

The Technical Operations Department(TOD) of the IEEE Power Group consists of the twelve technical committees of the former Power Division of the IEEE Technical Operations Committee, plus the Standards Coordinating Committee. Before the merger, eleven of these technical committees functioned together as the AIEE Power Division; one of the five divisions of the AIEE Technical Operations Department. Reference to the Power Group Organization Chart will show that the present TOD bears the same relation to the Power Group as the unit of the same name did to the AIEE.

The functions, as well as the names and organizational relations, of the technical committees continue under the Power Group. These include responsibility for the organization of sessions at Power General Meetings^{and} IEEE Conventions; and for the initiation and management of Special Technical Conferences. The solicitation and review of papers for presentation at meetings and for publication continues to be a major job of the technical committees. The close tie between the TOD and the Publications Department is also a traditional relationship in this form of organization.

Another important function of the technical committees is the initiation, ~~maintenance, and~~ development, and maintenance of IEEE Standards in their fields. Through the Standards Coordinating Committee, on which each technical committee is represented, conflict and duplication in power standards work is prevented. However, each technical committee recommends directly to the IEEE Standards Committee.

The Technical Operations Department and its committees look forward to the stimulus and satisfaction of having an identifiable membership to serve. Specially valuable should be the participation of the Power Group Chapters in developing^{active} personnel and extending the work of the Power^{Group} into the Sections.

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Note to the Editors:

If you should need filler in this Power Group story you might consider the following:

SOME POWER GROUP HISTORY AND SEMANTICS

It was pointed out in the article on the Power Group Technical Operations Department that the technical committees here associated have a history. Eleven of them have been continuously associated since 1948 when they were brought together in a consolidation of technical activities to form the (believe it or not) AIEE Power Group.

Other technical committees of AIEE were similarly brought into Applications Group, the coordinating bodies called the/Communications Group, the Industry Group, and the Science and Electronics Group.

The term "Group" soon gave way to "Division" and the five divisions were further organized into the AIEE Technical Operations Department which reported to the Board of Directors. Prior to 1948, all AIEE technical committees reported directly to the Board.

All of these ^{power} technical committees are over 20 years old. The oldest, Transmission and Distribution, was formed in 1902; Power Generation 1910; and Rotating Machinery 1917.

The term "Division" is currently in retirement awaiting possible assignment to an appropriate grouping of IEEE units.

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