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# Meeting Agenda

## Compliance Monitoring Enforcement Program Advisory Council (CMEPAC)

**October 19, 2023**  
**9:00 am to 2:00 p.m. central**

*Via Webex*

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## **MRO ORGANIZATIONAL GROUP GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

These MRO Organizational Group Guiding Principles complement charters. When the Principles are employed by members, they will support the overall purpose of the organizational groups.

**Organizational Group Members should:**

1. **Make every attempt to attend all meetings in person or via webinar.**
2. **Be responsive to requests, action items, and deadlines.**
3. **Be active and involved in all organizational group meetings by reviewing all pre-meeting materials and being focused and engaged during the meeting.**
4. **Be self-motivating, focusing on outcomes during meetings and implementing work plans to benefit MRO and MRO's registered entities.**
5. **Ensure that the organizational group supports MRO strategic initiatives in current and planned tasks.**
6. **Be supportive of Highly Effective Reliability Organization (HERO®) principles.**
7. **Be supportive of proactive initiatives that improve effectiveness and efficiency for MRO and MRO's registered entities.**

## **MRO Q4 CMEPAC OPEN MEETING AGENDA**

### **Agenda Item**

- 1 Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**  
*Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair*
- 2 Robert's Rules of Order**  
*Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair*
- 3 Standards of Conduct and Antitrust Guidelines**  
*Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair*
- 4 2024 Meeting Schedule**  
*Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair*
- 5 CMEPAC Work Plan Updates**  
*Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair*

### **Break – 10:30 a.m.**

- 6 NERC Compliance and Certification Committee (CCC) Report**  
*Erin Cullum Marcussen, NERC CCC Representative*
- 7 NERC Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS) Report**  
*Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair and NERC PMOS Representative*
- 8 NERC Standards Committee (SC) Report**  
*Troy Brumfield, CMEPAC Member and NERC SC Representative*
- 9 NERC Facilities Ratings Task Force (FRTF) Report**  
*Jon Radloff, NERC FRTF Representative*
- 10 NERC Supply Chain Task Force (SCTF) Report**  
*Mark Zellner, NERC SCTF Representative*
- 11 MRO NERC Standards Review Forum (NSRF) Report**  
*George Brown, MRO NSRF Chair*
- 12 MidContinent Compliance Forum (MCCF) Report**  
*Mark Buchholz, CMEPAC and MCCF Member*
- 13 SPP Reliability Compliance Advisory Group (RCAG) Report**  
*Mark Buchholz, CMEPAC and RCAG Member*

### **Lunch 12:00 p.m.**

- 14 Monthly Call Subteam Report**  
*Eric Ruscamp, CMEP Advisory Council Member*
- 15 Conference Subteam Report**  
*Matt Caves, CMEP Advisory Council Member*
- 16 Webinar Subteam Report**  
*Bryan Dixon, CMEP Advisory Council Member*
- 17 Newsletter Subteam Report**  
*Theresa Allard, CMEP Advisory Council Member*
- 18 Ask CMEPAC**  
*Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair*

### **Break – 1:30 p.m.**

- 19 Action Item Review**  
*Michelle Olson, CMEPAC Meeting Secretary*
- 20 Other Business and Adjourn**

# MEETING AGENDA – Compliance Monitoring Enforcement Program Advisory Council (CMEPAC) – October 19, 2023

*Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair*

**Standards of Conduct and Anti-Trust Guidelines**  
*Terri Pyle, Chair*

**Standards of Conduct Reminder:**

Standards of Conduct prohibit MRO staff, committee, subcommittee, and task force members from sharing non-public transmission sensitive information with anyone who is either an affiliate merchant or could be a conduit of information to an affiliate merchant.

**Anti-trust Reminder:**

Participants in Midwest Reliability Organization meeting activities must refrain from the following when acting in their capacity as participants in Midwest Reliability Organization activities (i.e. meetings, conference calls, and informal discussions):

- Discussions involving pricing information; and
- Discussions of a participants marketing strategies; and
- Discussions regarding how customers and geographical areas are to be divided among competitors; and
- Discussions concerning the exclusion of competitors from markets; and
- Discussions concerning boycotting or group refusals to deal with competitors, vendors, or suppliers.

