TC-9 Committee meeting minutes
August 9, 2005
Navy Pier, Chicago, IL

1. Reports on this year's special sessions: Al Ruehli, Bruce Archambeault

Both sessions have not been held yet (one Wednesday and one Thursday). Attendance is expected to be good.

2. Reports on this year's tutorial workshop: Chuck Bunting

There were 5 speakers, and the workshop was well attended. In average, there were approx. 75 attendees. Randy suggests, next time, presenters need to summarize the pros and cons of each method. Maybe the last slide of each presentation shall be required to discuss the strengths and weakness.

3. Proposals to EMCS 2006 – workshops

It is agreed that a one-day workshop will be proposed to TAC, with the morning half still focused on introduction, and the afternoon session on applications and limitations, including the frequently occurring issues in modeling, code breakdown, etc.

4. Proposals to EMCS 2006 – Special session

Al proposes a special session on what the codes are especially good at. Bruce suggests having mini-talks instead in the afternoon session of the workshop. Email votes from committee members are needed.

5. Proposals to EMCS 2006 – Modification to computer modeling demo

Modification to computer demo will be proposed to TAC. The committee will propose 6-7 problems, and vendor needs to pick more than one problems to demonstrate software/code. After demonstration, a panel discussion will be proposed to encourage interactions.

6. Reports on the validation standard meeting: Andy Drozd

Standard was reviewed, and significant progress has been made. The recommended practice portion needs answers to the listed problems. Help is needed from committee members. Bruce will assign problems to members by email.

7. Webpage

Samuel Connor will take over the responsibility of webmaster.

8. Celebration of EMC Society's 50th anniversary

Randy to investigate what TC-9 should do in 2007.

9. Email Server

An email server is suggested for better communication between committee members.

10. Special issue on validation in Transactions on EMC

A special issue of Transactions is proposed on modeling validation. Chris suggests that a special edition of newsletter may be more suitable because of the audience it targets and the tight schedule of the transactions (a special issue on numerical modeling was published approx. 2 years' ago). – Undecided.