

# **AES Technical Committee on Acoustics and Sound Reinforcement**

## **Minutes from Technical Committee meeting in New York**

**Thursday, 19 October 2017, 4 – 5pm, Room 1C03**

### **Attendance:**

Adam Hill (chair) – AH, Alejandro Bidondo (vice-chair) – AB, Tim Ryan – TR, Bob Lee – BL, John Calder – JC, Francis Rumsey – FR, Lance Calhoun – LC

### **Apologies:**

Kurt Graffy (chair), Scott Burgess (vice-chair), Hessam Alavi, Peter Mapp, John Woodgate

#### **1. AES 142 Berlin minutes**

- Minutes from the Berlin meeting were reviewed.
- As all actions stemming from these minutes already appear later in the agenda, there were no other matters to discuss.

#### **2. Proposed new focus/study group for TC**

- AH presented the proposal for a new study group within the TC to focus on issues surrounding environmental noise pollution due to outdoor events. As the TC currently has no specific focus (other than supporting workshops/tutorials), it is essential to engage in such activities to give the TC a more substantial reason for existence.
- JC questioned what sort of participation was expected from members of industry. AH noted that we should try to get a good balance between academia and industry in the study group, specifically ensuring representation from manufacturers, as both sides are required to fully explore/address the issues at hand.
- AB suggested that some of his colleagues may be able to contribute to the group in regards to environmental noise.
- **Action (AB + AH):** AB to pass contact details of his colleagues to AH to discuss involvement.
- **Action (AH):** AH to invite TC members (and potentially some non-members) to join the study group. An email will be circulated to current members, allowing them to express an interest in getting involved.

### 3. AES 144 Milan (May 2018)

- AH stressed that the TC needs to continue to support convention sessions, with a general target of 2-3 per event.
- AB expressed interest in delivering a tutorial of acoustic diffusion in Milan, as long as his schedule permits him to attend.
- AH tentatively could deliver an update to his live sound subwoofer optimization tutorial delivered in New York, but he doesn't want to over-deliver the content.
- LC, who is an AES student member, suggested that students would be interested in tutorials/workshops with a hands-on or demonstration element, not just someone on stage giving a PowerPoint presentation. AH noted that the recent conference in Denmark did a good job of this and the TC will work to include interactive elements to relevant sessions.
- **Action (AB):** AB to check schedule and submit tutorial proposal via EasyChair for AES Milan, if he's able to attend.
- **Action (AH):** AH to check schedule and submit tutorial proposal via EasyChair for AES Milan, if he's available to attend.
- **Action (AH):** AH to invite all TC members (via email) to discuss potential session for Milan and to submit proposals, if appropriate.

### 4. AES 145 New York (October 2018)

- The next New York convention wasn't specifically addressed in the meeting, due to lack of time, but the TC should aim to support 2-3 tutorials/workshops.
- **Action (AH):** AH to invite all TC members (via email) to discuss potential session for New York and to submit proposals, if appropriate.

### 5. TC-ASR membership

- AH brought up the proposal to refresh the TC membership, as there seems to be a lack of engagement from many members (only a dozen or so out of 45 members seem to be actively involved).
- FR noted that the Technical Council is in discussions regarding this issue and that the former process of adding all meeting attendees to the TC membership isn't required.
- Those present agreed that an email should be sent to all current TC members requesting a simple YES/NO response to indicate if they still wish to be members.

Those replying yes will be expected to have some form of active involvement (discussion board/email conversation, tutorial/workshop delivery, study group involvement, meeting attendance, etc.).

- **Action (AH):** AH to email all current TC members requesting clear indication of desire to remain part of the TC-ASR. This will be carried out in November 2017.
- **Action (AH):** AH to update TC membership based on response to above action.

6. Discussion on current topics of interest from academia/industry over the represented geographical regions.

- AB discussed the importance of understanding the current research/activities of the TC members. This will allow for more effective collaborations and would encourage further TC activities.
- **Action (AB):** AB to gather and compile information regarding current TC member's research interests/activities.

7. Any other business

- No further business was brought up, so AH thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

*Minutes compiled by AH, 10 November 2017.*