**Robert's Rules of Order**  
*Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair*

**Parliamentary Procedures.** Based on Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, Tenth Edition

**Establishing a Quorum.** In order to make efficient use of time at MRO organizational group meetings, once a quorum is established, the meeting will continue, however, no votes will be taken unless a quorum is present at the time any vote is taken.

**Motions.** Unless noted otherwise, all procedures require a "second" to enable discussion.

When you want to...	Procedure	Debatable	Comments
Raise an issue for discussion	Move	Yes	The main action that begins a debate.
Revise a Motion currently under discussion	Amend	Yes	Takes precedence over discussion of main motion. Motions to amend an amendment are allowed, but not any further. The amendment must be germane to the main motion, and cannot reverse the intent of the main motion.
Reconsider a Motion already resolved	Reconsider	Yes	Allowed only by member who voted on the prevailing side of the original motion. Second by anyone.
End debate	Call for the Question or End Debate	No	If the Chair senses that the committee is ready to vote, he may say "if there are no objections, we will now vote on the Motion." Otherwise, this motion is not debatable and subject to majority approval.
Record each member's vote on a Motion	Request a Roll Call Vote	No	Takes precedence over main motion. No debate allowed, but the members must approve by majority.
Postpone discussion until later in the meeting	Lay on the Table	Yes	Takes precedence over main motion. Used only to postpone discussion until later in the meeting.
Postpone discussion until a future date	Postpone until	Yes	Takes precedence over main motion. Debatable only regarding the date (and time) at which to bring the Motion back for further discussion.

Remove the motion for any further consideration	Postpone indefinitely	Yes	Takes precedence over main motion. Debate can extend to the discussion of the main motion. If approved, it effectively “kills” the motion. Useful for disposing of a badly chosen motion that cannot be adopted or rejected without undesirable consequences.
Request a review of procedure	Point of order	No	Second not required. The Chair or secretary shall review the parliamentary procedure used during the discussion of the Motion.

### Notes on Motions

**Seconds.** A Motion must have a second to ensure that at least two members wish to discuss the issue. The “seconder” is not required to be recorded in the minutes. Neither are motions that do not receive a second.

**Announcement by the Chair.** The chair should announce the Motion before debate begins. This ensures that the wording is understood by the membership. Once the Motion is announced and seconded, the Committee “owns” the motion, and must deal with it according to parliamentary procedure.

### Voting

Voting Method	When Used	How Recorded in Minutes
	When the Chair senses that the Committee is substantially in agreement, and the Motion needed little or no debate. No actual vote is taken.	The minutes show “by unanimous consent.”
Vote by Voice	The standard practice.	The minutes show Approved or Not Approved (or Failed).
Vote by Show of Hands (tally)	To record the number of votes on each side when an issue has engendered substantial debate or appears to be divisive. Also used when a Voice Vote is inconclusive. (The Chair should ask for a Vote by Show of Hands when requested by a member).	The minutes show both vote totals, and then Approved or Not Approved (or Failed).



Vote by Roll Call	To record each member's vote. Each member is called upon by the Secretary, and the member indicates either  "Yes," "No," or "Present" if abstaining.	The minutes will include the list of members, how each voted or abstained, and the vote totals. Those members for which a "Yes," "No," or "Present" is not shown are considered absent for the vote.
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**Notes on Voting.**

**Abstentions.** When a member abstains, he/she is not voting on the Motion, and his/her abstention is not counted in determining the results of the vote. The Chair should not ask for a tally of those who abstained.

**Determining the results.** A simple majority of the votes cast is required to approve an organizational group recommendations or decision.

**"Unanimous Approval."** Can only be determined by a Roll Call vote because the other methods do not determine whether every member attending the meeting was actually present when the vote was taken, or whether there were abstentions.

**Electronic Votes** – For an e-mail vote to pass, the requirement is a simple majority of the votes cast during the time-period of the vote as established by the Committee Chair.

**Majorities.** Per Robert's Rules, as well as MRO Policy and Procedure 3, a simple majority (one more than half) is required to pass motions.

