

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2016

Attendees

Mark Knight – PNNL
Ken Wacks, consultant to Sensus Metering Systems, Inc.
Gerald Gray, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)
James Mater, Quality Logic
David Forfia, Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT)
Ron Ambrosio, IBM T.J. Watson Research Center
Ron Bernstein, Ron Bernstein Consulting Group, LLC
Stephen Knapp, Power Analytics Corp
Farrokh Rahimi, OATI
Tom Sloan, Kansas State Legislator

GWAC Associates

Gordon Matthews, BPA

Members not present

Ron Melton, GWAC Administrator, PNNL
Heather Sanders, Southern California Edison

Support – Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)

Susan McGuire, PNNL

Administrative

Welcome and Administrative Business

David Forfia, and GWAC Administrator

David Forfia called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. PDT once a quorum was reached.

David Forfia accepted Ron Bernstein's motion to accept the June online meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephen Knapp.

The Face to Face GWAC meeting has been moved to start at Noon, October 5 and all day October 6 due to scheduling conflicts for some key participants and events at PNNL. This event is being combined with a Grid Architecture Workshop which added to the scheduling complexity. The dates should be marked as hold for now and once Ron Melton has confirmed these dates a notice will be sent.

The next GWAC online meeting is scheduled for August 17.

Action: For the September GWAC Online meeting a Doodle poll will be taken to choose between Sept. 14 and 15.

Action: David Forfia asked if a F2F should be held at the SGIP meeting (DC, Nov. 6-10) since there will be many council members attending. Ron Melton will follow up with David Forfia regarding a GWAC panel discussion to be held at the SGIP meeting.

TES Panel 2017 will include both Ron Ambrosia and Ron Bernstein which was a question that needed to be resolved from the June meeting minutes. Mark Knight also confirmed that Farrokh Rahimi has been added to the committee. Ken Wacks also volunteered during the meeting. Mark Knight noted that the panel should now have a sufficient number of participants.

Action: Mark Knight will send out a meeting announcement for the TES 17 planning committee within the next week and the meeting should be within the next three weeks.

In response an action from the June meeting, Mark Knight and Stephen Knapp presented a pie chart that they have put together based on TES conference attendance in the past three years. There was some difficulty determining which attendees would be considered part of the non-regulated market. Stephen proposed that we look more at who is not attending and why which led to a discussion of the future direction of the TES Conference and strategic planning ideas.

Farrokh Rahimi provided a summary of the EUCI workshop held for 1.5 days last month in San Diego as an instructional class. Farrokh, Ron Melton and Lorenzo Kristoff from California ISO were the presenters. Most of the dozen attendees were from utilities. There was a lot of interest in the discussion material. The course counted for continuing education credits.

Mark Knight presented on the status of the Decision Makers checklist. There is a need to finalize it quickly and get it sent to the DOE since the milestone date has passed for this.

Mark noted that there were a lot of embedded questions which he tried to resolve. He felt that if the checklist is to teach people a document full of questions would not be helpful. Certainly there are many questions still to be answered but he sees the purpose of the document as an introduction to those new to Transactive Energy.

Comments from GWAC Council members have been incorporated.

The document was restructured along the lines suggested by Doug Houseman.

Ken Wacks is hoping to help IEC resolve a publication issue with PNNL on the “GridWise Interoperability Context-Setting Framework.” Mark Knight has been talking with Ken and with the PNNL librarians about questions on the copyright terms. Ken has been facilitating the matter with new board members on the IEC. Both are hoping to resolve this soon to allow IEC to be able to post the document on their website soon.

Action: Mark Knight will respond to Ken with feedback for the IEC

Action: Mark Knight presented a flow chart of future GWAC strategic direction possibilities that was prepared by Ron Melton. This chart was based on input that has come in through discussions at several GWAC meetings. Ron Melton and David Forfia will develop presentation slides on this data.

GWAC Chairman David Forfia asked for a motion to conclude the meeting. Ron Bernstein made the motion and Stephen Knapp seconded the motion.