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Smart Grid Interoperability Panel

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Plenary Secretary Voting Continues: Runoff Ballot Opens Today

THANK YOU to all of our candidates who ran in last week's election -- James Bryce Clark (OASIS), Phil Davis (Schneider Electric), David Mollerstuen (Tendril), Jonathan Poor (Navigant Consulting) and Bill Swan (Honeywell). It was a competitive race due to the quality and competence of our candidates.

The results have been tabulated and a runoff vote will occur. The two contenders are James Bryce Clark and David Mollerstuen. Please visit **this Twiki page** for a background brief of each candidate.

For eligible Voting Representatives, the ballot will open today at 3p.m. Eastern. An email will be sent to those qualified to vote. This Voting period will close on March 23 at 5p.m. Eastern.

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Seeking Nominations for Outstanding Members

The work of the SGIP relies every day on the many members of its working groups, committees and PAP teams to make things happen. SGIP leadership believes in recognizing those that are making outstanding contributions in the name of Smart Grid progress.

Learn more and/or submit a nominee for us to honor by visiting this page of the Twiki.

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5 Reasons Why You Should Be Attending the Spring Face-to-Face Meeting

Sometimes we forget how important real conversations, in real time, in real rooms, can be.

You cannot email a handshake. After a conference with your fellow SGIP members, you will gain a deeper sense of who they were, how they operated and their personalities. Strong personal connections leads to great productivity according to studies conducted.

Opportunity to get your answer *answered*. We have all had the experience of an email trail that went on forever, until someone finally picked up the phone and resolved the issue in a matter of minutes. If you have questions or a breakthrough idea, now is the time to ask colleagues when they are right there in front of you. Often discussions during meal breaks, help in terms of members dealing with decisions, information sharing and exchange, indicating agreement or disagreement with issues, and so forth.

Strengthen transparency and trust within your team. Trust is an integral part of business relationships and building trust is clearly a function of having repeated personal interactions with one another. This is not to say that trust cannot be built using computer based technologies, but the research evidence suggests that it takes longer to build. In person allows for geographic and psychological borders to be broken, instilling trust and building a bond between members.

Brainstorming and problem-solving occur faster. Studies have shown people feel more inspired in an actual versus virtual environment. By creating bonds and raising the comfort level amongst team members through a face to face meeting, productivity in a virtual team may actually increase.

You cannot share a beer via GoToMeeting. Face-to-face business meetings allow “side-line” conversations among participants that are often very valuable in accomplishing the various tasks and duties. As much as we love our computer-mediated communication, it still can’t replace good old personal time.

In a 2009 Harvard Business Review survey, 95 percent of respondents viewed in-person meetings as a key to success in building long-term relationships. Casual acquaintances today could be future business partners tomorrow.

To review agenda or register, click here.

Please note that this is a mandatory meeting that counts for Member voting rights. Members are encouraged to attend in person, but virtual attendance via web and phone counts for maintaining voting rights. Remote details will be posted on March 20.

Our special hotel rate has been extended. Reserve by March 18 for the special rate of $139. *To make your reservation call 615.885.2200 (mention "SGIP Spring Meeting") or* ***click here***.

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Review Your Individual Membership!

Have you changed companies in the last year? Are you sure your listed a Member Representative for your current organization? Did you remember to tell the SGIP Administrator or make contact in your new company to be added to their Membership?

Especially for Participating Members, when attendance counts towards Voting Rights, it's important we have you representing the right organization.

To verify your representation, contact Jeny Dowlin (jeny@enernex.com) of the Administrator team.

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Upcoming Activities within the SGIP

Thursday, March 17	Friday, March 18	Monday, March 21	Tuesday, March 22	Wednesday, March 23
10:00 AM PAP-16 11:00 AM SGTCC Roadmap Group 11:00 AM PAP-3 EMIX 2:00 PM B2G DEWG 2:30 PM V2G DEWG (PEV WG)	3:00 PM PAP-5 and 6 3:00 PM EMIIWG 4:00 PM CMEWG	1:00 PM SGTCC End-to-End Testing Group 3:00 PM EMIIWG	11:00 AM PAP-15 1:00 PM CSWG AMI Security 3:00 PM SGTCC Working Group 8 4:00 PM PAP-8 and 14	10:00 AM I2G DEWG 11:00 AM PAP-9 EITC 3:00 PM *Plenary Secretary Runoff Vote Closes*
All times shown are Eastern. To join these meetings, please visit the "Events" section of the TWiki.				

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