Dr Boudreaux’s Guide to support Large Conferences

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- NEVER BE THE LAST SPEAKER OF THE DAY
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• Analyze your capabilities
• Know what you can handle and then groom your Chapter for that type of conference
• THINK LIKE A CONFERENCE ORGANIZER
Number One Resource

• Volunteers are the key......
  – For the local PES the more and varied support is a must
  – Large Conferences need experience on the LOC
  – Build that experience with any conference you can get
  – LOC is the key, Local industry support is very important, treasurer position is key.
Other aspects to consider

• Analyze several factors for a conference to consider

• Local Bureau

• Venue needed for that conference
  – Housing, Rooms, Rooms, and More Rooms
  – Meeting rooms, Meeting rooms, Meeting rooms
  – Industry support
  – Transportation
  – Destination
What is a large Conference?

The size varies
T&D – 14,000+ attendees and 800+ exhibitors
   6000 Rooms on Peak
General Meeting – 2400 to 3200 attendees
   one/two hotels, many meetings
   2000 Rooms on Peak
Smart Grid – Regional 800 to 1000 attendees
   one hotel, very technically focused
   400 Rooms on Peak
Other conferences to consider

• Non PES Meetings
  – Comsoc
  – Globecom
  – IEEE USA
  – Others
More Wisdom

• GET familiar with these things
• Volunteers are the key......
• Flexibility within the organization
  – Get someone to volunteer as Future Conference Chair in your local PES Chapter or IEEE Section
Last of Dr. Boudreaux’s Wisdom

• KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER
  – Know your capabilities and limitations
  – Volunteers are KEY
  – Be Persistent

• Clarence is not that BIG!!!!!!
Thank You

And Thanks for all you do!