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**2024 Meeting Schedule**  
*Terri Pyle, CMEP Advisory Council Chair*

**Action**

Review 2024 meeting schedule

**Report**

Date	Event
Tuesday, February 20, 2024	CMEP Advisory Council Meeting - Q1 Virtual
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	CMEP Advisory Council Meeting - Q2
Tuesday, July 23, 2024	CMEP Advisory Council Meeting - Q3
Tuesday, July 23, 2024	CMEP Conference Networking Reception, Kansas City, MO
Wednesday, July 24, 2024	CMEP Conference, Kansas City, MO
Thursday, October 3, 2024	CMEP Advisory Council Meeting - Q4

Please note that the Q1 meeting may change to February 15, 2024

**Work Plan Updates**

*Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair*

**Action**

Information

**Report**

The work plan is available on the CMEPAC Collaboration site. It will also be presented during the meeting. Please come prepared to discuss any updates or additions to the work plan.

**NERC Compliance and Certification Committee (NERC CCC)**

*Erin Cullum Marcussen, NERC CCC Member*

**Action**

Information

**Report**

This report will be presented during the meeting.

**Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS)**

*Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair*

**Action**

Information

**Report**

The report will begin on the next page.

## **NERC SC Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS) Update**

**Terri Pyle**

**October 11, 2023**

### [PMOS Scope document](#)

The number of open projects continues to increase resulting in discussions regarding ability for industry to staff the SDTs and have the bandwidth to be engaged in the Standard Development process.

### [PMOS Meeting, September 19, 2023](#)

- Ongoing discussions regarding large number of open projects
  - The number of projects continues to increase – concerned about ability for industry (and NERC) to staff and support.
  - Additional projects continue to kick off, such as IBR and Transmission Planning related issues.
  - NERC Staff has developed a prioritization process.
- PMOS Administrative
  - Revisions regarding scope and responsibilities, to be discussed with SC Chair and Director of Standards Development
  - PMOS liaisons contact list developed and shared
  - Added PMOS liaisons to the SDT project files to provide better visibility to project status
  - Encourage PMOS liaisons to get involved early in the project development including timelines
  - Next meeting: November 7
  - 2024 PMOS meeting calendar reviewed
- Total open NERC projects – 25; [Project Tracking Spreadsheet](#)
  - [2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards](#) – Comment period 10/3-11/16; Ballot/Poll 11/7-11/16
  - [2017-01 Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II](#) - No posting slated before EOY
  - [2019-04 Modifications to PRC-005-6](#) - No posting slated before EOY
  - [2020-02 Modifications to PRC-024 \(Generator Ride-through\)](#) – No posting slated before EOY
  - [2020-04 Modifications to CIP-012](#) – Comment period 9/19-11/2; Ballot/Poll 10/24-11/2
  - [2020-06 Verifications of Models and Data for Generators](#) – Comment period 9/18-10/24
  - [2021-01 Modifications to MOD-025 and PRC-019](#) – No posting slated before EOY
  - [2021-02 Modifications to VAR-002-4.1](#) – Comment period 9/22-11/6; Ballot/Poll 10/27-11/6
  - [2021-03 CIP-002](#) –Comment period 9/26-11/9; Join Ballot Pool 9/23-10/25; Ballot/Poll 10/31-11/9
  - [2021-04 Modifications to PRC-002-2](#) – SDT reviewing comments from posting ending 9/14
  - [2021-06 Modifications to IRO-010 and TOP-003](#)
  - [2021-07 Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination](#) – Final Ballot ended 10/6
  - [2021-08 Modifications to FAC-008](#) –Comment period 9/5-10/19; Join Ballot Pool 9/5-10/4; Initial Ballot/Poll 10/10-10/19
  - [2022-01 Reporting ACE Definition and Associated Terms](#) –Comment period 9/14-10/30; Join Ballot Pool 9/14-10/13; Initial Ballot – 10/20-10/30
  - [2022-02 Modifications to TPL-001-5.1 and MOD-032-2](#) – Comment period 10/6-11/20; Ballot/Poll 11/10-11/20

