



Consejo de Armonización de Normas Electrotécnicas de las Naciones de las Américas
Council for Harmonization of Electrotechnical Standards of the Nations of the Americas

CANENA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING:	CANENA Council
PLACE OF MEETING: (In person and online)	Maria Isabel Sheraton Hotel Paseo de la Reforma 325, Cuauhtémoc, 06500 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico
DATE:	Thursday, 23 February 2023
TIME:	15:00 PM – 16:30 PM CT
PRESIDING OFFICER:	Guy Benjamin, CANENA President

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

The meeting was called to order at 3:07pm CT. The CANENA Secretary noted a quorum was in attendance and business could be conducted as needed.

1.1 **Review of Antitrust & Meeting Guidelines**

The Secretary provided an overview of the CANENA Antitrust and Meeting Guidelines. The [Guidelines for Conducting CANENA Meetings](#) will govern this meeting, and participants will follow the [CANENA Code of Conduct and Ethics](#). Members are reminded that all conversation shall be confined to technical, engineering, safety, and performance factors. Commercial considerations (warranties, guarantees, etc.) are not proper factors to be discussed.

1.2 **Approval of Agenda**

The Council has been requested to meet today in response to an invitation by the President which was approved by the Executive Committee to cover the items listed in this agenda.

Change: removal of agenda item 3.2.

Addition: Comments on CANENA from countries outside the traditional CANENA members.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. It was unanimously approved.

1.5 Approval of Minutes

The last meeting of the CANENA Council was held on February 24th, 2022. No comments were received, and the minutes were determined to be approved via correspondence.



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2.0 MATTERS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

2.1 President

During its meeting on November 28, 2022, the ExCo discussed a proposal to have Guy Benjamin's next term as CANENA President, as a onetime exception to the traditional two year term, be for three years to align with the even year CANENA General meetings. If approved, Mr. Benjamin's term would end in February 2024. The Council was asked to approve a onetime, one year extension to Mr. Benjamin's term as CANENA President.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve a onetime, one year extension to Mr. Benjamin's term as CANENA President. The motion was modified to make this contingent on the AGM frequency item on this meeting's agenda. It was subsequently approved following the discussion of agenda item 3.1.

2.2 Treasurer

The CANENA ExCo approved the nomination for Todd Hamden of Hubbell Canada to become the next CANENA Treasurer for the term starting in February 2023 and ending in February 2025.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Hamden's appointment as the next CANENA Treasurer. It was unanimously approved.

2.3 CANADA Member-at-Large

Sandu Cusmariu (Viscor Leviton) serves as CANADA Member-at-Large beginning on March 1, 2021. The term ends in 2023. The Canadian Vice-President has been tasked with obtaining recommendations for the next individual to serve.

Dip Patel from Leviton Canada has been nominated to be the next Canadian Member-at-Large.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dip Patel as the next Canadian Member-at-Large. It was unanimously approved.

2.4 US Member-at-Large

Rusty Tharp (Goodman) is the current US Member-at-Large on the CANENA Executive Committee. The term ends in 2023. The US Vice-President has been tasked with obtaining recommendations for the next individual to serve.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve Rusty Tharp as the next US Member-at-Large. It was unanimously approved.

2.5 Mexico Member-at-Large

Juan Manuel Máximo León (Technical Manager, Conductores Monterrey) serves as Mexican Member-at-Large. The term ends in 2023. The Mexican Vice-President has been tasked with obtaining recommendations.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve Juan Manuel Máximo León as the next Mexican Member-at-Large. It was unanimously approved.

2.6 CANENA Vice Presidents

The Secretary reported on each of the CANENA Vice-Presidents. The position does not have term limits.

- Don Harris - CANADA Vice President
- Jesus Martin Ricardez Barbera - Mexico Vice President
- Greg Steinman – US Vice President

3.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 CANENA AGM FREQUENCY

(D. Abbate)

The CANENA ExCo discussed and approved a recommendation to set the CANENA General Meetings to occur in even years, starting in 2024. The

Secretary confirmed that if approved, the CANENA Annual Meeting will occur in 2024, followed by 2026, 2028, 2030, etc.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the CANENA Annual General Meeting frequency as presented. It was unanimously approved.

4.0 TREASURER'S REPORT (P. Desilets)

Treasurer Pierre Desilets, in coordination with Ekaterina Lutovinova (Controller), reported on the 2022 end of year financial report and 2023 Budget. A copy of the report was provided to Audit Committee Chair Valara Davis for review.

MOTION: A motion was made a seconded to approve the 2022 CANENA financial report with editorials corrected as noted. It was unanimously approved.

The Council recognized Pierre Desilets for his service to CANENA with an award.



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5.0 AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT (V. Davis)

Valara Davis reported that the CANENA ExCo has recommended that Pierre Desilets become the next CANENA Audit Committee Chair.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve Pierre Desilets as the next CANENA Audit Committee Chair. It was unanimously approved.

6.0 MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Secretary noted the Marketing Committee requires a new Chair and that Dip Patel from Leviton Canada has been installed.

7.0 REGISTRAR'S REPORT (L.I. Hernandez)

Luis Ivan Hernandez provided a membership update.



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8.0 **AMBASSADOR REPORT**

(R. Nava)

Rafael Nava provided an update on international standardization and trade issues of importance to CANENA.



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9.0 **VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Each of the three CANENA Vice-Presidents presented a report.



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10.0 **ENTERTAINMENT OF MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

Members were given the opportunity to propose additional actions or motions. None were proposed.

11.0 **2023 CANENA OFFICERS RECOGNITION / AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Council recognized Rafael Nava for his exemplary service to CANENA over its 30 year history.

12.0 **FUTURE MEETING**

The next CANENA Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for February 21 and 22, 2024 in Costa Rica.

The 2024 CANENA Council meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2024 AGM in February 2024.

13.0 **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Council discussed comments received from regions outside of traditional CANENA countries. The CANENA President noted that all comments must be considered and discuss and that guests are allowed to discuss singular topics. He added that comments are encouraged to be sent to the SDOs as part of the consensus process.

14.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44pm CT.

Submitted by:	Danny Abbate	February 27 th , 2023
Reviewed by:	Peter Tolsdorf	March 5 th , 2023