

STLNA Meeting - 24 September 2015 Report to Switchgear

Purpose of STLNA - The Purpose of STLNA (Short Circuit Liaison of the Nations of the Americas) is for HV and Power test labs in North and South America to discuss issues of common interest in the testing of electrical power equipment. STLNA reviews and formulates responses to documents or policies under discussion at STL. STLNA organizes activities of mutual interest to the member labs, such as calibration of high current shunts, etc.

Meeting and Attendance

- STLNA met on Tuesday night 22 September 2015
- 15 people attended the meeting in person and 3 more by phone
- Representatives of 11 member labs were present and 2 observers
- Gary MacFadden of NEMA was the secretary for the meeting

1 Chairman's report

Paul Leufkens chaired for the first time and expressed gratitude to Kirk Smith who lead STL of the Nations of Americas (STLNA) for around 7 years and brought it to much more technical interaction and professional improvement.

In line with the objectives of STL we agreed to a modification in the STLNA constitution to secure commitment that members of the STLNA will follow the technical decisions of the STLNA when certifying product compliance to these standards. We will start a register of decisions.

There was a report about the "mother organization" STL, which has many new member applications, some of them were recently approved, some were accepted as under probation, and some rejected.

With reference to the new fuse standard, we had a good technical discussion about the procedure for how to secure the required elevated and lower temperatures of test samples as agreeing to the text in the standard. We have taken as an action item to elaborate a common procedure, in which always extra samples must be used to secure testing under specified temperatures.

Most of the other technical issues will be scheduled to discuss in a conference call In order to assure good preparation for the Technical Committee meeting scheduled for November.

STLNA will deliver one or two more General Interest representatives for our IEEE ballot procedure.

Soon we'll have our own STLNA logo.

2 Membership

A representative of the Hubbell Lab in Centralia, MO attended for the first time as an observer.

3 STLNA Officers

Paul Leufkens, Management Chairman.

Tom Stefanski, Technical Liaison Director.

4 STL TC Scheduled meetings

The STL Technical Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 2015. Highlights of this meeting will be discussed by Tom Stefanski via a teleconference in October.

5 The following technical topics were discussed but not yet resolved.

STLNA held several teleconferences in 2015 to discuss technical issues.

6 Shunt Calibration project

STLNA members are participating in the Round Robin Shunt Calibration program. Several labs have already received the shunt and done their calibration tests. We are trying to add LaPem to the schedule, but they will probably have to wait until the next calibration program in 5 years.

7 Financial Report was reviewed

Dues support the travel of the chair and technical liaison to the STL MC and TC meetings and for STLNA to host future STL MC and TC meetings.

8 New Business

A constitution change was proposed and agreed to at this meeting.

9 Next Meeting

Next Meeting is planned for April 26, 2016 at the Spring Switchgear Meeting in Hilton Head, SC, USA.