

IEEE PES TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE SPRING 2018 MEETING

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF TRANSFORMER STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT!



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Dear Committee Members and Guests:

You and your spouse/companion are cordially invited to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, to attend the Spring 2018 100-year celebration meeting of the IEEE PES Transformers Committee, March 25–29. We look forward to welcoming you to our city, located at the confluence of the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers. Known as both “The Steel City” for its more than 300 steel-related businesses and the “City of Bridges” for its 446 bridges, Harper’s Bazaar recently named Pittsburgh one of the “Best Places to Travel in 2017.” The city was also just named one of four Tech Hubs to watch in 2018 by VentureBeat.com.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Our meeting will be held in the heart of downtown at the historic **Omni William Penn Hotel**, 530 William Penn Place. Less than a 10 minute walk to award winning restaurants near the Theatre District and Market Square, the Omni is also just across the street from the UMPC Building which allows access to Pittsburgh’s light rail system—the “T”—that will take you all over the city, free of charge. Our discounted guestroom rate at the hotel is US\$149 per night and includes complimentary wireless internet in guestrooms and hotel public space. 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, March 2, but we expect the hotel to sell out before this date.

GETTING THERE: The **Omni William Penn Hotel** is located approximately 30 minutes from Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT). Taxi fare is approximately US\$50 one way from the airport, and taxis are required to accept credit card payments. UBER and Lyft (US\$35) are also approved for ridesharing at the Pittsburgh airport. Self-parking across from the hotel at the Mellon Square parking garage is US\$19 for cars per night. Valet parking at the Omni is \$36 for cars per night.

MEETING REGISTRATION: Register on-line for social events and the meeting and express your interest in attending the technical tours at www.transformerscommittee.org. Register by **Friday, March 2, 2018**, to receive a US\$50 early registration discount. The on-line registration system will be disabled on Wednesday, March 21, 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: Spring in Pittsburgh is cool but comfortable, with an average high of 53°F/12°C and evening low of 32°F/0°C. Most of our events are indoors, and we are hoping for great weather during your visit! Dress for the meeting is business casual.

SATURDAY EARLY BIRD EVENT: If you arrive early, please join us for an evening of music and fun at Tequila Cowboy. Order dinner off the menu and set your own return schedule. See flyer for details.

SUNDAY EVENING 100 YEAR CELEBRATION RECEPTION & DINNER: We are planning a 100-year celebration event for Sunday evening — reception, dinner, special awards and entertainment by Don McMillan, “Named #1 Corporate Comedian” by the CBS Business Net. Space is limited, and we expect this event to sell out quickly. **You must sign up by March 21 to attend.** See flyer for details and register early!

SPOUSE/COMPANION TOURS: Monday's excursion is **Fallingwater**, one of Frank Lloyd Wright's most widely acclaimed works. The building was designed in 1935 for the family of Pittsburgh department store owner, Edgar J. Kaufmann. Fallingwater is the only major Wright work to come into the public domain with its setting, original furnishings and artwork attached. After the one-hour tour, lunch will be served at The Historic Stone House Restaurant, located in the scenic Laurel Mountains.

Tuesday is the **Gems of Pittsburgh Tour**. Your day begins with a visit to the spectacular **Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens**, which is listed as an historic landmark on the National Register of Historic Places. Then travel to the magnificent **Grand Concourse Restaurant** for lunch, in a National Historic Register railroad station. The afternoon will be a guided tour of the Frick family mansion, **the Clayton**. The Clayton is an example of both the home of a wealthy Pittsburgh family and of late Victorian architecture and interior design. You will have the unique experience of learning about the Frick family, local history and Victorian social customs in the family's home, where more than 90% of the furniture and artifacts on display are original. When not on the tour, you will have access to the Frick Art Museum and the Car and Carriage Museum.

See flyers for details and register early.

TECHNICAL TOURS: Tours of **Pennsylvania Transformer** facilities on Sunday, **Mitsubishi Electric** – HV Switchgear Division on Monday and the **ABB** HV Breaker and Arrester plants on Wednesday are planned. Indicate your interest in attending when registering on-line for the meeting, and a representative from the manufacturer(s) will be in contact with you to confirm your spot on the tour(s). Note that all three manufacturers reserve the right to deny access to their tours at their sole discretion. See flyers for details.

WEDNESDAY DINNER SOCIAL: No Wednesday dinner social event is planned for this meeting.

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, technical tours and technical presentations.

We are certain you will enjoy all of what Pittsburgh has to offer and look forward to celebrating a century of transformer standards development with you at this milestone meeting!

Best regards,

Dennis & Janet Blake

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