PSMA Industry-Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, 11 September 2026

Attendees:
Ada Cheng
Aditya Singh
Alan Cooper
Brian Zahstecher
Gerry Moschopoulos
John Horzepa
Jose Ortiz Gonzalez
Mike Hayes
Renee Yawger

Next meeting:
Friday, 9 October 2026

Action items highlighted in yellow

PSMA Student Internship
Initial intern reports (all three committees encouraged student interns to take meeting minutes)
Joshua Ruben Nasser (Federal University of Santa Maria)

- 3 committee meetings
- Proposed a technical topic for a poster at the Magnetics Workshop before APEC 2026
- Proposed maintaining a list of student contribution opportunities associated with the committee's active projects. He will develop a template for active & completed projects.
- Proposed periodically including student research presentations in the committee meeting.

Mazen Tag El-Din (Cairo University)

- 2 committee meetings (due to PSMA schedule issue)
- Introduce technical mini-project that partners future interns with member companies for a short, applied engineering challenge
- Suggests a short "quick start" guide of common PSMA terms to help new members such as PTR, EEDB, etc.
- Suggests a kickoff meeting for all interns to set expectations before committee meetings
- Proposed using plain English for the committee meetings to encourage non-native English speakers.

Ahmed Khaleel (North Carolina State University)

- Missed two committee meetings, but attended one
- No report

APEC Student Attendance Support (SAS)
Reached out to both IAS & PELS representatives to confirm participants for selection criteria & selecting recipients
Planning for a pre-selection criteria meeting before recipient selection to streamline the process.
Long term: either an MOU or some formal document to set expectations correctly with all sponsors.
Submitted an updated APEC webpage, but it is not posted yet.

APEC Student Mentorship
First-time student attendee perspective of APEC article with pictures (covers mentorship: https://www.psma.com/HTML/newsletter/page13.html
Need to determine total budget which includes 5th year reunion

- No special incentive needed
- Invite past mentors & mentees
- Since we are inviting previous mentors & mentees, no need to poll
- Use YP signups to gauge reunion attendance

Ada to email certificate to APEC 2026 participants.

- May require a tool so less manual process
- Any suggestions on how to automate this process is welcome

Looking for other class bonding activities (so far only kickoff meeting [Mon} & class photo [Tues])

- Possibly for Wed and/or Thursday

WiPDA Student Mentorship
First mentor signed up already!
Suggestions for Mentees article: https://www.psma.com/HTML/newsletter/page15.html
Might have sign up issues as EDAS registration also possible sign up

Young Professionals (YP)
Renee to draft article on new job advice or tips
Brian to provide strategy, headcount constraints and budget from planning meeting (or Nov meeting)

Women in Engineering (WIE)
Need PoC

- May have candidate. Hoping to introduce potential candidate after ECCE 2026 to WIE contact.

International Future Energy Challenge (IFEC)
Jaume's article and pictures of IFEC finals:
https://www.psma.com/HTML/newsletter/page11.html
Brian Z submitted a special project to cover Jaume's expense which the board approved.
IFEC 2027 announced on LinkedIn: https://lnkd.in/p/gtb_vs2U
Unclear timing when PSMA needs to provide judges for the first screening to the 2nd stage.
More clarity expected by November meeting

APEC Student Demonstration Contest
Recommend to the board for $5K funding (See attached documents)

- Ada sent the attached documents to executive committee for inclusion in the Sept board meeting.

Revised heavily due to PSMA inputs
Encourages industry and academic collaboration.
Requires a PSMA point of contact when passed.
Possibly learn from SAS reimbursement process

Kids Make STEM with Heart (targets 5-8th grade kids in Dallas, TX)
On hold as committee agree not to fund, but waiting on input on whether to promote this.

IEEE PELS University Lab Kits
Ada reached out to share concerns which got a detailed reply.
Arjit expressed excitement over the prospect of PSMA & IEEE PELS joining forces with meaningful collaboration
On hold until after PELS meeting at ECCE 4-8 October