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Minutes

Education Committee

Date and Time: Monday, March 20, 2017
Location: Kissimmee, FL
Chairperson: Richard Knittel, Chair
Paul Feld, Vice-Chair

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Topic	Discussion	Conclusions
Call to Order and Welcome	Richard Knittel	
Review and approve minutes from Sacramento meeting	Greg Walters	Motion to approve minutes from Fall '16 and unanimously approved.
E-Learning Subcommittee Report	Dennis Roundtree Identified WTB as a LMS provider. WTB has a scalable program and experience working with associations that are both attractive to EGSA. Recommendation will be made to the BOD this week to table the project until the sub-committee can perform a financial analysis of the project and a staff evaluation. Dennis offered all attendees documentation regarding the program to date. Requests for the information and offer to volunteer on the project can be directed to the Education Committee chair.	<u>ACTION ITEM:</u> Recommendation to the BOD to table LMS pending financial analysis and staffing evaluation.
Director of Education Report	Michael Pope Reference the <i>Education Report to the Education Committee, March, 2017</i> . The report was emailed to committee members prior to the conference.	

	<p>Technician Certification Michael noted that only ‘the best of the best’ pass the Journeyman level tests. Discussion between FSU and the US Army are ongoing to determine how to improve the pass rate among military technicians.</p> <p>Richard Knittel noted Michael Pope has volunteered to write a Powerline article focusing on the new technician certification tests being more difficult vs. the originals to insure certified technicians are qualified to perform work.</p> <p>Reference Book Question regarding publishing an electronic version of the reference book. Michael noted protection of the material is the primary reason this hasn’t been pursued. Several noted there are protection technologies to prevent problems. Discussion ensued regarding various industry examples of electronic education materials.</p> <p>Scholarship Program Application deadline is May 1st.</p> <p>Caterpillar Training Caterpillar, Seguin, TX requested EGSA training tailored to needs at the facility. The program included An Introduction to On-site Power Generation and was well received. Michael presented the program and asked for feedback from the committee regarding its application for member companies as a benefit to EGSA membership or as a custom school at member’s facilities.</p>	
<p>Load Bank Certification Subcommittee Update</p>	<p>Paul Feld</p> <p>The subcommittee met at 6:45 Monday morning.</p> <p>The DACUM panel (9 panelists) met for 3 days to develop 200 questions with multiple choice answers. The material has been presented to FSU. Pilot test in <i>April</i> with technicians of all levels. Plan is to hopefully announce the first formal class at the ‘17 Fall Conference.</p> <p>Discussion about the anticipated cost DD’s are willing to pay for the 3 day load bank certification training.</p>	

Genset Maintenance Program Development	<p>Richard Knittel</p> <p>Discussion regarding the importance of standardized maintenance procedures/best practices and how EGSA can develop materials. Suggestion to use NEC 70B, CH 5, is a starting point.</p> <p>Richard noted the history of various EGSA education programs and their current success. Discussions about a maintenance program needs to start now. He'll email the committee after the conference to request additional input for discussion at the Fall Conference.</p>	
Review Committee Initiatives	Richard Knittel	
New Business / General Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add a safety module to the Basic School. • Consider forming a Safety subcommittee to the education committee. • Are there EGSA efforts to influence other genset education programs? 	
Motion to Adjourn		Adjourned at 3:10