



# Committee Minutes

Committee Name: Government Relations  
 Date and Time: September 16, 2013  
 Location: Seattle, WA  
 Chairperson: Bob Lewis

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Topic	Discussion	Conclusions
Introductions	Persons present at meeting updated names, company, programs working on and why they selected GR committee	Need to do this when we see new persons attending
Government/Industry Interaction in the continuing budget CRA and sequestration	<p>No one from Government can attend EGSA conferences at present time.</p> <p>Can EGSA support funding to bring in a speaker from PM-MEP?</p> <p>Bob Lewis has already talked to Paul Richards about this initiative and he can take this further up chain of command</p> <p>Possible funding by committee member companies to allow one person from relevant government organization to attend spring conference.</p>	<p>It would appear that funds may already be available for this type of speaker visit.</p> <p>Motion to EGSA board to fund this arrangement. Approx. cost \$1500 per event. Kyle Tingle took this as action. Bob Lewis to provide backup information.</p> <p>We all agreed that we need to keep this type of interaction with PM-MEP as that link now is basically been severed.</p> <p>The process within PM-MEP for someone to attend could take 4-6 months so this decision to fund needs to be done ASAP.</p> <p>Once agreed Bob Lewis to coordinate with Paul Richards.</p> <p>Define how long we do this for, one off or until sequestration ends?</p>
Recommendations to the Board for the Raymond A. Russell grant	<p>\$10000 grant to support 3-4 grants per year for military veterans to attend EGSA on site schools to develop their skills for an on-site energy career.</p> <p>How to allocate grant funds</p> <p>How to publicize the grant</p> <p>To reach and utilize our military members</p>	<p>Committee voted to name the grant: "The Raymond A. Russell Grant"</p> <p>The approx. amount is \$2500 per person. Decision still needs to be made exactly how funds will be distributed.</p> <p>Candidates would apply on line using similar process as the Coren scholarship program. Would then go through gateway selection process.</p> <p>Applicants can already be employed by a distributor/dealer but preferred would be</p>

		<p>someone just coming out of military into civilian career.</p> <p>Announcement to be placed in Powerline once details finalized.</p> <p>We could enquire into using Army 249 mobile power group contact and Marine expeditionary force McKenzie as vehicle to get message out to potential candidates.</p> <p>EGSA could match additional \$5000 (as per Vaughn Beasley) for 2 more persons.</p> <p>Student could be provided 1 year free student membership on successful course completion.</p> <p>Russell to have representative available at award ceremony. Plack would also be given.</p> <p>Motion approved to take this case to the education committee for allocation of funds. Once approved Government relations committee will contact interested parties to get grant details out to stakeholders.</p>
PM-MEP website	Website undergoes some changes at each leadership change. Check on new web site as PM-MEP moved under CSS.	New site: <a href="http://www.peocscss.army.mil/">http://www.peocscss.army.mil/</a>
Cote & D'Ambrosio, Inc.	Eric Cote gave overview of Powered for Patients initiative. Has some genset suppliers interested. Working with Federal Agencies to coordinate if this is a feasible plan?	Bob Lewis to send comments to Eric