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GWAC Members

David Forfia, GWAC Chair
Kay Aikin, Founder, CFO, Dynamic Grid/Introspective Systems
Ron Ambrosio, Independent Energy Transformation Professional
Ron Bernstein, President, RBCG, LLC
Ron Cunningham, IT Enterprise Architect, American Electric Power
Paul DeMartini, Managing Partner, Newport Consulting
Gerald Gray, Sr. Program Manager, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)
Lorenzo Kristov, Principal, Electric System Policy, Structure, Market Design
Ahlmahz Negash, Sr. Power Analyst, Tacoma Power
Farrokh Rahimi, Senior Vice President, Open Access Technology International, Inc
Aaron Snyder, Dir. of Grid Tech. Consulting, EnerNex
Leonard Tillman, Partner, Balch & Bingham, LLP

GWAC Members and Assoc. not present

Rahul Bahadur, VMWare, Inc.
Andrew Bordine, VP Energy Mkts & Innovation, Anterix
Mark Paterson, CSO, Strategen
Chris Villarreal, President, Plugged In Strategies

GWAC Guests

Frances Cleveland
Toby Considine
Marc Costa, the Energy Coalition
Sean Crimmins, EPRI
Larisa Dobriansky
Gerad Freeman, PNNL
Jordan Henderson, PNNL
Mike Hoffman
David Katz
Dave LeVee
James Orenstein
Seemita Pal
Elizabeth Sisley
David Wollman, NIST

GWAC Associates & Emeritus

Ken Wacks, Home, Building & Utility Systems
James Mater, Quality Logic

PNNL Support

Susan McGuire, GWAC Coordinator
Ron Melton, Acting PNNL Administration
Chair David Forfia opened the meeting at 12:02 Central time with a quorum.

He noted that Melanie Johnson, USACE and Steve Widergren, PNNL, will be the Guest Speakers for today.

Ron Melton read the Proprietary Information and reviewed the agenda.

David asked if there had been any edits sent in for the GWAC meeting minutes. Susie commented that there were some corrections sent in by Ken Wacks regarding his liaison report and the changes were made.

David asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes and Ron Bernstein gave the motion. It was seconded by Ron Ambrosio. The minutes were unanimously approved by the group.

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**Agenda June 15, 2022**

- Call to Order and roll call
- GWAC Administrative Business
  - Welcome
  - Minutes
  - Upcoming events
  - Actions
  - GWAC Chair Selection
- Presentation: INSTALLATION POWER AND ENERGY: DELIVERING RESILIENT ELECTRIC POWER, by: Melanie Johnson, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
- Status Reports and Coordination
  - Discussion of NEASB Standards Request R2201 – Steve Widergren
  - Fall GWAC meeting planning
  - GWAC Projects Overview Chart review
  - Working Party Status Updates
    - Grid Architecture White Paper
    - Grid Future State White Paper
  - Liaison Reports
Ron Melton reviewed the updated GWAC conference and event list. He noted that Andy Bordine will attend the Edison Electric Institute June 20 - 22.

Ron Bernstein and David Forfia will attend the ASHRAE Annual Conference in Toronto June 25 - 29. They will present a talk based on the recent GWAC white paper, “Smart Buildings as a Transactive Energy Hub.” The talk is part of a GWAC hosted panel at the meeting that Ron had submitted.

The EPRI Electrification meeting will be June 28 - 30. Gerald Gray said he would not be attending because it’s not in his organization.

Ron Melton noted the IEEE PES General meeting July 17 will be held face to face in Denver. Ron Melton, Farrokh Rahimi and Ron Cunningham will be there.

Ron Melton, Farrokh Rahimi and Ron Cunningham will be at the SEPA RE+ meeting, Sept. 19 - 22 in Anaheim, CA.

For IEEE ISGT in Washington DC, January 16 - 19, Farrokh Rahimi might be there, and Ron Melton is also planning to attend. Seemita Pal, PNNL is planning to be there.
Susie will schedule a planning meeting for the GWAC F2F Fall meeting with those who have volunteered to serve on that committee. Marc Costa recently joined that group.

**Action:** Susie to schedule a GWAC Fall F2F meeting

Ron asked Ahlmahz if she had seen the final version of her blog post before it was posted, and she noted that she had seen it and had approved it for posting.

Ron asked Farrokh about IEEE Xplore. Farrokh noted that he had submitted forms a month ago. There are some steps left to do and Roseanne is working with the IEEE Xplore group on the copyright forms needed. She has copies of all the papers, they are on the IEEE BOX site. Roseanne may not be able to give much attention to this until after the IEEE PES meeting in Denver. Ron Melton said we could schedule a meeting about it if needed.

