

REPORT OF ADSCOM SUBCOMMITTEE
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VIENNA, VIRGINIA

The Subcommittee met on Wednesday morning. The main committee minutes include Subcommittee and liaison reports. Following are highlights of the ADSCOM meeting.

Currently, official balloting of IEEE Switchgear Standards is done simultaneously with the switchgear Committee and the ANS C37 delegations. To reduce confusion with those who receive two ballots, the IEEE ballot will show IEEE as the returnee and the ANS C37 ballot will show the delegation chairman as the returnee.

Several NEMA SG Committees meet during the IEEE SG meeting to work on NEMA sponsored documents. In an effort to provide maximum input during development of these standards, some of these meetings will be held as joint NEMA-IEEE meetings. This will start at the Montreal meeting.

IEEE has initiated a SPA system. This is a computer accessible bulletin board plus many other features. Contact IEEE Headquarters for more information.

Three motions were made and approved involving IEEE-IEC joint activities.

1. A joint working group will be set-up to develop a capacitor switching standard.
2. An official liaison will be established with TC SC 17A. IEEE delegates will have all rights of delegates except voting. Voting will still be limited to the National Committees.
3. A joint working group will be established to work on power tests for high voltage circuit breakers.

IEC has approved these items.

Heinz Schramm of IEC will attend our May 96 meeting in Ft Lauderdale to review progress and perhaps identify new items for harmonization.

Keith Gray and Heinz will try to set-up at joint IEEE SG and IEC meeting in Berlin during the 97 Summer Meeting.

Two or three times a year, we are asked for a standards interpretation of our standards. To formalize the review and response process, ADSCOM has approved the following procedure. Requests for interpretation will be sent from the Switchgear Committee Chairman to the appropriate Subcommittee Chairman. At least two Subcommittee members will review and develop a response. The approved Subcommittee response will be circulated to the other Subcommittee Chairman for review. Once approved, the response will be sent from the Switchgear Committee Chairman back to IEEE. Once a response has been developed, we expect to complete the approval process within 15 days.

Eldridge Byron reports that EPA has identified SF₆ gas as a hazardous substance. Doug Bannerman of NEMA is following this development. Additional information is included in the Main Committee minutes.

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