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GridWise™ Architecture Council Selects New Members and Re-Elects Chairman

Bordine, Cunningham, McCafferty and Snyder join continuing members

RICHLAND, Wash. – The [GridWise Architecture Council](#) has selected four new members: Andrew Bordine, Ron Cunningham, Stuart McCafferty and Aaron Snyder. Several GWAC members were also re-confirmed, including David Forfia, Utilicast, as the chairman and the following as general members: Ron Ambrosio, Utopus Insights; Tanya Barham, Community Energy Labs; Ron Bernstein, RBCG LLC; Gerald Gray, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI); Stephen Knapp, Power Analytics; Lorenzo Kristov, Electric System Policy, Structure, Market Design; Farrokh Rahimi, Open Access Technology International; Leonard Tillman, Balch & Bingham LLP.

The new members were formally seated at the GWAC Face to Face meeting held earlier this month during the AHR Expo at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

“It is humbling to be selected by my fellow members of the Council to my fifth year as Chair. I look forward to working with the new members, our continuing full and associate members and the Emeritus members of the Council and the extended community of Council meeting participants.

The work of the Council in 2020 will help the industry assess and adapt to the policy, economic and demographic changes in the future.” David Forfia, GWAC Chair

GWAC New Members:

Ron Cunningham – Ron Cunningham is an IT Enterprise Architect in the Enterprise Architecture and Strategy group at American Electric Power (AEP), focusing on: grid modernization architecture; IT/OT interoperability industry standards development and use; use of enterprise architecture frameworks, development and refinement of grid and IT architectural metamodels, system modeling, formal ontologies; enhancing cybersecurity and grid related telecommunication technologies and architectures.

Aaron Snyder As the Director of Grid Technology Consulting at EnerNex, Aaron works with many utility and vendor clients on metering, AMI, Smart Grid, and Grid Modernization projects, specializing in testing, metering, requirements, specifications, solution architecture, and consumer issues. In recent years he has been supporting Grid Modernization projects (AMI, DA, Microgrid, ADMS) in the USA, Middle East, and West Africa. His work has been to support the utility teams in all aspects of strategy development, requirements, specification authoring, vendor interviews, procurement support (bidder evaluations), and pre-deployment support.

Stuart McCafferty – An accomplished Smart Grid technical executive with innovative history, strong relationships in the utility and vendor communities, business and partner development, platform and solution design, go to market planning and execution, and practical application of existing and emerging/disruptive technologies. Strategic thinker and planner that can adaptively execute successful campaigns and programs. Results-driven mentality with strong leadership and mentoring skills and “team first” mentality. Thought leader in the Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data, Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning, and connected home with practical application within the

Smart Grid ecosystem. Expert in utility IT/OT and the application of Distributed Energy Resources (DER) and microgrids for resilience, economics, and reliability. Energy Fellow for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for community resilience. Co-Chair of the Open Field Message Bus (OpenFMB) standard. Deep experience in grid modernization, software design, development, implementation, support, and overall product management. Experience with start-ups as founder and executive leader.

Andrew Bordine – With two decades of experience designing, planning and leading electric system programs and software architecture, Andrew Bordine currently serves as Vice President of Energy Markets and Innovation for Anterix. In this role, he directs ongoing efforts to leverage wireless telecommunication networks to the benefit of utility providers within the energy sector while providing customer value. His position also involves partnering closely with State and Federal Regulators nationwide on critical infrastructure deployments.

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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