

IEEE CAS Power Systems and Power Electronic Circuits Technical Committee

Minutes of May 30, 2000 Committee Meeting
Geneva, Switzerland

The Power Systems and Power Electronic Circuits Technical Committee (PSPECTC) met on May 30, 2000 during ISCAS 2000. Adrian Ioinovici chaired the meeting. Secretary was Ian Hiskens.

1 Introduction

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1230 and welcomed attendees. Attendees introduced themselves. An attendance sheet was circulated, Attachment 1. The lunch was very tasty!

2 Election of Officers

Alex Stankovic is the incoming Chairman of the PSPECTC. His term runs through to the end of ISCAS 2001.

An election was held to determine the Chairman-elect, who will become Chairman from ISCAS 2001 to the end of ISCAS 2002. The PSPECTC has a policy of alternating the chairmanship between the power electronics and power systems communities. It was noted that Alex Stankovic actively contributes in both communities. This tended to confuse the process. However Alex Stankovic was elected on the basis of his power systems activities, so his successor should be drawn from the power electronics community.

Marian Kazimierczuk was the sole nomination, and was duly elected.

The position of Secretary has been vacant for a number of years. It was suggested by the Chairman that filling the position could provide impetus to the development of a PSPECTC web page.

Ian Hiskens was the sole nomination, and was duly elected.

3 Special Sessions at ISCAS 2001

Ian Hiskens volunteered to organize a special session, with the tentative title “Complex Systems Issues in Power Systems”.

Adrian Ioinovici agreed to organize a special session in the area of power electronics.

4 Workshops

Adrian Ioinovici suggested the PSPECTC should be more active in organizing workshops.

Nicola Femia volunteered to organize a two day workshop, to be held in southern Italy around August 2001. The proposal was for parallel power electronics and power systems sessions. The workshop would be structured around devoting significant time (3/4 to 1 hour) to “high quality” papers. Selection of those papers would be based on rigorous review. Major points of the discussion included:

- Some form of market survey should be undertaken to assess probable attendance.

- A power systems workshop will be held in Japan, around August 2001. (The exact date is not yet set.) This could significantly affect the power systems attendance at the Italian workshop. Perhaps the workshop should focus solely on power electronics.
- Other workshop models may be more appropriate, e.g., sessions in the morning and evening, with the afternoons free for discussions.

5 Review Process

A general discussion of the review process for CAS journal papers revealed that both authors and Associate Editors were frustrated with the slow pace of that process. It is not uncommon for papers to remain in the review process for longer than two years. Associate Editors frequently have trouble obtaining a timely response from reviewers.

Associate Editors normally send papers to five reviewers. They can generally act on three consistent reviews.

It was suggested that reminders should be sent to reviewers after six to eight weeks.

It would be good to have some way of rewarding diligent reviewers. This is difficult to achieve though.

6 Conclusion

The Chairman thanked the attendees for their participation, and closed the meeting at 1315. The next meeting will be held Sydney, Australia, in conjunction with ISCAS 2001.