

IEEE PES TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE FALL 2018 MEETING

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF TRANSFORMER STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT!



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Dear Committee Members and Guests:

As we continue to celebrate the Committee's 100 year anniversary, we cordially invite you and your spouse/companion to Jacksonville, Florida, USA, to attend the Fall 2018 meeting of the IEEE PES Transformers Committee, October 14–18. We look forward to welcoming you to Florida's youngest city that is equal parts Florida Flavor and Southern Hospitality. From stretches of stunning beaches and waterways to extraordinary cultural spots and many historic neighborhoods, Jacksonville has something for everyone! We are excited for you to experience why *Lonely Planet* ranked Jacksonville on its list of the world's "10 Best Value Destinations for 2018"—the only U.S. city to make the list!—and why Expedia's Viewfinder blog named Jacksonville as one of "21 Supercool U.S. Cities."

HOTEL INFORMATION: Our meeting will be held in the heart of downtown Jacksonville at the newly remodeled **Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront**, 225 East Coastline Drive. The Hyatt is adjacent to the city's scenic Main Street Bridge, providing beautiful river views and walkable access to all that downtown has to offer. If you do not feel like walking, the hotel offers an eco-friendly bike service that reaches popular locations such as the Landing, Times-Union Center, Museum of Contemporary Art and Florida Theatre.

Our discounted guestroom rate at the hotel starts at US\$149 per night and includes complimentary wireless internet in guestrooms and hotel public space as well as complimentary fitness center access for all overnight guests. Visit the Committee's website for a link to reserve a room, or if you call the hotel, mention "IEEE Transformers" to receive the group rate. The cut-off date for the group rate is Friday, September 21, but we expect the hotel to sell out before this date.

GETTING THERE: The **Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront** is located approximately 15 miles/24 km from Jacksonville International Airport (JAX). Taxi fare is approximately US\$30 one way from the airport, and taxis are required to accept credit card payments. UBER and Lyft (US\$22) are also approved for ridesharing at the Jacksonville airport. Other paid airport transportation options are available through the hotel's website: [Hyatt transportation options](#). Self-parking across the street in the hotel's garage is a discounted US\$15 per car per night. Valet parking is also available at a standard US\$25 per car per night.

MEETING REGISTRATION: Register on-line at www.transformerscommittee.org for social events, tours and the meeting. Register by **Friday, September 21, 2018**, to receive a US\$50 early registration discount. The on-line registration system will be disabled on Wednesday, October 10, to print name badges and finalize counts. The cost to register on-site is substantially higher than the advance registration price, and some events may not be available for on-site registration.

WEATHER: October in Jacksonville is typically warm during the day and cooler at night with only a small chance of precipitation (average high of 82°F/28°C and evening low of 64°F/18°C). We are planning for an outdoor welcome reception and some fantastic spouse/companion tours with outdoor activities, so we are hoping for these averages to play out! Dress for the meeting is business casual.

SATURDAY EARLY BIRD EVENT: If you arrive early, please join us for an evening of music and great food at **River City Brewing Company**. Order off the menu and set your own return schedule. See flyer for details.

SUNDAY EVENING WELCOME RECEPTION: Renew old friendships and form new ones! This reception will be held outside (weather permitting) on the **Hyatt Regency's River Deck** with spectacular views of the St. Johns River, Main Street Bridge and the Jacksonville skyline. Cash bars, plenty of fabulous food and fun, tropical music will be provided. Registered meeting attendees and spouses/companions are welcome to attend. Please indicate whether you will attend this reception during the meeting registration process.

SPOUSE/COMPANION TOURS: Monday's excursion is an **Amelia Island & Fernandina Beach Adventure**, including a river cruise of Amelia Island, voted third Best Island in the United States by *Conde Nast Traveler*. Lunch dockside at the infamous Brett's Waterway Café follows the cruise as well as a visit to Clay Times Art Center and time to stroll through quaint downtown Fernandina Beach and its colorful shops.

Tuesday is the **Gilded Age Tour of St. Augustine**. The day begins with a narrated trolley ride around St. Augustine, the nation's oldest city. Tour guides will showcase the city's highlights and history before dropping guests off at the Lightner Museum. After the museum, the chartered trolley takes guests on to St. George Street with a stop at the oldest masonry fort in the continental U.S. for those interested in exploring this national monument before heading to enjoy Spanish/Cuban cuisine at the historic Columbia Restaurant. After lunch, time is available to either discover St. George Street's vast offerings or head back to explore the fort before a relaxing coach bus ride back to the hotel.

See flyers for details and register early as attendance is limited.

WEDNESDAY DINNER SOCIAL: Located in the historic Riverside section of Jacksonville, the **Cummer Museum** is home to more than 5,000 works of art, spanning from 2100 B.C. through the 21st century. Thought-provoking exhibitions, some of the most important and delightful gardens in Northeast Florida—including a breathtaking sculpture garden—and several special collections enhance the Museum's artistic offerings. After experiencing the permanent galleries and gardens while enjoying passed appetizers and strolling musicians, browse the delightful gift shop before enjoying a buffet dinner overlooking the gardens. See flyer for dinner menu and details.

ADDITIONAL MEETING INFORMATION: Along with this invitation letter, additional meeting information can be downloaded from the Committee's website at www.transformerscommittee.org:

- Registration Fee Summary – Use this as a guide to review the fees for each activity before you begin the on-line registration process.
- Meeting Schedule and General Sessions Agenda – If any noteworthy changes are made, an updated schedule will be posted on the Committee's website a few days prior to the meeting.
- Other informational flyers, including those for the Saturday Early Bird Event, Spouse/Companion Tours, Wednesday Dinner Social and technical presentations.

We are certain you will enjoy all of what Jacksonville has to offer and look forward to seeing you at the Fall 2018 meeting as we close out this milestone year!

Best regards,

*IEEE Transformers Committee
Meetings Planning Subcommittee*