- [2022-03 Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources](#) – Draft new TOP Standard posted for comment along with feedback on Near-Term Operations Planning Energy Reliability Assessment (OPERA) language 9/13-10/5
- [2022-04 EMT Modeling](#) –
- [2022-05 Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold](#) – SDT revising CIP-008. Projected initial posting is Q1 of 2024
- [2023-01 EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting](#) – Initial Ballot results posted; SDT working on consideration of comments. Draft language and thresholds for IBR Generation Loss and Loss of DC Tie Line. Next meeting to be scheduled late October.
- [2023-02 Performance of IBRs](#) – SDT revised SAR submitted for October SC Agenda
- [2023-03 Internal Network Security Monitoring \(INSM\)](#) – Revised SAR accepted by SC in August; SDT actively working project.
- [2023-04 Modifications to CIP-003](#) – SDT has finalized Draft 1 of the SAR. Request authorization for initial posting on October SC Agenda
- [2023-05 Modifications to FAC-001 and FAC-002](#) – SDT nominations ended 9/22; expected to be on October SC Agenda for approval; SAR posting TBD.
- [2023-06 CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement](#) – SDT member nominations on October SC Agenda for approval; if approved, will kick off in November. High priority project - NERC will streamline and target final ballot approval 2024 Q2.
- [2023-07 Modifications to TPL-001-5.1 Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather](#) – SAR Posting 8/29-9/27; Comments Received
- [2023-08 Modifications of MOD-031 Demand and Energy Data](#) – STD nominations 1/10-11/8; SAR posting 10/11-11/10 or 10/10-11/8

PMOS members suggested that the PMOS liaisons get involved with the projects as early as possible. If the PMOS liaisons can be involved with setting the timeline of a project, it would be better. Alison Oswald will utilize PMOS liaisons' expertise to assign them to projects matching their technical background or similar projects with others they have been on. PMOS liaisons also suggest making the members' email information available among the PMOS members would be helpful. There was also a suggestion to include PMOS liaisons as part of the Standard Drafting Team (SDT) team leaders. Ben Wu raised concern that since the SDT members were reviewed, discussed, and approved by the Standards Committee (SC), the SDT chair and vice chair were appointed while PMOS liaisons were not of the SC's approval process; this might cause some issues. This can be followed up at the next meeting.

he NERC Vice President of Engineering and Standards, Soo Jin Kim, expressed her appreciation for PMOS' hard work. Mrs. Kim pointed out that there is much work ahead of us. More projects, such as IBR and Transmission Planning related issues, will come out soon. Mrs. Kim also shared that some projects have high priority, which is determined by a prioritization process.



**NERC Standards Committee (SC)**

*Troy Brumfield, NERC SC Member*

**Action**

Information

**Report**

This report will be presented during the meeting.

## Facilities Ratings Task Force (FRTF)

*Jon Radloff, FRTF Representative*

### Action

Information

### Report

FRTF Roster: <https://www.nerc.com/comm/RSTC/FRTF/FRTF%20Roster.pdf>

The current version of the FRTF has had full team meetings on the following dates:

- July 18, 2022
- September 12, 2022
- February 24, 2023
- April 28, 2023
- July 14, 2023
- September 15, 2023

A **work plan** was developed by select FRTF team members in December 2022. The work plan includes the following items (leads also listed):

- Work Plan Item 1 – Reliability Guideline - Sustaining Accurate Facility Ratings
  - Co-Leads: Robert Reinmueller and Brian Evans-Mongeon
- Work Plan Item 2 - Support Project 2021-08 Modifications to FAC-008 SDT
  - Co-Leads: Dre Pliodzinskas & Jeremy Harris
- Work Plan Item 3 - Whitepaper on Sampling for Facility Rating programs
  - Co-Leads: Jennifer Flandermeyer & John Stephens

Sub-teams have been meeting since the 2/24/2023 full team meeting to work on the 2023 work plan items.

The **February 24, 2023** full team meeting was focused on rolling out the 2023 work plan to the full team with discussion of each item. Highlights:

- Work Plan Item 1 – Reliability Guideline - Sustaining Accurate Facility Ratings
  - Provide clarity on NERC concerns:
    - Lack of awareness
    - Inadequate asset and data management
    - Inadequate change management
    - Inconsistent development and application of facility ratings methodologies
  - To be a helpful guide, not “how to be compliant”
- Work Plan Item 2 - Support Project 2021-08 Modifications to FAC-008 SDT
  - Help provide clarification, including definitions/terminology, for FAC-008 and the SDT
  - An update from the SDT was provided
- Work Plan Item 3 - Whitepaper on Sampling for Facility Rating programs
  - Focus is on developing an efficient and effective risk-based approach to verifying ratings through sampling, as part of a sound ratings program

