

Minutes, PSMA Magnetics Committee

March 29, 2017

Most of the meeting was devoted to planning for the workshop prior to APEC 2018. APEC will be at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX March 4-8, 2018. The workshop will be the Saturday prior to APEC 2018, on March 3, 2018. We cannot make any official announcements or extend official invitations until we are notified of the acceptance of a proposal to the PSMA Board of Directors that is yet to be submitted, though, in practice, no Magnetics Committee proposal has ever been rejected.

Prior to the meeting, we received an email from Ray Ridley suggesting that we aggressively promote the workshop and expand it significantly. The consensus of the members present was that the present size of 150 is good.

After the meeting, we received notice that the PSMA Capacitor Committee will hold a workshop at the same time. We will cooperate with them.

A number of suggestions for the workshop were made. Among them,

- Have presentations that are longer than 15 minutes, with Q&A immediately following each presentation.
- Extend the time for demonstrations to 2-1/2 hours.
- It was noted that the technical demonstrations at breakfast were poorly attended and some were not set up in advance. Nobody suggested not doing it, but we do need to promote them more effectively to try to increase participation.
- All agreed that the social hour with demonstrations was good, but we should not extend it beyond one hour. About half of the attendees did not stay. We may get better participation if we promote it more effectively in advance so people do not make other plans.
- There was some interest in having a longer panel discussion with more specialists.
- We asked Charlie Sullivan if he would be the keynote speaker next year. He will consider it. Note, this is a tentative invitation until it is ratified by the workshop committee.
- Another tentative invitation to speak was to Gerry Hurley, to talk about a possible skin effect for flux. Charlie Sullivan has the drilled cores from the Phase II study, and those can be loaned to Gerry.
- There may be an opportunity to fund some research that would be presented at the next workshop. A Special Project Nomination form would need to be submitted to the PSMA Board of Directors and approved.
- There was little interest in having the workshop at another venue, at least not for 2018.
- We will send all attendees a survey. We will base it upon last year's survey, and try to do it soon, so that we have the results for our next meeting. We purposefully set the next meeting for five weeks out, hoping to have the results.

We discussed the Industry Session for next year.

- This year, we based it mostly on the workshop. Some who attended both felt cheated.
- It is substantially more work to do an Industry Session with a completely different theme. If we are to consider that, we need a champion to arrange it.
- If it is based on the workshop, we need to say so more effectively in the title
- One suggestion was to devote the talks before the break to a summary of the workshop with new material for the last three topics.

The next meeting will be by Webex on May 1 at 10:00 CDT.

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