Spring DAC Meeting

Leadership Team 2021

Our esteemed Leader, Hagen Haentsch, of Oncor, has stepped down as Chair of the Data Analytics Council and has graciously agreed to stay on for another year as Past Chair. Many thanks to Hagen for his strong leadership in getting the Council up and running.

Denise Ralston, Director of Customer Service Analytics at FirstEnergy, moves up from Vice-Chair to serve a two-year term as Chair of the Council.

Ankush Agarwal. Director of Grid Analytics at Exelon is on board as Vice-Chair, replacing TJ Barron from PPL EU who changed jobs. Ben Spanswick, Manager of Data Analytics & Performance at PPL EU will serve in the new position of 2nd Vice-Chair and Josh Power from Oncor joins us as Secretary, replacing Diana Mahoney from EverSource, who retired in June. Greg Reardon will continue as AEIC liaison to the Council.

Special thanks to former Vice-Chair TJ Barron, Diana Mahoney, and to our whitepaper team leaders Ben Spanswick (PPL EU) Ron Davis (FPL), Victoria White (Oncor), Denise Ralston (FirstEnergy), and Josh Power (Oncor).
2020 – Year in Review

To say that 2020 was a year of great challenge, change, and uncertainty for our industry is a huge understatement. The COVID-19 pandemic impacted almost every aspect of our lives in some way. To the credit of our industry, we’ve managed to adapt, adjust, accommodate, and keep the lights on, restore power when events demanded it, and continue to serve our customers.

The AEIC Data Analytics Council was able to keep things moving forward. We hosted two webinars that were each attended by up to 60 people and which were open to any of our member company representatives.

In June, the Data Analytics Council hosted a virtual meeting on Robotic Process Automation. The Council also hosted a virtual meeting on Vegetation Management in July.

During the year, the Council teams produced the following whitepapers:

- Organization, Education, and Development for Data Analytics Capabilities
- Customer 360
- A Universal Approach to Image Tagging and Recognition for the Electric Utility Industry
- Operational Short Term Load Forecasting

2021 – A Look Ahead

The Leadership Team has identified a few areas of focus for 2021.

Below are the topics and the names and email addresses of the Team Leaders for each area. We encourage you to sign up for any area of interest to you, please contact the Team Leader and copy Josh Power and Greg Reardon.

2021 Planned activities:
- Vegetation Management – Iliana Rentz, FPL (Iliana.Rentz@fpl.com)
- Robotic Process Automation – Rockie Solomon, EverSource (Raquel.Solomon@eversource.com)
- Weather Induced Outage Prep & Response – Amin Tayyebi, Exelon (Amin.Tayyebi@exelon.com)
- Customer Communications – Tom Siudak, FirstEnergy (tsiudak@firstenergycorp.com)
- Use Case Library – Josh Power, Oncor (Josh.Power@oncor.com)

The best way to network and obtain maximum value for you and your company is to participate on a Data Analytics Council Team!

Save the Date!

Our Spring Meeting will occur on Wednesday, May 19. We’ll be meeting virtually and the theme will be Safety Analytics. This meeting is open to all member company representatives.
AEIC’s New Awareness Campaign

Some people say AEIC is the best-kept secret in the electric industry. We’d like to change that. We’d like to raise the level of awareness about AEIC, our working groups, our member companies, and their amazing associates.

We would like everyone to become better acquainted with all our working groups and to know more about AEIC as a robust organization focused on electric industry operations. AEIC now has 180 member companies with over 550 employees working directly on AEIC committees, subcommittees, and Council.

To provide you with information about the entire AEIC organization, AEIC’s staff has prepared a packet about AEIC, its role in the industry, and its working groups. We would like to send this information to you, wherever you are presently working.

To order your copy or as many copies as you like, please submit a request by simply going to the website, www.aeic.org and scroll halfway down the front page until you see this image:

From here, you submit your order, plus you will be able to download files containing all the information in the packets, plus two PowerPoint presentations.
Access to the DAC Website

https://aeic.org/committees/data-analytics/

Shared documents produced by the DAC will be posted to the AEIC DAC website. Since this site is for AEIC members only, please use the following username and password for entry:

Username: datauser
Password: gE5*8twp&5

Under “Committees” click on “Data Analytics Council.” Click on “Members Only” and select the Documents menu option. Log in using the credentials above.

If there are any items you would like to share on the website, please forward to Josh Power (Josh.Power@Oncor.com) and/or Greg Reardon (greardon@aeic.org).