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Executive Committee 2007 – 2008

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1. Attendees:

- Executive Committee: Peter Prassinos, John Etherton, Enrique Susemihl, Chinh Bui, Curtis Smith
- Other: Greg Kowalski (IMECE 2008 Technical Chair), Vince Dilworth (ASME Staff Support)

2. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm EST. Meeting was held at IMECE 2007 in Seattle.

3. Action Items List:

- Pete to send Greg Kowalski email to let him know Shuzhen Xu is doing Ward's job (SERAD conference technical chair) for IMECE 2008.
- Pete to send John the form(s) that were used to set up the panel session from IMECE 2007.
- Pete will check on the status of the revised bylaws and will send these out to the SERAD EC.
- Pete will notify the 2008 LTC organizers that John and Curtis will be attending.

Pete will send out the information from the Energy and Technology group related to their proposed operating board.

4. **Treasurer's report:** No changes from the last monthly report.
5. **Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes from the September 13 and October 25, 2007, conference calls were discussed. The September 13, 2007, minutes were approved conditional on the change that John is going to the 2008 LTC rather than Enrique. The October 25, 2007, minutes were approved.
6. **IMECE 2008:** Greg Kowalski provided a brief overview of how IMECE 2008 is going, including changes from 2007. Goal will be to have more focus on interdisciplinary tracks. The 2008 deadlines will be tighter with less built in buffer time. John suggested doing a panel session at IMECE 2008. Like IMECE 2007, we will have one track with three categories (we had 8 sessions in this track in 2007). SERAD is looking for the IMECE 2009 chair, this person could be the co-chair for IMECE 2008 (Shuzhen Xu is the chair). Need to consider having SERAD build support for exhibitors in 2008.
7. **IMECE 2007:** It was noted that we need to make sure that people get credit for each session by rescanning their attendance badge.
8. **Operating Board Idea:** The Energy and Technology group is exploring the idea of an operating board. This board would be structured something like: Past Chair, Incoming Chair, and six at-large members. Possibly have 12 board members in total.
9. **Virginia Tech Donation:** SERAD received another letter concerning a Virginia Tech donation. No decision was made to support this request at this time.
10. **IMECE 2007 Best Paper:** SERAD will pay the registration for the author with the "best paper" in the SERAD sessions. Session chairs, co-chair, and EC members are not eligible for this award. The EC voted on this by choosing three papers, with the best assigned 3 points, second-best 2 points, and third best 1 point. The paper with the most points (total of 9) was paper #42345 (the second-place paper was #43358 with six points).
11. **Joint Conferences:** The idea was mentioned to have SERAD to team with other related conferences such as IAPSAM or PSA (sponsored by the American Nuclear Society). ASME does have some seed funding for these types of activities.
12. **Risk Management Journal Article:** Idea was mentioned to consider updating and revising the previously-started "risk management journal article" for possible publication in an ASME journal.
13. **Research Ideas:** Ideas related to research and publications are welcome. The suggestion to publish a dictionary of terms related to risk/reliability. Need to put together a proposal to present to ASME. Note that a risk assessment guidebook already exists and is published by ASME.

14. Meeting Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm (EST).

15. Next Meeting: The next meeting is set for December 18th, 2007, 11:45 EST.