**Action:** TESC 22 papers for Xplore – check with Roseanne after IEEE PES GM in July.

SEPA Grid Architecture work group meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 8:00 am Pacific time. Seemita Pal leads this group.

August speakers - Lorenzo is on deck. He said the CAPUC has had a proceeding on High DER future grid. Track 2 is to consider potential DSO models. GridWorks is a consultant to the California PUC. They did
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create a framework but there is no common vocabulary for various groups that are interested. Lorenzo has some material on a framework of a common vocabulary and concepts that he would like to present to the GWAC to get their feedback on before presenting to the CAPUC.

**Action:** Schedule Lorenzo Kristov to speak at the August GWAC meeting.

Frances Cleveland noted that she is very active in this process. She offered to have a meeting with Lorenzo on Task 2. She could work with him, but he said he’s not quite ready to meet at this time. The June workshop was cancelled, community engagement is still in progress, not sure if the August meeting will proceed. He would appreciate Frances’s feedback.

Lorenzo noted that no other PUC is doing this sort of thing at this time. He thinks the vocabulary will be useful everywhere.

**GWAC Chair Selection**

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**Annual GWAC Chair Selection**

- One year term
- Nominations
  - Must be nominated by two members
- Discussion
- Vote
- Confirmation by DOE program manager (Chris Irwin)

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Ron Melton discussed the GWAC process for the next GWAC Chair.

David Forfia nominated Ron Bernstein for the role.

Farrokh Rahimi seconded the nomination of Ron Bernstein.

Leonard Tillman gave a motion that nominations be closed. Farrokh gave a second and Ron Ambrosio also approved the motion.

Ron Bernstein expressed his sincere interest in taking the position and he noted his appreciation to David Forfia for acting as the GWAC chair and providing leadership for many years.
Ron Ambrosio and Kay Aikin noted their support for Ron Bernstein.

The group unanimously approved the nomination of Ron Bernstein as the next GWAC Chair.

Ron Melton will take the nomination to Chris Irwin, DOE for approval.

David Forfia said he has enjoyed the experience as GWAC chair and he is now looking forward to moving to Emeritus Chair status.

Ron Bernstein introduced the guest speaker, Melanie Johnson with USACE. He said he had heard her speak recently on buildings and microgrids and thought it would be an interesting topic for the GWAC
Resilient Electrical Power and Microgrids

**Vision**
Evolve electrical distribution systems with flexible resiliency, optimized costs, and deep data visibility to enable dynamic response to mission requirements.

**Research and Development**
- Resilient Electrical Distribution Systems/Microgrids
- Control and Stability Methods
- System Self-Analysis
- Power Sensing
- Edge-compute processing
- Power Quality Management
- Condition-Based maintenance
- System Status Visibility
- Interoperability
- Open Protocols and Standards
- Distribution System Digital Twins

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- Design
- Cost Estimation
- Acquisition
- Commissioning
- Sustainment
- Standards and Criteria
- Unified Facilities Criteria Development
- Microgrids, Energy Resilience
- IEEE P2030.4

**Impacts:**
- 20+ Microgrid Projects
- 400+ Hours Islanded Run Time
- 10+ Power Sensor Deployments
- Demonstrated Interoperability

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Electrical Distribution: Current State

- Grid-Dependent
- Non-Resilient
- Limited Market Participation
- Limited Visibility
- Limited Interconnection
- No Advanced Controls
- No Integration of Storage

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They do have building level metering now - things are improving.

They have sensors to detect power quality problems.

They are working for better communications and better standards.

Frances Cleveland asked about the work - many similar things are going on in other venues. How much can she use existing work, including with Cyber Security, from outside of USACE?

Melanie replied: We do our best to leverage what commercial grid operators are using. This information has been considered with creating their standards. It is one layer deeper than noted standards.

They look at what must be communicated. They leverage what’s out there while trying to fill gaps that they are experiencing.

Ken Wacks noted his work with ISO/IEC and energy management. He understands the need for a microgrid. He asked if the TMS is orthogonal to standards that he and Frances work on? Did she look at published standards? TMS was developed between 2013 and 2017. They had advisors working with them from outside the USACE. There was interaction with Industry and the major standards were cited frequently in their Tactical Microgrid Standard.

