

SACCom meeting notes

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Thompson Park, NJ

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Notes

1. The Chairman and Vice Chairman were unable to attend in person. The Secretary (Don Heirman) took the role of Chair and Alistair Duffy took notes.
2. Patent slides were shown
3. The Chair reviewed the minutes of November 2012. The main topics raised in the discussion were:
 - a. Forging closer communication between SACCom and SDECom
 - b. With VuSpec, on-going activities to discuss further reduced fees beyond normal IEEE discounts as a benefit for members, were noted
4. SACCom member reports were reviewed. The Chair illustrated the information available on the web.
5. Under Plans for 2013, and other agenda items, the following points were noted.
 - a. An aim should be to focus on better communication with the EMCS membership and better liaison with SDECom.
 - b. The report form highlights new work items for the reporting standards group report; this could be fed into SDECom and vice versa. (E.g. gaskets and cable shielding standards, comparing IEC and EMCS approach)
 - c. It was noted that all the reports will be on the website.
 - d. Ideas and observations were discussed for SACCom and SDECom working closer together. These included:
 - i. A liaison person addressing the reports
 - ii. Increasing the time available for the SACCom meeting – time pressures of a short meeting provide little opportunity for meaningful exchange.
 - iii. Increasing visibility of Tables of Contents and scope of other bodies' standards.
 - iv. As the members reporting are representatives on the other bodies of their employers or other organisations (not the IEEE) it is difficult to 'close the loop'—not sure what this means?.
6. The following actions were agreed – all falling on Don Heirman:

- a. Provide SDECom with more information on the SACCom member standards, e.g. table of contents and scope
- b. Restate the EMC Society's desire to have representation on the other standards bodies and even present SDECom standards activity at their meetings .
- c. Broaden the invitees for the working SACCom lunch and make it address specific standards in more depth.