



Member Advisory Committee
Stakeholder Engagement Task
Force Update

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Strategic Engagement

Section 4.9 Review

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- Stakeholder Engagement
- Strategic Planning



Stakeholder Engagement Work Group (SEWG)

Focused look at stakeholder engagement in collaborative work



Stakeholder Engagement Task Force (SETF)

Created by Board in June based on recommendation from the SEWG

September- December

January - June

June-present

Board Findings

The existing stakeholder engagement structure and processes are not well suited to enable WECC to marshal critical stakeholder expertise to identify and analyze emerging reliability and security issues in a timely manner.

Further examination and change are required to streamline the existing committee structure and to create new structures and processes so that stakeholders can more effectively and efficiently support WECC's reliability and security activities.

Stakeholder Engagement Task Force

- Reinventing the way WECC interacts with stakeholders
- Looking at how WECC
 - Partners with stakeholders to do relevant and timely technical work
 - Accesses stakeholder expertise in a nimble and flexible way
 - Understands and addresses the needs of various stakeholder groups
- Stakeholder feedback opportunities along the way
- Tasked with making recommendations to the Board by the end of 2020



Focus on Desired Outcomes

- What do we want our future to be?
 - Focuses work on “inventing the future” rather than merely “tweaking the past.”
 - Allows us to identify new possibilities not tied to past structure and process.
- What do we want our stakeholder engagement to achieve?
 - Rather than “Here is what we currently have; how can we make it better?”

Guiding Principles

- Ensure access to stakeholder subject matter expertise
- Foster collaboration, cooperation, and common commitment
- Engage stakeholders as partners
- Provide a “safe space” for discussing issues and education



SETF Tasks & Workstreams

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SME and Technical Stakeholder Engagement

2

WECC staff role and relationship to stakeholder groups

3

Mechanisms for sharing and receiving stakeholder feedback on WECC work

4

Metrics

Straw Proposal Discussion

Straw Proposal Purpose

The straw proposal should

- Reflect how we might achieve our future, not just tweak the existing structure;
- Serve as a starting point, not the last word;
- Be bold, a lightning rod for discussion; and
- Be refined through conversation and input.

Straw Proposal: Underlying Considerations

- Create a flexible, issue-based committee structure
- Build in accountability to ensure relevant and timely work is created, produced, and socialized with intended audiences
- Clarify expectations and roles
- Ensure committee work supports WECC's mission, vision, LTS
- Create continuous, “real-time” structural review to adjust as necessary and avoid large overhauls, e.g., 4.9 review
- Improve management of products, timelines, deliverables, etc.
- Distinguish the value of producing work from the value of discussing, networking, and learning about issues

Straw Proposal Elements

- Element 1: Standing Committees
 - Disband OC and MIC; create Operations, Security, and Market Interface Committee (OSMIC)
 - Keep RAC
 - Limit membership on OSMIC and RAC
- Element 2: Performance Review Board (PRB)
 - Disband JGC
 - Create PRB
 - Board committee (chaired by Director)

Straw Proposal Elements

- Element 3: Standing Committee Project Management
 - All standing committee initiative have project management support from WECC
- Element 4: Subcommittees, workgroups, task forces
 - Disband all subgroups that are not directly involved in developing Standing Committee work
 - Shift gatherings for discussion, networking, and information sharing to workshops, trainings, and forums managed by WECC's Strategic Engagement team
- Element 5: Metrics
 - Create performance metrics and stakeholder engagement metrics

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- Element 5: Metrics

Feedback Mechanisms

Workstream 3: Feedback Mechanisms

Issue

- Effective mechanisms for WECC stakeholders to provide feedback on initiatives, work, etc.

Deliverables:

- Description of the issues and gaps in current mechanisms for obtaining and integrating stakeholder feedback
- Suggestions for actions to improve

Process

- Work with MAC and WICF to develop statement of the issue and gather ideas for solutions

Feedback Mechanisms Discussion

- Do you feel you have ready access to effective feedback mechanisms?
 - If not, why? What is lacking?
 - E.g., no mechanism exists, it is hard to use, I can't find it, no one is listening
- What can WECC do to give stakeholders opportunities to share feedback?



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