



The Energy Storage Association

Newsletter, April 2001

Meeting update

This special edition of the newsletter is to give some late news about the Spring Meeting in Chattanooga at the end of this month. We are looking forward to an interesting and lively meeting, and if you haven't yet booked, there is probably just enough time to make those travel plans. Please book and register now!

The meeting is on Thursday April 26 and Friday April 27, 2001. Because we have a full program, registration on the first day will commence at 7.30 am and the opening session is due to start at 8.30 am. A continental breakfast will be available at registration.

The meeting is now being held in the Chattanooga Marriott at the Convention Center, which is also the recommended hotel for the meeting. We have changed the venue from TVA's headquarters in order to deal with the number of registrants for the meeting.

The program now includes some additional presentations so do please check the latest version which is published on the website. The final program will be available at registration. The program includes tours to the Raccoon Mountain pumped hydro plant, (bus / coach transport will be provided) as well as the energy storage social on the Southern Belle Riverboat. Those wishing to visit EPRI's PEAC center in Knoxville will need their own transport, but we expect that we will be able to organize a car share during the meeting.

All speakers should already have been contacted by our staff: We are asking for presentation materials to be handed in at registration so that the proceedings can be compiled during the meeting. (Speakers: Please don't forget to turn in your materials!)

Full Members of the ESA are encouraged to take the option of a display (table top size) for posters and literature during the meeting. This must be reserved in advance by e mailing info@energystorage.org

We also encourage members to take advantage of the topical news session at the end of the meeting. Items are limited to 4 minutes and 59 seconds (!) and a time slot should be reserved by e mail.

ESA business

The ESA is a membership organization, with an elected board of directors. The directors meet by teleconferencing about once a month during the year, to set the course of ESA's activities. The major debate takes place at the full board meeting held the day before the Spring Meeting. During this meeting the board will consider the ESA's finances and reports as well as setting out the strategy and direction of the ESA for the next year, with a longer term overview into 2003.

The board appointed Dr William Hassenzahl of Advanced Energy Analysis, as an executive director, with special focus on members and membership benefits. Bill has been contacting members and non members about the ESA and he will be reporting back at the board meeting. If you would like to contact Bill, please e mail him at advenergy1.aol.com

It is very important that if members have suggestions, comments or feedback that they let Bill Hassenzahl or a board member know so that due account can be taken at this meeting.

The current board members are

Officers:

Chairman: Dr Phil Symons (pcsymons@ix.netcom.com)

Secretary: Mike Behnke

Treasurer: Les Fairchild

Others

Dale Bradshaw

Jim McDowall

Ben Norris

Anthony Price (Publicity)

Gerard Thijssen

Brad Roberts (Membership)

Secretarial and administrative assistance is provided by Cricket Rubino.

You can contact them directly through their company e mail (as listed on the ESA website) or by sending mail to info@energystorage.org and it will be forwarded to them.

The ESA website

The website is under continual review, and if members have information (but not direct advertising) that could be added please forward it by e-mail to info@energystorage.org **Please would members verify their public listing information on the website.** This free advertisement service is a member benefit. Many visitors to the site use the links as a means of contacting members so **please help us to keep this information accurate.**

The IEEE Power Engineering Society

A panel session on energy storage will be run at the 2001 IEEE/PES Transmission & Distribution Conference and Exposition, to be held in Atlanta from October 28 - November 2. To participate in the panel session, contact Jim McDowall by April 30 – by e-mail at jim.mcdowall@saftamerica.com, or at the Annual Meeting.

The PES Stationary Battery Committee will also be organizing a series of papers on battery cycling issues, to be presented at the PES Winter Meeting 2002 in New York on January 27-31, 2002. The committee has invited the participation of ESA members in this effort, and an announcement will be made at the Annual Meeting. If you can't attend at Chattanooga and would like to contribute, contact Jim McDowall.

Other news

EUS, one of our European members, has suggested that an ESA meeting should be held in Europe, probably Germany, in September 2001. The meeting will include visits to at least two energy storage sites, one battery, one SMES. It is hoped to have more news at the ESA meeting.

We are planning ESA meetings for 2002. The Spring meeting will probably be run alongside EESAT 2002 in California and we hope to confirm arrangements at the ESA meeting.

We reported in the previous edition of this newsletter that the US budget appropriations for energy storage were being considered as we went to press. More information should also be available at the Spring meeting.

If any members have news of energy storage budgets, markets or other information from other countries, please let us know! We are the international organization for energy storage and we want to make sure that our activities cover the whole area of energy storage!

see you in Chattanooga !

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