

Highlights
TS Teleconference
July 25, 2012, 3:00 p.m. EST

Participants

Burger, Bob (Sandia)
Konst, Jullian (NSTec, LV)
Miller, Ed (NA-43)

Mitchell, Laurie (Hanford)
Moore, Jim (NSTec, LV)
Wyatt, Louise (ORISE)

Revised Charter

Co-Chair Transition to Chair and Length of Terms

Transitioning from Co-Chair to Chair was discussed at EMI SIG TS Meeting, and there was no decision on length of terms. Bob received an email from Teresa Lawlor, who wants us to reconsider that position. Her email stated:

I do have a question concerning the charter revision. Bob - I know we discussed having the Co-Chair transition into the Chair position, but the more I think about it I'm having reservations. I'm concerned that by making this automatic we're limiting participation. I know some of the subcommittees elect a new Chair and Co-Chair every year. Some even have more than one Co-Chair. This gives everyone the opportunity to serve in a leadership role. I guess my thinking is that the Chair and Co-Chair position should be like that of a president and vice-president. The Co-Chair steps in if the Chairman can't fulfill the duties of the position, but the Co-Chair still has to be elected when the Chair either steps down or is replaced by voting. This approach would give more people an opportunity to serve.

Bob asked for comments.

Laurie agreed that the group should be surveyed about this issue. Jim Moore concurred. No differing opinions were voiced.

Bob asked about length of terms suggestions and stated that he will be stepping down as of May 2013 and not seeking reelection. Laurie said it will be good to include a question in the group survey about length of terms. She suggested two to four years with the option of seeking reelection if desired. No Term Limits may be another option. Please give us your feedback on this.

Status of Current Objectives/Core Groups

Objective 6: Offsite Training (Bob for Diana de la Rosa, SNL)

Bob reported that EOTA has agreed to look at this from an instructional design process because Diana will not be able to get to it until December.

Objective 9: New Staff Resources (L. Mitchell, Hanford)

Laurie explained that they do not yet have a final product because they were not aware of the need for approval authority through DOE. It was sent to DOE, and, therefore, not ready for the EMI SIG Meeting. Since that time, they have revised the information on the slides as a sort of resource library of the DOE 151 Program Element and resubmitted it to DOE. Laurie's understanding is that, at this point, they are wondering about the applicability of it, so she and Bob put together a survey to send out to EMI SIG and maybe the TS to determine if it is a valuable tool that would be used. That was submitted to Steve Lockett and is still there.

Bob explained that it was designed to be a briefing for 15 different elements. They wanted to put the package together and leave blocks for site-specific information so the sites could take out and put in what applied to them in order to expose their new people to the 15 elements. The questions holding up the process were whether this was a briefing or training and how is it going to be deployed.

The purpose of the survey was to determine if the site customers thought it would be a good product would use it. We want to make sure that whatever we put out will be used and worthwhile.

Objective 10: Subcommittee Liaisons

No liaisons were on the call. Bob requested an email be sent to them to request input from their subcommittees on any training issues for the TS.

Selection of another Objective

Bob talked about the need to develop another objective and stated that when Objective 9 is resolved, the TS will be down to two objectives.

Open Discussion

Ed stated that it is good to get perspective from others and invited any TS members who are in the DC area to participate in a Headquarters exercise. He said that some sites are combining their exercises to get involved with what the others are doing.

Bob expressed concern about the amount of participation in conference calls and involvement in the Subcommittee. That same concern was discussed at the EMI SIG TS Meeting.



Future Conference Call Dates

- October 17, 2012
- January 16, 2013
- April 17, 2013

Adjournment and Next Subcommittee Meeting

The teleconference adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled call will be held **October 17, 2012 (3:00 p.m. EASTERN)**.

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