Highlights from the **April 28, 2023** full team meeting:

- FRTF full team meetings will be June-August-October-December
- 2023 work plan updates:
  - Work Plan Item 1 – Reliability Guideline - Sustaining Accurate Facility Ratings
    - Progress includes agreement on implementation guideline, practical examples, requirements as described today, assignments and drafting based on MRO Application Guide
    - Structure of document to include “why” and “what not to do”
    - Document ideally will contain “what” and “how” and known potential errors or shortcomings
    - OK for this sub-team to give input on ERO practice guide
  - Work Plan Item 2 - Support Project 2021-08 Modifications to FAC-008 SDT
    - Discussed key terms: Facility, Element, Equipment Rating, Facility Rating
    - Shared diagrams to help illustrate the following: Line Facility, Transformer Facility, Generator Interconnect / Jointly Owned Facility
  - Work Plan Item 3 - Whitepaper on Sampling for Facility Rating programs
    - Draft white paper outline: intro, purpose, types of sampling and why, parameters which impact ratings / risk factors, how to assess risk – methods, range of reasonableness / robustness for your program

Highlights from the **July 14, 2023** full team meeting:

- 2023 work plan updates (reminder: Q1 2024 deadline for all sub-teams):
  - Work Plan Item 1 – Reliability Guideline - Sustaining Accurate Facility Ratings
    - Compiling a document based on MRO best practices document; includes filling gaps, highlighting new items, clarifications, addressing old/irrelevant items
    - Slightly behind schedule - first draft not done yet
  - Work Plan Item 2 - Support Project 2021-08 Modifications to FAC-008 SDT
    - Terminology document to be provided to FAC-008 SDT (clarification on key terms like facility, equipment, element, SOL, etc.)
    - Discussing scope of SAR and the right regulatory tool to incorporate terminology clarifications (e.g. reliability guideline, technical reference document, etc.)
    - Also discussing concepts like capitalizing words like Facility and Equipment (and what that means) and where facilities begin and end.
  - Work Plan Item 3 - Whitepaper on Sampling for Facility Rating programs
    - Reminder: This is for TO QC to help ensure accurate ratings, not for auditor sampling
    - On track for end August rough draft
    - 5 sections of document are being worked on separately (Intro, Parameters which impact facility ratings, Assessing risk, Methods for verifying ratings, and Creating a FR program inclusive of verification activities)
- Future full team meetings:
  - September 15, 2023 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern
  - November 17, 2023 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern

Highlights from the **September 15, 2023** full team meeting:

- 2023 work plan updates (reminder: Q1 2024 deadline for all sub-teams):
  - Work Plan Item 1 – Reliability Guideline - Sustaining Accurate Facility Ratings

- Meeting monthly
- Maintaining alignment with parallel FAC-008 initiatives
- On track for document submittal to RSTC in December followed by ERO Enterprise CMEP staff for endorsement of this example (meaning ERO deference to this example document when conducting compliance monitoring activities). It is understood that compliance determinations depend on facts, circumstances, and system configurations.
- Aligning with Work Plan Item 2 terminology
- Work Plan Item 2 - Support Project 2021-08 Modifications to FAC-008 SDT
  - Meeting every 2 weeks
  - Shared examples of clarifications of how to define a facility, key terms like Element (replace with Electrical Equipment), Thermal Rating (replace with Facility Rating), Emergency Rating, Facility Rating, Equipment Rating, Normal Rating, and Limiting Element (replace with Most Limiting Equipment).
  - Submitting comments to FAC-008 SDT
- Work Plan Item 3 - Whitepaper on Sampling for Facility Rating programs
  - Reminder: This is for TO QC to help ensure accurate ratings, not for auditor sampling
  - Document is in review and edit mode
  - After the RSTC summit (week of 10/9) the team will re-engage to work towards progress and completion timelines
  - Next meeting TBD
- Ben Wu (transitioning to Al McMeekin) gave an update to Project 2021-08 (Modifications to FAC-008)
  - 9/5 draft out for comment, comments due 10/19
  - 10/2 webinar for questions
- Future full team meetings:
  - November 17, 2023 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern

**NERC Supply Chain Task Force (NERC SCTF)**

*Mark Zellner, NERC SCTF Representative*

**Action**

Information

**Report**

There is no Q4 report for the NERC SCTF due to disbandment.