Kay Aikin has worked in the defense industry and commented that the Tactical Microgrid Standard is in the public domain.
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Melanie said she would refer Ken to her TMS team for a more detailed answer to what standards were used and how.

Ron Ambrosio said GWAC can give feedback on this topic that Melanie can take back to her colleagues.

Melanie noted that current load shedding is not refined. It is manual and not very sophisticated. She currently when they build microgrid systems they say they can load shed but what that really means is that said is that at the medium voltage distribution level they can flip breakers and then can shed a feeder. It is not fine-grained, and it is not gentle. They hope to improve this in time.

Ron M. asked a question about how much is in the Microgrid? In various installations - what is the mix of local utility and the installations in terms of energy service provisioning? How much is within the microgrid?

Melanie reply: Almost all Army installations use commercial utility power for their requirements. You may find one here or there with a central utility plant that provides some portion of the load but not likely to be 100%.

Most microgrids are back up power system. There are some large new generation facilities being built on site but that is not the norm but is what they are moving toward. It may be PV or geothermal or other but right now everything is grid tied and commercial utility.

Ron A. thanked Melanie and asked if she could share some pointers to the microgrid standard or interop work with GWAC and he suggested that the subject might be good for the GWAC F2F meeting in the fall.
Melanie appreciated the request and will send some information back to Ron Bernstein to be shared with the GWAC.

Lorenzo said that for California, it is accepted policy for utilities that a microgrid operates when there is a grid outage. But they don’t have a sense of the value of a microgrid in blue sky conditions when acting as a single-control entity. Are there locations where microgrids are adding value to markets in exporting energy at a reasonable price? Also, is there an incentive to not be dependent on fossil fuels?

Melanie referred to a microgrid at a Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. It is a public/private partnership with a utility, the Hawaiian Electric Company, HECO. It is a large generation plant within the fence line. It is dispatchable by HECO and they can use the power in Oahu. If there is problem the system can be islanded. The barracks are up the hill from Pearl Harbor.

She noted that microgrids came to the front of discussions in DOD when there was an emphasis on Net zero installations, after Superstorm Sandy.

Melanie noted that Fort Hunter Liggett in California is under construction. It is small but it will be 100% PV and energy storage.

Dave LeVee commented on the use of prices to devices, a theoretical perspective about pricing based upon volatility and opportunity value. If the pricing was capable from a valuation perspective, is that consistent with microgrids to come up with a valuation of turning power on and off?

Melanie replied that her team is not looking at it that deeply. Some of the more detailed analysis has been with the Army as a real estate owner. They might match that with end use energy data with EIA. She commented that they don’t have metering and monitoring down, there is a lot of gray area, and the data is still spotty. It’s hard to put a pin on the cost of a power outage. Their concern is more to keep the power flowing for the unit.

Ron Melton thanked Melanie Johnson, USACE for her talk.

Melanie said that she will be happy to answer any questions by email and she will send some information back to the GWAC for reference.

Ron M. then next introduced Steve Widergren, PNNL.
Steve Widergren noted that he developed this talk in response to some online discussion by GWAC members related to a recent press release by the NAESB.

The topic is on flexible resource integration.

Steve gave some background Integration and interoperation.
Steve noted that every program with distributed energy resources (DER) seems to have a different name. He began with common grid services, noting that PNNL is looking at how existing standards that are appropriate in this area could be modified. This is service and performance oriented so that various equipment can use the same interface.

Steve said that they decided to engage NAESB because wholesale markets are already mature. They know they need to integrate with existing technology.

**Why Engage at NAESB**

- Wholesale electricity markets already designed to work with changing resource mix
  - Wholesale grid services embrace a variety of resource mixes
  - Independent system operation and markets service all participants
  - Strive for level playing field
- Room for improvement
  - Jurisdictions use somewhat different names for similar grid-services
  - Ensure that operational objectives (purpose/use) separate from service definition
  - Commonality breeds consistency and clarity to ease integration and interoperation of all participants

**Standards Request R22001**

- **Objective:**
  - Classify common grid services that accommodate the diverse grid needs in different regions
  - Define common grid service types for wholesale power system interactions
  - Derive commonalities and important variations found in existing grid services
  - Meet near to mid-future needs gathered from major US ISO/RTOs and utilities
  - Accommodate specialization: performance characteristics and expectations
    - Qualification, performance expectations, monitoring, reconciliation, and settlement vary by operational policy of each region
    - But defining common policy is beyond the scope of this proposal
- **Benefit:**
  - Provides consistent service-type names, definitions, and performance characteristics
  - Encourages adoption of consistent terminology in wholesale markets
  - Provides starting place for retail-level grid service interactions with flexible, grid-edge resources
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Steve will send out the slides to the group. He is hoping this will be on a six-month timeframe. He met with the chair, Joshua Phillips and they will discuss the schedule. The deliverable should be tables and definitions. It will not be an information model.

