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GridWise® Architecture Council elects new members

De Martini, Knight, join re-elected members

RICHLAND, Wash. – The [GridWise Architecture Council](#), or GWAC, has elected two new members, Paul De Martini and Mark Knight. Erich Gunther was re-elected as GWAC Chairman.

“The experience and insight of our new members will help GWAC continue to drive toward an interoperable smart grid,” said Gunther.

De Martini is managing director of Newport Consulting Group, LLC, where he assists utility firms and Fortune 250 companies with developing strategy in light of changing markets and policies. He has 30 years of experience leading smart grid initiatives with industry giants such as Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison, and Cisco. He was founding chair of the Edison Electric Institute’s executive smart grid working group, where he shaped national smart grid regulatory and policy decisions. He was also a founding chair of the Electric Power Research Institute’s executive smart grid working group, where he contributed to shaping the economic analysis of smart grid investments. De Martini received a BS in Applied Economics from the University of San Francisco, an MBA degree from the University of Southern California, and a Certificate in Technology Management from the California Institute of Technology.

Knight is director of grid applications at KEMA, where he is currently the project manager for ISO New England’s synchrophasor technology deployment Smart Grid Investment Grant project. He has more than 25 years of experience going back to the UK where he developed the second generation of market settlement systems for the deregulated UK market, as well as for the Central Electricity Generating Board before that. Knight also worked at National Grid where he developed best practice performance reporting, and was part of the Logica team that created the Market Data Clearing House concept for American Electric Power, or AEP. Knight holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Petroleum Engineering from Imperial College in London.

The new GridWise Architecture members are joined by six re-elected members to the thirteen-member council: Erich Gunther, Chief Technology Officer, EnerNex Corporation; Ron Ambrosio, Global Research Leader, IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center; Rik Drummond, CEO and Chief Scientist, Drummond Group Inc.; Alex Levinson, Information Systems Architect, Lockheed Martin; Thomas Sloan, State Representative, State of Kansas; and Kenneth Wacks Ph.D., Consultant with Sensus Metering Systems.

About the GridWise Architecture Council

The GridWise Architecture Council was convened in 2004 by the Department of Energy with support from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. As a volunteer council, the GWAC includes practitioners and leaders with broad-based knowledge and expertise in power, information technology, telecommunications, financial systems and other fields who are working together toward a coordinated GridWise vision—the transformation of the nation’s energy system into a rich, collaborative network filled with decision-making information exchange and market-based opportunities.

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