**MRO NERC Standards Review Forum (NSRF)**

*George Brown, NSRF Chair*

**Action**

Information

**Report**

This report will begin on the next page.

**Fourth Quarter 2023 Report**  
**George E. Brown, Chair**  
**Matt Harward, Vice Chair**

## **I. General**

- NSRF Membership: 17/21
  - Cooperative: 3/3
  - Canadian Utility: 2/3
  - Federal Power Marketing Agency: 2/3
  - Generator and Power Marketer: 2/3
  - Investor Owned Utility: 2/3
  - Municipal Utility: 3/3
  - Transmission System Operator: 3/3

### ➤ **Year to Date:**

- NSRF Meeting Held: 38/40 possible.
- NSRF Member & Guest Meeting Attendance, average per week: 89
- NSRF Member Attendance, average per week: 72%
  - Highest Member Attendance since January 2022: 94% (08-02-2023)

## **II. Activity**

The NSRF continues to focus on reviewing, developing recommendations and providing feedback on potential NERC Reliability Standard requirements, including any associated supporting documentation.

### ➤ **Year to Date:**

- NERC Standard Projects, SARs, NOPRs, et cetera Reviewed, on average per week: 3
- Total NSRF Comments Submitted: 35
- Total NSRF Voting Recommendations Made: 95

### ➤ **Activity Since Last Report:**

- Draft Technical Justification Document and SAR on "Transmission Planning Energy Scenarios"  
Comments Submitted
- Project 2021-03 – CIP-002 | SAR CIP-002-5.1a Criterion 1.3 Revision SAR  
Comments Submitted

- Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting | Draft 1  
Comments Submitted & Ballot Recommendation Provided
- Project 2023-05 Modifications to FAC-001 and FAC-002 | SARs  
Comments Submitted
- Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and  
Coordination – Phase 2 | EOP-011-4 and TOP-002-5  
Comments Submitted & Ballot Recommendation Provided
- Project 2021-04 Modifications to PRC-002- Phase II | Draft 1  
Comments Submitted & Ballot Recommendation Provided
- Project 2023-07 Modifications to TPL-001-5.1 Transmission System Planning  
Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather | SAR  
Comments Submitted
- Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources| TOP-  
0XX-X  
Comments Submitted
- Draft Technical Justification Document and SAR on Transmission Planning  
Energy Scenarios  
Comments Submitted

### **III. Emerging Challenges, Risks & Opportunities**

- None

### **IV. Questions for the MRO Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program Advisory Council**

- None

### **V. Other**

- MRO NSRF Membership 2024
  - Two new candidates applied.
  - Will hold another nomination period from October 11, 2023 to October 27, 2023 to fill remaining seats.



## I. 2024 Open Seats:

- o Cooperative: 1/3
- o Canadian Utility: 1/3
- o Federal Power Marketing Agency: 2/3
- o Generator and Power Marketer: 2/3
- o Investor Owned Utility: 1/3
- o Municipal Utility: 1/3
- o Transmission System Operator: 1/3

*Total Seats Open: 9/21*

## II. Incumbents Reapplying:

- o Jamison Cawley (NPPD): Cooperative

## III. MRO NSRF Members Leaving:

- o Fred Meyer (APC): Generator and Power Marketer
- o Bryan Sherrow (KCBPU): Municipal Utility
- o Matthew Harward (SPP): Transmission System Operator

## IV. New Candidates:

- o Andrew Coffelt (KCBPU): Municipal Utility
- o Dan Rogers (OG&E): Investor Owned Utility

## V. MRO NSRF 2024 Projection:

- o Cooperative: 3/3
- o Canadian Utility: 2/3
- o Federal Power Marketing Agency: 1/3
- o Generator and Power Marketer: 1/3
- o Investor Owned Utility: 3/3
- o Municipal Utility: 3/3
- o Transmission System Operator: 2/3