2022 Fall GWAC Workshop Meeting

- Format F2F
- Date – The week of Oct. 3 is proposed. The Organizing committee will be reviewing this.
- Location – San Diego has been discussed. Other proposals? (Recall that we’d like a host, ideally one who can support breakfast and lunch expenses.)
- Possible Topics
  - Future grid – perhaps west coast region (or other region if meeting is not in San Diego)
  - Review and feedback on current PNNL Grid Architecture work
  - Other ideas?
- Organizing committee so far: Ron Bernstein, David Forfia, Ron Cunningham, Farrokh Rahimi, Jaime Kolln, Ron Melton and Marc Costa

2022 Fall GWAC Workshop

The proposed timeframe is the week of October 3 although it was noted that COVID impact the choice. The proposed location is San Diego, California. If COVID does change things the meeting will move to virtual.

Ken Wacks asked if the meeting can be both live and virtual. Ron Bernstein said that given the venue that may not be possible.

Lorenzo asked about the topic and length of the meeting.

Ron M. said it would be a half day starting the afternoon, then the next day would be a full day, and the last day would be a morning session so that people can catch their plane in the afternoon. Typically, it is held on a Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

The meeting focus could be on more than one topic.
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GWAC Activity Matrix

Ron Melton noted that Ahlmahz Negash has authored a blog and it is in preparation for release on the GWAC website, hopefully to come out next week.

Kay Aikin added that there are additional blogs ready to go. Kay also recognized the need to start thinking about more topics and offered to have a meeting to kick off additional discussions if needed. Kay is heading this group now and is happy to schedule another meeting when appropriate.
Ron Bernstein has updated the Progress and Accomplishments slide to highlight 2022 work products. He has added the blog posts including a couple of pending posts.

Grid Architecture white paper

Seemita Pal noted that participants in the June 10 meeting gave her good comments and feedback. After discussions about the depth and scope of the paper and the intended audience the members graciously volunteered to work on subsections. David Wollman will be working on the stakeholder categories and regroup them as needed based on NIST’s stakeholder list.

The next meeting will be held on June 22. She is hopeful that after this meeting they can wrap up the white paper.

David Forfia asked if there is anything he can do to help. Seemita said that she would like to get his input on the stakeholder section, particularly regarding grid operators and executors. David will schedule a meeting to discuss it.

Action: David to schedule a meeting with Seemita to discuss the stakeholder section of the white paper.
Grid Architecture White Paper

- Working group meeting held on 10th June
  - Received initial comments and waiting for feedback from remaining working party members
  - White paper sections have been assigned
    - David Wollman will review and possibly regroup the stakeholder categories based on NIST’s list of stakeholder categories
    - Inputs on stakeholder perspectives will be provided by
      - Ron Cunningham (grid engineers)
      - Ahimahz Negash, Farrokh Rahimi (grid operators)
      - David Wollman (standard development organizations)
      - Lantia Dobriansky (Policy makers and regulators; community energy activists)
      - Ron Bernstein (Consumers)
- Next working group meeting has been scheduled for June 22nd in order to discuss updates and next steps for completing the draft

Grid FutureState White Paper – key next steps

- Stakeholders’ Visions/FutureStates Assessed – address or at least mention recent vision/futurestates
- Vision/FutureStates:
  - Similarities/Differences via web/radar chart, Harvey ball chart prepare content for Stakeholder impacts
  - Divergence abstract further from the detailed statements to identify other topic clusters
- GWAC Insights:
  - Architectural Challenge-gaps prepare trackable content that supports the generalization presented at TESC 2022
  - Industry Grid Drivers / Systemic Issues – Create prose of what was overviewed in TESC 2022
- Complete rest of TOC sections content
Future States White Paper

Ron Cunningham said the group is finalizing the white paper. They have made a few clarifications from the prior meeting. The group will meet tomorrow.

Liaison reports

NIST - David Wollman noted that Avi Gopstein spoke on a podcast today about grid interoperability and he listed the link to it. He noted a recently published NIST Technical paper on IEEE 1547. Also, there is a link to the SEPA Interoperability Profiles Task Force which NIST has helped to lead:


Avi Gopstein is the Smart Grid Program Manager and Group Leader at NIST. NIST has an ongoing key role in the development of interoperability standards.

