

Forensic Technical Group Business Meeting Minutes
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Meeting Attendees

Vredenburgh, Alison (chair)
Zackowitz, Ilene (acting secretary)
Ayes, Tom
Contreras, Gabriella
Cohen, Harvey
Corry, Dave
Frantz, Paul
Green, Paul
Hendrick, Hal
Hornick, Richard
Johnson, Dan
Kalsher, Mike
Krueger, Gerald
LaRue, Cindy
Laughery, Ken
LeCocq, Andy
Lenorovitz, David
Leonard, David
Lueder, Rani
Nemeth, Christopher
Olsen, Erik
Pollack, Jay
Resnick, Marc
Sloan, Gary
Smith, Brian
Valentino, Bill

COTG Meeting update:

Bring in more members to TG by:

- More TG sessions at conference
- Joint projects with other TGs
- Younger members (mentoring)
- TV opportunities (partner with Institute of Physics- they want research that will impact the public for TV spots) web site AIP.DBIS.org

Idea: COTG administered mini conferences: team up with aging, products and medical group for mini conference. Need to ID person to be point of contact for mini conference.

Secretary Report:

Membership: 261
Fund Balance: \$6,454

How should we spend the money?

Mock trial possibly with the medical group about a medical device failure other than infusion pumps. Attorneys, device manufacturers already interested.

Mock trial tapes have sold well in the past.

Idea: Film mock trial off site and closed to spectators and then show at the HFES conference with commentary from experts.

Idea: May be able to get a facility to use cheaper if we work with a university.

COTG has \$46,000- maybe we can get some of that money for a cooperative project between multiple TGs.

Webmaster:

Websites are supposed to be standard but with room for individuality.

We can buy rights to any of the TGs technical papers for \$50 each but how do we select. People can donate \$50 if they want the rights to a specific paper for the TG website.

**Motion: Authorize \$500 for 10 papers for the FPG website.
The motion passed.**

Newsletter: Please suggest ideas for the newsletter to Eric Shaver or Cindy LaRue.

FPG Program:

Why only 1 session at this conference? Computer program organizes sessions based on how many papers are submitted and then allocates into TG sessions. If more papers are submitted to FPG then more sessions will be allotted.

7 of 12 FPG papers accepted this year.

Submit panels early for more FPG sessions.

Posters not second class papers: same criteria and print format as lectures.

Idea: Limit number of sessions any one TG can be given.

Idea: Reject more papers.

Doug Harris chairing committee that is collecting ideas, documents etc...for the HFES 50th meeting archive collection.

Let Vredenburg and Pollack know ideas for 50th meeting ASAP to ensure more meeting time for FPG.

Idea: Expert workshop for 50th meeting (one done last year in New Orleans).

Idea: Dedicated session to success/failure of HF in litigation.

Elections: Sending out nominations for elections before end of year.

New Business

It is possibly the FPG's 25th anniversary next year.

Contact Vredenburg if interested in updating FPG brochure.

Question: Any way to quantify how many cases HF experts have testified in?

White papers ID areas where HF testimony has been used to justify existence.

Online survey of HF experience might get a larger than expected response.

May be possible for next year's proceedings CD to contain video clips.

Idea: Take away FPG dues and make all HFES members also FPG members. Group decided not to at this point.