*Total Projected Seats Open: 6/21*

Cooperative	Canadian Utility	Federal Power Marketing Agency	Generator and Power Marketer	Investor Owned Utility	Municipal Utility	Transmission System Operator
Shonda McCain (OPPD)	Jaimin Patel (SPC)	Marc Gomez (SWPA)	Fred Meyer (APC)	Larry Heckert (ALTE)	Bryan Sherrow (KCBPU)	Bobbi Welch (MISO)
Jamison Cawley (NPPD)	Jay Sethi (MH)	Kimberly Bentley (WAPA)	George Brown (POLP)	Terry Harbour (MEC)	☐ Christopher Bills (CIPL)	Matthew Harward (SPP)
Mike Brytowski (GRE)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐ Seth Shoemaker (MPW)	Michael Ayotte (ITC)

*Red denotes members with expiring seats*

**Mid-Continent Compliance Forum (MCCF)**

*Mark Buchholz, CMEPAC and MCCF Member*

**Action**

Information

**Report**

The Mid-Continent Compliance Forum (MCCF) provides Registered Entities in the MRO footprint of the Eastern Interconnection a venue to share knowledge, lessons learned and best practices regarding compliance matters. The MCCF Board of Directors has been established to coordinate MCCF meetings, develop meetings agendas, and communicate on compliance matters and actions by MCCF members. The Board of Directors meet monthly via conference call or WebEx.

The MCCF Board of Directors last met on September 20, 2023, via WebEx.

Meeting topics included welcoming new MCCF Board of Directors; Larry Heckert – Alliant Energy; Andy Fuhrman – Minnkota Power; and Kevin Schawang – NPPD. Discussion ensued regarding the survey results from the Summer Forum; updates to the MCCF website; and Officer Nominations for the Board. The Board thanked outgoing members JT Cawley – NPPD and Mark Buchholz – WAPA for their work on the Board of Directors. Board Elections were held with Paul Mehlhaff – Sunflower Electric elected as President; Tiffany Lake – Evergy as Vice President; Shonda McCain – OPPD as Treasurer; and Kevin Lyons - CIPCO as Secretary. Discussion ensued regarding the Winter MCCF Forum scheduled for January 2024. Potential meeting topics were discussed. The Forum will be conducted remotely.

The next MCCF Board of Director's Meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2023, via WebEx.

**SPP Reliability Compliance Advisory Group (RCAG)**

*Mark Buchholz, CMEPAC and RCAG Member*

**Action**

Information

**Report**

The SPP Reliability Compliance Advisory Group (RCAG) provides guidance on policy issues to the SPP RTO on reliability compliance activities of federal or regional regulators, or committees. It also provides expertise to other SPP Working Groups on membership issues related to regional compliance matters specific to execution, interpretation, or implementation of federal or regional regulatory requirements. The RCWG provides a stakeholder forum to encourage membership discussion of regional compliance issues and provide a means to communicate collectively membership concerns or issues with SPP RTO Compliance staff on matters of NERC Reliability Standard Compliance.

The SPP RCAG last met on October 9, 2023, via WebEx. Meeting minutes are available on the SPP.org website. Topics from RCAG meetings since the last report included: SPP RC SOL Methodology update; FAC-002 Compliance (Posting of Qualified Change Definition); TPL-007 GIC Modeling Data Collection; Generation Interconnection Procedures & initiating Interconnection Requests to SPP

