Meeting Minutes

Sept. 15, 2016

GWAC Council Members

David Forfia, Director, Enterprise Architecture at the Electric Reliability Council of Texas

Ron Ambrosio, IBM Distinguished Engineer and Chief Technology Officer for IBM's Smarter Energy Research

Ron Bernstein, President, RBCG, LLC

Paul De Martini, Managing Director, Newport Consulting Group, LLC

Gerald R. Gray, Technical Executive at the Electric Power Research Institute

Stephen Knapp, Executive Director at Power Analytics Corp.

James Mater, Co-Founder & Director, QualityLogic Inc.

Farrrokh Rahimi, Senior Vice President, Open Access Technology International Inc.

Tom Sloan, State Representative, State of Kansas

Carl Zichella, Director, Western Transmission for NRD

Members Not Present

Mark Knight, Chief Eng., PNNL

Doug Houseman, Vice President of Technical Innovation at EnerNex, LLC.

Heather Sanders, Principal Manager, Integrated Grid Strategy & Engagement, Southern California Edison

PNNL Support

Ron Melton, GWAC Administrator Susie McGuire, GWAC Coordinator

GWAC Associates

Gordon Matthews, Technology Innovation, Bonneville Power Administration

Guests

Tanya Barham

GWAC Emeritus Council Members

Ken Wacks, Consultant, Sensus Metering Systems Inc.

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David Forfia called the meeting to order at 10:06 PT

Announcements

David Forfia, Mark Knight and Ron Melton met earlier this month regarding the Face to Face meeting.

A QR code has been generated for the Decision Maker's Checklist.

The Nov. GWAC meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Our Doodle poll picked Oct 25, 26 for the Face to Face meeting. Farrokh Rahimi connected Ron with people at the OATI headquarters in Minneapolis. Ron will contact OATI to confirm the dates. Richland was also suggested as a possible location.

Farrokh Rahimi and Chris Irwin preferred Minneapolis as a location.

James Mater and Tanya Barham, a guest participant, preferred Richland (both are from Portland).

Ron will strongly encourage Chris Irwin to attend the October GWAC F2F meeting to help kick off a robust discussion about the TE Roadmap.

Ron reminded everyone of the Interoperability Meeting Sept. 27, and 28 in Chicago which is hosted by PNNL and ANL under GMLC DOE sponsorship.

The GWAC meeting to be held as part of the SGIP Grid Modernization Summit meeting scheduled for Nov. 7 -10 in Washington DC will be a short meeting.

Farrokh Rahimi will be the technical chair for the ISGT meeting which will be held in April 2017 in Washington DC. Joe Palladino with DOE is the overall chair for the meeting. The dates are not yet set. DOE would like to hold the meeting in DC because they would like to coordinate this meeting with a Grid Modernization Lab Consortium Summit meeting. This meeting is being set up quickly. Ron will keep the GWAC posted as details emerge.

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Approval of Minutes

David Forfia noted that the GWAC August 2016 minutes have been distributed. Ken Wacks had a couple of changes regarding the ISO standards which he emailed to the GWAC Coordinator. Carl Zichella approved the minutes with these edits and Steven Knapp gave the second motion.

GWAC New Associate Membership

Ron Announced that Jeff Morris, Representative of the State of Washington, 40th Legislative Dist. and owner of Energy Horizon Corp., and Chris Villarreal, Director of Policy for the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, have been elected as GWAC Associates. Also the current GWAC Associates, Gordon Matthews Mark Paterson were also approved to serve for another term.

Ron Melton announced that discussions with MIT have so far not found a solution regarding how to handle the financial aspects of the 2017 TE Symposium. Other aspects of the MIT location did look very promising. But the partnership must include financial responsibilities. Mark Knight and Ron Melton have been talking with MIT about this. If MIT doesn't work out, Portland is still an option for us.

The TE Decision Maker's Checklist is posted on the GWAC website with a request for feedback.

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