

ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORTATION GROUP OPERATING GROUP MEETING

March 2, 2001, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Hartsfield Boardroom
Hilton Atlanta Airport Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

VP Adnan Akay called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm and introductions were made. (Attachment A – in attendance).

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved as submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE E&TG BOARD MEETING 11-8-00.

It was

MOVED: To approve the minutes of the November 8, 2000 meeting as distributed.

4. REPORT & COMMENTS OF VICE PRESIDENT

Vice President Adnan Akay noted that he attended the COE Congress of Division at this Technology Executives Conference, which was very engaging with lively discussions. As a result of what transpired there, it is important to have discussions at the Group workshop on the directions divisions want to go. He urged all to attend the E&TG workshop because this is an important issue in light of COE's probe.

VP Akay gave J. Austin and R. Blauvelt a copy of the list of legislative opportunities that may be of interest to their Divisions.

VP Akay advised to check balance on all gold medal awards that divisions may sponsor because if the balance is greater than \$50K, ASME is open to dividing into two awards and accounts.

5. DIVISIONAL PEER REVIEW (Aerospace Peer Review by RTD)

Report presented by G. Arrasmith (Attachment B). He noted that Aerospace seemed to have solved some of their problems, however, the low number of Fellows is an issue. J. Robinson noted that Aerospace Structures Technical Committee has been most active and that the composition of the Executive Committee's structure is back on track.

J. Robinson submitted report in response to Division Peer Review Guidelines (Attachment C).

6. DIVISION REPORTS

A. Aerospace

Report by J. Robinson (Attachment D and E). He also distributed the Aerospace bylaws at the meeting, noting editorial changes.

It was

MOVED: To approve the Aerospace Bylaws.

ACTION ITEM: H. Scarton to review Aerospace Bylaws and give comments within one month and bring to COE at SAM '01.

ACTION ITEM: J. Robinson to distribute bylaws by email.

B. EED

Report by R. Blauvelt. He discussed TC activities and reported that EED is co-sponsoring the ICEM '01 with NED, noting that Benda has worked very hard on this conference.

A. Moghissi reported on the Env. Policy Technical Committee and asked to establish a National Resources Institute. A. Moghissi said the COE Energy Committee asked him to write policy statement. He added that EED stands to benefit from a joint conference with SWPD. It was agreed that this would be a good exercise because EED's peer review is being taken into account.

ACTION ITEM: J. Austin and A. Moghissi to organize a plan on joint EED and SWPD activities.

ACTION ITEM: R. Blauvelt to send E. Manes the EED written report for inclusion in minutes.

C. Noise Control and Acoustics

Report by T. Farabee for Sean Wu (Attachment F).

D. Rail Transportation

Report by G. Arrasmith (Attachment G). Additional points include:

- RTD Scholarship received ten inquiries (good amount).
- membership had a 1.5% decline (minimal effect, comparatively)

E. Solid Waste Processing

Report by J. Austin. Key points include:

- noted membership decline of core people because of changes within the industry and not yet sure of what to do about this.
- mentioned calling on previous core people to get back on.
- E. Manes pointed out that SWP could be put on probation if membership falls below 300.
- continuing with NAWTEC and having ASME publish the book from now on and have SWANA (a trade org.) organize the conference.
- question as to why wouldn't SWPD move into other solid waste areas and expand scope. A. Moghissi added that EED has already claimed recycling as their area.

ACTION ITEM: SWPD Peer Review by EED to be reported at IMECE '01.

This initiated mostly to help with SWPD's issues and challenges and to explore co-sponsoring activities, etc. between the two divisions.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Honors

Report by T. Farabee (Attachment H). B. Gorin said that the Sperry Award will be presented to the French TGV Train Team. There is a question of where to present this award since there are too many individuals to present it at IMECE.

It was

MOVED: To have E&TGOB endorse the Sperry Board's request to present the award at the Congress Honors Assembly.

ACTION ITEM: Gorin to draft a letter for VP Akay's signature to submit to Committee on Honors supporting the Sperry Board's request.

Gorin also solicited ideas from the Group for ideas on significant contributions to the art of transportation.

B. Long Range Planning

VP Akay asked for a Long Range Planning Volunteer.
John W. Robinson volunteered to Chair the Committee.

C. Division Performance

ACTION ITEM: VP Akay and E. Manes to discuss this position.
E. Manes noted that P. Friedman was not certain of MAL status.

D. Technical Coverage & By-Laws

Scarton requested electronic versions of division bylaws.

8. LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

A. Nominating Committee

Gorin noted that the Nominating Committee is searching for good nominations for officers and encouraged Group members to nominate potential candidates.

B. Distinguished Lecturers Committee

No report.

C. Member Interests Committee

Report will be submitted at IMECE '01 by G. Arrasmith.

D. Board on Research

A. Moghissi reported that CRTD is significantly different now and staff has been told not to solicit funding because it could be competing with members' organization.

E. Membership Development Committee and Divisional Membership Development

No report.

F. International Congress Program Committee

M. Hastings reported on IMECE 2001 current session allocation (55 in total):
8 sessions for RTD, 17 sessions for NCAD, 30 sessions for Aerospace.

Aerospace Propulsion Committee's request for a session has not yet been allocated. (There were 50 sessions in the initial allocation; 6 for RT, 16 for NCA, 28 for Aerospace).

G. Committee on Technical Planning

H. Scarton commented that CTP met in February and will meet again in April. He would like notes from Group's workshop sent to him.

9. STAFF REPORT

E. Manes reported.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business reported.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be November 11, 2001 at IMECE in New York, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The E&TG Board meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Elio A. Manes
Secretary for the Board