.

**2 Lessons learned from last events**

* Need to have a banner or some signs to guide the participants
* Foods are good, costs are higher than expected
* People like the game (tech trivia)

**3 List of types of credits-earning activities**

Some types of activities that may help the joint society earn credits in the yearly performance evaluation are listed below (please add new item as you see fit):

* Conference
* Invited talks
* Webinars
* Workshop – professional development, standard, skills, etc.
* Improving variety – women, students, etc.
* …

Topics for consideration: various tech topics, IEEE standards, interview/presentation skills, networking skills, career development, IEEE membership promotion

**4 Future events**

*Recent*

* John Halliwell (EPRI, EV Program Chairman) and Tom Cooke (EPRI) are willing to do a talk on EV and the experience as an EV user, in Feb. or early March time frame.
* Emre’s advisor might be able to give a talk in March/April.
* UT’s student chapter will host one or two events this semester (March/April)
* Workshop/talk on IEEE standards
  + PES: Kevin Fellhoelter might be a candidate, and maybe someone from EPRI
  + PELS: need to identify candidates
* Survey:
  + maybe one more question to list all the events for scoring
  + make the format simpler and more consistent

*Later*

* May consider bring in local talents (ex. ORNL persons) for talks/presentations
* Professional development for students
  + Resume/CV development
  + Interview and presentation skills
* Women in Science and Technology – Sara Mullen may give a talk
* Tours – SNS might be an option
* Start to think about plan for conference/workshop

*Some ideas for social events*

* Toastmaster
* Breaking-out room
* Fancy dinner to bring family
* Bring children to tech events
* …

*Other*

* How to coordinate with UT’s student PES/PELS society: events, participants, …
* ORNL person to presentation – slides need to go through RESOLUTION (previously PTS)
* Need to find out if IEEE can sponsor beer

**5 Next committee meeting**

To setup weekly meeting/teleconf for next several weeks.

**Action items**

* Suman to find a list of IEEE funded events/expenses
* Tom to confirm EPRI talks
* Committee to decide how to coordinate with UT’s PES/PELS (join or co-host?)