TRUC Membership Application

1. Applicants must provide a resume to the TRUC committee for review.

2. Applicants must provide a letter from their Manager stating their employer's support for participation on the TRUC committee including travel and conference expenses to be paid for by the employer. This includes participating in a pre-conference TRUC committee meeting by arriving at the Georgia Tech Hotel the Sunday before the start of the Monday morning FDA conference.

3. The applicant should provide if possible; A listing of past Fault & Disturbance Analysis (FDA) conference or Protective Relay Conference (PRC) attendance, FDA or other similar conference involvement, and a list of any papers presented at conferences if applicable. Enter response in the following blank area.
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4. The applicant should provide if possible; Information on any experience with Fault & Disturbance Analysis. A listing of the applicant's present duty assignments with their employer will also be useful for TRUC committee membership consideration. Enter responses in following blank area. Use 'Enter' key to advance to the next line if you do not continue typing your information to end of the line. Twelve lines maximum in step 4.

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5. The PRC hosts a meeting in early January at Georgia Tech to discuss their upcoming conference. At least one TRUC member should attend that meeting as well as the Protective Relay committee breakfast meeting that is held early on Thursday morning during the week of the FDA/PRC conferences. The applicant should be agreeable to volunteer and be prepared at some time to participate in the PRC conference planning committee meetings. The volunteering is done on a TRUC membership rotating basis.

6. All requested information must be sent to the TRUC committee at council@truc.org for membership consideration or unless otherwise directed differently.

TRUC Member Duties

A. Duties for User and Non-User TRUC members:

1. Attend the FDA conferences, currently held in Atlanta, GA and hosted by Georgia Tech

2. Attend the TRUC committee meeting held at the Georgia Tech Hotel the Sunday afternoon preceding the start of the FDA Conference on Monday

3. Recruit papers for presentation at the FDA conference

4. Volunteering to be either a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson for one of the four FDA sessions that are held on Monday and Tuesday of the FDA Conference. Refer to the accompanying Chairperson Guidelines document for a complete explanation of the Chair duties

5. Briefly stated, the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson responsible for one of the four sessions will review all papers and presentations submitted by the authors assigned to their respective session. The final version of papers and Microsoft® PowerPoint presentations that conform to the accompanying TRUC Author's Guidelines document will then be posted/submitted by the Chair/Vice-Chairperson or author(s) to the Ga Tech Website (new process since 2018 FDA…)

6. A TRUC member volunteer is required for conducting the audio/visual part of the FDA Conference presentations and loading all presentations onto the Georgia Tech computer. Afterwards, the applicable updated Author Papers and PowerPoint presentations need to be eventually uploaded to the TRUC and Georgia Tech websites.

7. Work with users to present interesting faults for analysis during the Monday afternoon session at the FDA conference

8. Participate in monthly TRUC meetings held at the discretion of the TRUC committee.

9. Recruit new members to fill vacant User positions on the TRUC committee

10. A Non-User is usually appointed or volunteers as TRUC Secretary

11. New members need a letter or email from their management that supports their involvement on the TRUC committee and must submit a resume detailing their involvement if any with transient recorders to the TRUC committee (council@truc.org) for membership consideration.

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13. FDA Conference Proceedings Timer: Volunteering as a "Timer" to monitor author presentations for the 40-minute time period allotted for each presentation, which includes 10-minutes for Q&A and changing of the presenters. Use a timer application such as "pclock" or "Presentation Clock" written by Matt Cholick. The timer application is available for iOS and Android downloading. As a Timer you need to monitor the countdown timer to advise a Speaker 25 minutes into their presentation when there is five minutes remaining for the presenter to conclude their presentation. A clock timer that has been used for past conferences counts down from 35 minutes and turns yellow with five minutes left and turns red with two minutes left.

14. TRUC Document Creator and Revisions Author: Volunteering as may be needed from year to year to alter the Author Guidelines, Chairperson's Guidelines, TRUC Charter, the TRUC Chair Duties in Preparation for the FDA Conference, TRUC Membership Application Form & Duties, and other documents as may be required for the TRUC committee to perform its duties. Revised or newly created documents will be presented to the entire TRUC committee for review, comment and acceptance by the committee before being posted to the TRUC website.

15. TRUC Website Manager: Presently there is a TRUC member who manages the online TRUC website. Should this position be vacated, a volunteer will be needed to fill this position.

B. Additional duties for User members:

1. Volunteering for the position of TRUC Chairperson or Vice-Chair as the positions become vacant. The Vice-Chair in one year is automatically advanced to TRUC Chairperson for the following year whereby a User member volunteers or is nominated to fill the vacated position of TRUC Vice-Chair.

2. One user-member of the TRUC committee will take the responsibility of reporting on a single vendors' issues as reported by individual utility users during the Monday afternoon "Users Forum" or at other times during the FDA Conference. That user-member will then submit a short report to the respective vendor by writing a summary of customer comments for the affected vendor to review.

3. Consult with utility users during the FDA conference to get their feedback on vendor product reliability, quality, repeatability and after-sales support. This information is usually acquired during the Users Forum on Monday afternoon, but can be gathered at any time.

4. Visit their selected Vendor's suite/booth to consult with the vendor regarding issues concerning their product(s) and/or services that were brought up by users during the Monday afternoon Users Forum. Determine if the vendor has any relative comments or solutions that could be settled by encouraging the Users to consult with the appropriate Vendor during the conference or thereafter as may be convenient for both parties.