NIST recently published Technical Note 2217 “IEC 61850 Profile for Distributed Energy Resources Supporting IEEE 1547” https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.TN.2217 which provides an IEC 61850 profile for a Distributed Energy Resource. The profile utilizes the IEC 61850 data object model and maps the requirements of IEEE 1547 to the data object model for the integration of DERs in the electric power system. By establishing a required subset of data objects and data attributes from the IEC 61850 model, the profile reduces model complexity and aims to improve the interoperability, and the engineering, testing and maintenance of IEC 61850 based protection, automation and control systems.

SEPA’s Interoperability Profiles Task Force, led by NIST’s Cuong Nguyen, published its Interoperability Profile for Electric Vehicle Fleet Managed Charging; https://sepapower.org/resource/interoperability-profile-for-electric-vehicle-fleet-managed-charging/ This is intended to facilitate the integration of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations with the grid.

EPRI - Gerald Gray introduced his colleague Sean Crimmins, EPRI

Sean noted the GMDM Grid Model Data Management meeting that is currently going on at the Charlotte campus.

Producers and consumers of distribution grid models are participating in an interop. Pat Brown is leading the work. There are plenty of extensions, new types of data models are making their way through the IUC process. Several vendors are getting together for testing with recognition from industry. They are testing things as we speak.

IEEE - Farrokh Rahimi: the IEEE PES General meeting will be July 17-21 in Denver and the IEEE ISGT will be held next January in Washington DC. The 2022 IEEE ISGT meeting in New Orleans, co-located with the T&D meeting was a success with more than 10,000 attendees.
The IEEE blockchain and energy initiative was separate and now is wanting to collaborate particularly
the area of Transactive Energy and PES is very interested. They are looking for various societies to
collaborate and host this activity. PES is involved in one of them and Ron Melton and Farrokh Rahimi are
part of that effort. Ron added that the Blockchain initiative has been under the Future Directions
Committee, but it will move at the end of this calendar year. For their future direction they have
proposed a multi-society ownership going forward although discussions are still underway. Ron and
Farrokh will keep the GWAC apprised.

ASHRAE - Ron Bernstein: Ron shared information about the panel session he hosted in Toronto and
about another session -

**Title:** Smart Buildings as a Transactive Energy Hub: Decarbonizing by Enhancing Building-
to-Grid Interactions

**Track:** Connected Buildings, Connected Communities

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Title: LIVESTREAM: Cybersecurity, Securing Building Control Systems: Are We Meeting Industry's Needs?
Track: HVAC&R Systems and Equipment

Anyone interested in these two sessions contact Ron B. He can share the slides from the Connected Buildings panel if you are interested and may be able to for the other session. He said ASHRAE does not share downloads of the presentations or videos with non-members.

ISO/IEC – Ken Wacks is the committee chair for the family of standards – Home Electronic System, HES. The Home Electronic System is an integrated, related, uniform set of standards covering networks in homes and buildings and device interfaces, covering the gateway between home and outside world including cyber security protection for customer safety and privacy.

They deal with applications including energy mgmt which they are focused on now. This family of standards will manage energy in individual houses and in interrelated communities of houses and apartments in an apartemt complex.

They just finished a series of virtual meetings and will reconvene on Sept. 13 for a couple weeks in virtual meetings.

Ken explained how people who are interested can participate.

IREC – Ken Wacks chairs the customer grid edge committee. They meet every other week and usually host a speaker. Subjects are typically on relevant technologies regarding issues behind the meter.
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Last week’s speaker was Stephen McDonald, the managing director of business development at TeMix who spoke on a 100% clean energy future.

Larisa Dobriansky has participated also, she works with regulators. She may be a featured speaker soon and Mark Paterson, GWAC Associate may speak in July. IREC is not a membership organization, anyone may attend and there is no cost to participate. Contact KenWacks.com for more information about participating.

**SEPA - Aaron Smallwood** is not on the call today. Ron Melton noted that the Grid Architecture Primer is under review, and it should be about four weeks until it is released.

The ontology effort that Ron Cunningham leads is actively underway in the Grid Architecture Working Group.

The TE working group has been very active, Ron Cunningham is working with them on the Knowledge Graph for TE and on the Conceptual Model.

**Adjourn**

Ron Bernstein thanked the group for his nomination as the next GWAC Chair. He heard no objectives and adjourned the meeting.

Ron Ambrosio thanked David Forfia for his service as GWAC Chair.