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Working Groups of S.E.E. by Division

Administrative Division

Accident Prevention Section

Claims Section

Integrated Resource Planning
Task Force

Rates & Regulation Section

Finance Accounting & Customer Service Division (FACS)

Executive Committee

Accounting & Finance Section

Customer Service & Billing
Section

Customer Service Mutual
Assistance Task Force

Property Accounting Section

Geocentricity Alive and Well in S.E.E.?

For hundreds of years, common thought fostered the belief of geocentricity -- that the earth was the center of the universe and everything else revolved around it. While that may seem amusing to our sophisticated sensibilities now, S.E.E. has noticed a certain reemergence of geocentric theory within the membership of S.E.E.



What??? Oh, we're only kidding...but committee members do ask the S.E.E. staff from time to time, "How many other working groups are there in S.E.E.?" Upon hearing our reply that there are 30 active Sections, Committees, Subcommittees and Task Forces, they are often quite surprised.



Referring back to history, we all know Galileo and other forward thinkers came along and disproved the theory of geocentricity. Now we see our place in the universe in a completely different light.

In a similar vein, while it's not our intention to go "Galileo" on you in this newsletter, we do hope to expose in a positive way all the great things being accomplished within the working groups of S.E.E.

It might be stretching it to say we'll broaden your universe, but we hope that this and future issues will serve to enlighten you to what these groups are doing and how they are going about it. And if the knowledge encourages you experience the benefits of serving on one of them for yourself, S.E.E. and its groups will be all the better for it.

That said, we'd like to introduce "**Spotlight On...**" a new regular feature in the newsletter for coming issues. We will use this segment to focus on the working groups of S.E.E., one-by-one, highlighting their history, mission, methods and some of the unique best practices incorporated into their meetings. We shine the spotlight on the first group, Accident Prevention Section, on page 2. But first...

A 10,000 Foot View The Organizational Structure of S.E.E. Working Groups

Before delving into the nitty gritty of each group, we thought it might be helpful to see the general outline of our organizational structure. Our thirty working groups are arranged into three divisions,

1) Administrative 2) Engineering & Operation "E&O"

3) Finance, Accounting, &
Customer Service or "FACS"

Executive committees provide oversight for the E&O and FACS Divisions. S.E.E. member companies are encouraged to assign one or more representatives to each working group. A set of officers, selected from the group's membership, offers direction and leadership through program planning, conducting meetings & roundtables and taking minutes. Officers serve a three-year term, beginning as Secretary for a year, then rotate to Vice Chairman, and finally to Chairman.

Working Groups of S.E.E (continued)

Engineering & Operation Division (E&O)

Executive Committee

Distribution Coordinating
Council

Joint Use Committee

Metering & Distribution
Service Devices Committee

Mutual Assistance Committee

Mutual Assistance Logistics
Subcommittee

Network Underground
Committee

Overhead Distribution
Committee

OH Methods & Procedures
Subcommittee

Power Quality & Reliability
Committee

Underground Distribution
Committee

UG Operation & Maintenance
Subcommittee

Environmental Section

National Electrical Code (NEC)
Section

National Electrical Safety Code
(NESC) Section

Production Section

Real Estate & Right of Way
Section

Substations Section

Supply Chain Management
Section

Transmission Line Section

Transportation-Construction
Equipment Section

Click on [Calendar](#) to
see a list of upcoming
meetings for the
above groups.

Spotlight On...

1st of 30 working groups spotlighted...
Watch future issues for more.



Accident Prevention Section

The Accident Prevention Section became an established working group of Southeastern Electric Exchange in 1950 and encompasses activities involving all phases of safety, including personnel safety and health, the work environment and practices, and equipment operations.

The group meets twice yearly in May and October.
Next Meeting: October 12-14 in Baltimore, MD.

2009 Officers:

Chairman – Steve Waller,
Sr. Safety Consultant,
Constellation Energy

Vice Chairman – Wayne
Rummel, Safety Consultant,
Allegheny Energy

Secretary – Corey Zeigler,
Health & Safety Manager,
Progress Energy

Group Photo – Spring '06



A few members have retired or moved on since the above photo was taken, but by and large, the group has remained intact. **Current members** include:

Greg Herbing	Alabama Power	Tim Irvine	Duke Energy	Bill Clardy	Pepco Holdings
Charlie Shaw	Alabama Power	Billy Goodman	Duke Energy	Bob Morey	Pepco Holdings
Robin Malott	Allegheny Energy	Ken Sheridan	E.ON-US	Dave Nagy	Pepco Holdings
Wayne Rummel	Allegheny Energy	John Boothroyd	Entergy	Sanita Walker-Resper	Pepco Holdings
Frank Ginocchi	AEP	Jeff Brown	Entergy	Corey Zeigler	Progress Energy
Richard Hoffman	AEP	Steve Chapman	Entergy	Eddie Dority	SCE&G
Sue Smith	AEP	Bryan LeBlanc	Entergy	Randy French	SCE&G
Joseph Suehle	BGE	Lisa Stockwell	Entergy	Stacy Shuler	SCE&G
Larry Fuller	CenterPoint Energy	Mike Mays	Florida Power & Light	Jimmy Edwards	Southern Company
Mike Clark	Cleco Power	Adrianne Collins	Georgia Power	Don Gaddy	Southern Company
Jim Howard	Constellation Energy	Kate Nichols	Georgia Power	Chuck Lane	Southern Company
Steve Wallace	Constellation Energy	Bob Hobbs	Gulf Power	Vish Patel	Southern Nuclear
Steve Waller	Constellation Energy	Randy Patterson	Gulf Power	Reiko Perleberg	Southern Nuclear
Ron Joseph	Dayton Power & Light	Greg Ford	Mississippi Power	Steve Sparks	Southern Nuclear
Doug Brown	Dominion	Don Geil	Mississippi Power	Mark Downing	TECO Energy
John Nanney	Dominion	Jason Kelly	OGE	Regan Haines	Tampa Electric
Bill O'Hara	Dominion	Michael Thornton	OG&E	Rick Rodriguez	Tampa Electric
David Strole	Dominion	Pat Duffy	PHI - Conectiv	Bill Whelan	Tampa Electric



In keeping with the slogan "Safety Starts at the Top", Accident Prevention Meetings begin with a high-level presentation by an executive from the host utility on the topic "**What We Expect from our Safety Program.**" Attendees really appreciate hearing the Executives' viewpoints on safety and what they do to maintain a strong safety culture within their companies.

**The Accident
Prevention Section
supports a number
of Subcommittees
including**

**Power Generation
Safety
Subcommittee**

headed by
Jimmy Edwards,
Southern Company
Services

**Transmission &
Distribution Safety
Subcommittee**

headed by
Eddie Dority, SCE&G
and Bryan LeBlanc,
Entergy

**Regulatory
Subcommittee**

headed by
Chuck Lane,
Southern Company

**Health & Wellness
Subcommittee**

headed by
Mendi McDowell,
Georgia Power

**New Equipment
& Tools
Subcommittee**

headed by
Matt Sonnier, Cleco

**Special Projects
& New Ideas
Subcommittee**

headed by
Debbie Cogburn,
Progress Energy

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(<http://www.theexchange.org/aboutus.html>)
for a list of the top
performers in the 2008
Safety Awards.

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Some Accident Prevention Section members serve on various national standard committees, such as NESC, ANSI, NFPA or ASTM. These members update the Section on specific standard developments and offer recommendations on issues that affect safety or health in the industry. This participation makes it possible for S.E.E. companies to have a strong voice in



the setting of national standards for the industry. A regular feature in APS meetings are updates on the latest **OSHA and DOT regulations** and how these impact utility operations. Our "local experts" in these areas are **Chuck Lane**, Manager, Safety & Health and Regulatory Issues for Southern Company Services and **Robin Malott**, Manager, Safety of Allegheny Energy.

"Safety" has a broad range of application in a power utility. Through the use of subcommittees, the Accident Prevention Section gives attention to specific needs in the utility arena. A list of active subcommittees appears in the column at left. These groups play an important role in the meetings. In particular, we devote half-day breakouts for attendees involved in **Transmission & Distribution Safety** (wires) as well as those involved in **Generation Safety** (fossil/nuclear plants). At the Spring 2009 meeting, members decided to pursue forming a new subcommittee dedicated to **Health & Wellness**. Since health & wellness is of interest to each one of us, we will keep you updated on this group's progress and activities.

Section members are encouraged to share new safety programs, policies, rules, etc. at meetings and offer the benefit of their experience. One unique way they accomplish this is by holding an "**Accident/Near Miss Review**" each meeting, in which members volunteer to present a 10-15 minute report on a recent accident or incident that occurred in their company. Presentations cover details of the event and lessons learned. These are serious sessions, sometimes involving grave injuries or even fatalities. The Review provides a real "heads up" of things to be aware of and precautions to take to avoid injury and is always one of the top-ranked parts of the program, according to evaluations.



Movies and popcorn -- perfect combination, right? Well, you haven't tried movies & scrambled eggs! On the last day of the meeting, the APS group enjoys breakfast and **Safety Video Review**. These videos, often produced by member utilities, provide motivation and even inspiration to continue to follow all safety rules and practices.

A special project of the Accident Prevention Section is its Safety Statistics reporting process, which culminates in an annual **Safety Awards Program**. Each member company provides the S.E.E. Staff with accident statistics each quarter. S.E.E. compiles a report and sends it back to member companies with the combined data. S.E.E. presents awards, during the Spring meeting and Annual Conference, to top performing companies that achieve the lowest employee accident incidence rate and the lowest vehicle accident frequency rate.



S.E.E. Executive Director Jim Collins presents
Safety Award to Greg Ford, Mississippi Power.

We could go on and on about this group, but suffice it to say that the benefit to companies that support their safety professionals on the Prevention Section extends far beyond the meeting as attendees return refreshed with new ideas, practices and tools to augment their company's safety program, making safety a way of life for all. We appreciate all they do.