**Monthly Call Subteam Report**  
*Eric Ruskamp, CMEPAC Member*

**Action**

Information and discussion

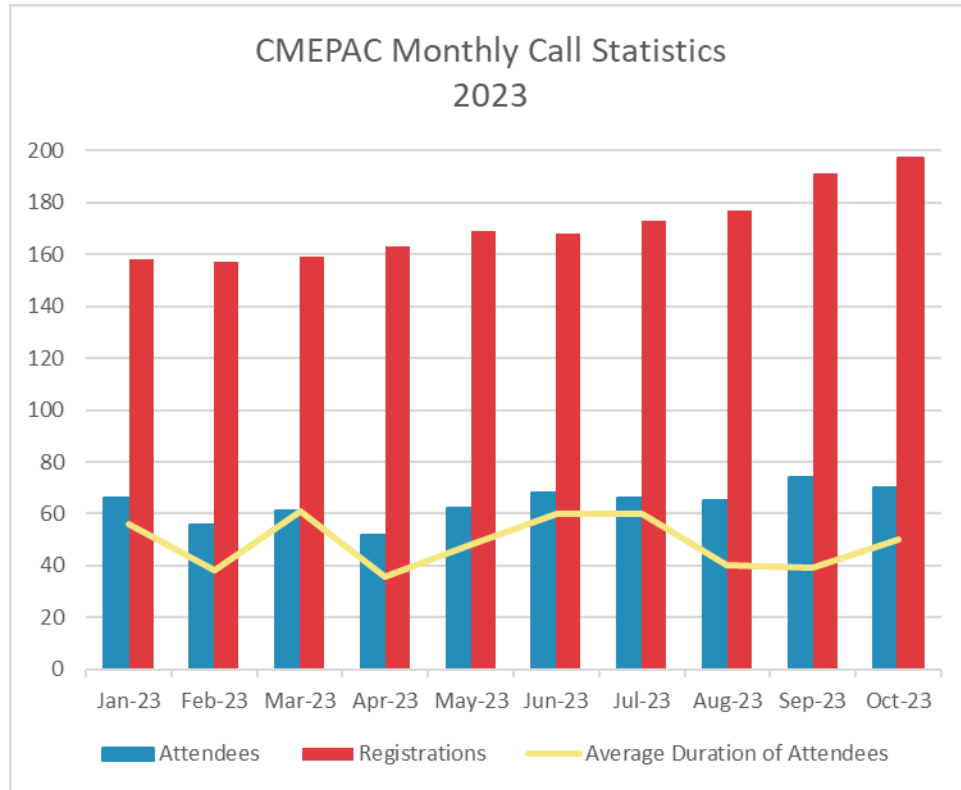
**Report**

o The CMEPAC continues to host their monthly compliance calls on the second Tuesday of the month 3:00 - 4:00 PM. The one-hour call typically includes around 60 participants. Topics from the previous quarter included a review of the July MRO CMEP Conference provided by Matt Caves in August, an overview of MRO's compliance related departments and associated staff with Bill Steiner in September, and a discussion on "How to do quality risk determinations for self-logs and self-reports?" with MRO staff in October. The November monthly call was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict with GridEx. Tiffany Lake is facilitating the final call of the year on December 12th, the topic is TBD.

CMEPAC Monthly Call Metrics

Month	Attendees	Average Duration of Attendees
January 2023	66	56 Minutes
February 2023	56	38 Minutes
March 2023	61	61 Minutes
April 2023	52	36 Minutes
May 2023	62	48 Minutes
June 2023	68	60 Minutes
July 2023	66	60 Minutes
August 2023	65	40 Minutes
September 2023	74	39 Minutes
October 2023	70	50 Minutes

Currently there are 197 registered for the monthly calls.



**Conference Subteam Report**

*Matt Caves, CMEPAC Member*

**Action**

Information

**Report**

The annual MRO CMEP Conference took place on Wednesday, July 26, 2023. Recordings have been posted on MRO's public website on the [event page](#).

**Webinars Subteam Report**  
*Bryan Dixon, CMEPAC Member*

**Action**

Information

**Report**

The Q3 Webinar (Readiness Assessment for EOP-012) was completed on September 21. The CMEPAC Webinar team is planning a 4Q webinar on Compliance Management Program Tools.

**Newsletter Subteam Report**  
*Theresa Allard, CMEPAC Member*

**Action**

Information

**Report**

Article 1: One Entity's Internal Controls Program - Published June 8, 2023

Article 2: Manitoba Hydro's Compliance Oversight Review Initiative Contributes to Reliability Excellence – Published August 21, 2023.

Article 3: Helpful Tips for Training New Personnel in NERC Compliance Proficiency – Published October 10, 2023



**Ask CMEPAC**

*Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair*

**Action**

Discussion

**Report**

Chair Pyle will lead this discussion during the meeting. The AskCMEPAC tracker is available on the collaboration site.

**Action Item Review**  
*Michelle Olson, CMEPAC Meeting Secretary*

**Action**

Discussion

**Report**

Michelle Olson will review all open action items and will discuss all action items logged from this meeting.

**Other Business and Adjourn**

*Terri Pyle, CMEPAC Chair*

**Action**

Discussion

**Report**

Chair Pyle will call for any other business and once all business handled the meeting will adjourn