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Appendix I  
SII Committee Meeting @ IMECE  
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## Draft Minutes

### Committee on Strategic Initiatives & Innovation (SII) Conference Call – August 25, 2009

*Participants* Chris Przirembel, *Chair, SII Committee*  
John Ahlen, *Member, SII Committee*  
Lydia Carson, *Member, SII Committee (via phone, part-time)*  
John Goossen, *Member, SII Committee*  
Loretta McHugh, *Member, SII Committee*  
Steve Nichols, *Member, SII Committee*  
Reese Meisinger, *Member, SII Committee (nonvoting)*

*Staff* Patti Jo Snyder

#### I. **Agenda Overview and Approve Minutes**

Committee Chair Chris Przirembel welcomed members to the call and made a motion to approve the minutes of the June committee meeting held in conjunction with the ASME Annual Meeting.

*The committee **voted to approve** the minutes from the 6/13/09 committee meeting.*

#### II. **BI Office Activity**

Reese Meisinger, ASME staff, reported that with the July 1<sup>st</sup> start of the fiscal year, work had been initiated on both the AutoVenture Forum/INSuM proeject with Clemson University and the ASME Angel Fund Feasibility Study.

Idea generator Dr. David Bodde, Clemson University, will be meeting with staff and ASME ITI Senior Fellow Rich Bendis on August 26<sup>th</sup> for a planning and mapping exercise to better define deliverables and milestones for the AutoVenture Forums.

A meeting with staff leadership has been scheduled at the New York Office on September 3<sup>rd</sup> to provide an “Angel Fund 101” overview and identify appropriate principals to participate as members of the project team.

With the BI Office now officially accepting and managing projects, Przirembel requested that staff develop a proposal tracking system for committee and project team use, complete with a reporting and comments/dialogue section.

### III. Review of BI Proposals

#### A. Long-term Operations (LTO) of Nuclear Power Plants

Przirembel opened the floor to comments regarding the additional information offered to support the LTO Proposal to the BI Office. Regarding funding, staff reiterated that ongoing discussions with the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation were very positive and it seemed highly likely that a Sloan grant of \$75K would be forthcoming to support the initiative. Additionally, EPRI would be matching the \$50K from the ASME BI Office with in kind manpower efforts.

John Goossen offered that this work would be very valuable to the nuclear industry and that the output of the project could potentially spur ancillary products related to Codes & Standards.

*A motion was made and accepted to approve the LTO project for Phase I funding.*

#### B. Base of the Pyramid (BoP) Workshop

In discussing the BoP Workshop proposal, members were excited about the overall topic and ASME's potential role in this arena. However there were concerns, specifically regarding overall objective and expected outcomes of the event; use of funds requested; and lack of vision presented by the idea generator of "next steps" post workshop.

The committee agreed to table a motion on the BoP Workshop pending further details from the idea generator (Dr. Win Phillips, Chair, Strategic Issues Committee).

Based on the BI proposal review experience to date, members requested that when possible staff have the idea generate available during discussions to address questions and champion the idea in front of the committee when

Because of scheduling, the call adjourned at 2:45pm. Przirembel requested that staff address the balance of topics on the agenda via email.