

CABA Connected Home Council (CHC)
Draft Minutes
Wednesday, April 24, 2013
4:15 – 5:00 p.m. ET
Pantages Hotel & Spa
Toronto, ON

Present:

Melissa Simpler, CHC, Vice-Chair, Affinegy, Inc.
Ray Bisbee, Pella Corporation
Jonathan Cluts, Microsoft Corporation
David Cross, W.B. Cross Co. Limited
Larry Ehlinger, Pella Corporation
Robin Ford, Global Caché, Inc.
Ken Gallinger, CABA Marketing Director
Fabrice Hoerner, Qualcomm Incorporated
Maria Konidis, Hydro One Networks, Inc.
Rawlson King, CABA Communications Director
Grant Kroeger, Qualcomm Incorporated
Dennis Kyle, Arrayent, Inc.
Rancy Lawson, IHS Global Ltd.
Anthony Lui, CSA Group
Cameron McGinley, Pella Corporation
Mernaz Malozewski, Hydro One Networks, Inc.
Barry Rogers, SecurTek Monitoring Solutions
Giuliana Rossini, Hydro One Networks, Inc.
Chellury Sastry, Samsung Electronics
Tom Semler, Hydro One Networks, Inc.
Jeff Tracy, Schneider Electric
Mark Trayer, Samsung Electronics
Brian Tolliver, Schneider Electric
Robert Thompson, Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.
Ron Zimmer, CABA President & CEO

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Ron Zimmer, CABA President and CEO, welcomed everyone to the new format of the CABA Digital Home Forum and the CHC meeting. Scott Burnett, CABA Board member and CHC Chairman, sent his regrets that he was unable to attend the meeting, due to a medical issue. Ron introduced CHC Vice-Chair Melissa Simpler, from Affinegy, Inc., who agreed to Chair the CHC meeting.

Melissa thanked everyone for attending and explained that the CHC meeting would continue to be held “face2face” with the CABA Digital Home Forum. Plus there would be two CHC meetings held by conference call between the April and November meetings.

2. CHC Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2013

Melissa indicated that the previous CHC draft minutes and supporting documents had been sent to the CHC shortly after the February 12, 2013 meeting. All information on the CHC, including members, terms of reference, minutes, etc. can be found at www.CABA.org/connected-home-council.

MOTION: Moved by: Barry Rogers; Seconded by: Larry Ehlinger.

“That the CHC meeting minutes from February 12, 2013 be accepted.”

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3. CHC White Paper Sub-Committee Report

CHC White Paper Sub-Committee Chairman Ken Fairbanks, of Duchossois Industries, Inc. sent his regrets. Ron Zimmer reported that the Sub-Committee had one meeting since the last CHC meeting. While several concepts and topics had been discussed, there were no leads identified to form Working Groups. Also there was a vacancy at the CABA Research Director position, which also impacted on the time and resources that could be applied to this effort.

Melissa indicated that any CABA member could bring forward a topic or subject matter for a new CABA White Paper. Delegates were asked if there were any topics they felt should be brought forward to the next White Paper Sub-Committee meeting. It is expected that the White Paper Sub-Committee would meet bi-monthly.

There were a number of good suggestions. CABA Board member, Jonathan Cluts, of Microsoft Corporation, suggested that a good white paper would be a longitudinal overview of the development of the connected home sector. Fabrice Hoerner, of Qualcomm Incorporated, recommended that connected home technology, especially in areas of mobile devices was moving to tiered architecture. He suggested that this may be an interesting area to develop into a White Paper.

Ron reminded everyone that each CABA White Paper should be 16-25 pages, that would bring together existing knowledge and research. He also suggested that CABA research vendors and members, that were planning to undertake white papers, should consider having a CABA Working Group of Subject Matter Experts working with them.

4. CABA Research Program Update

Ron Zimmer provided an update on the CABA Landmark Research projects. The “Impact of Smart Grid on Connected Homes” was completed, with a record 27 participating sponsors. The Executive Summary is available to all CABA members through the CABA Research Library. Also members of the (6) participating associations: CEA, IEEE, TRILabs, CableLabs, ClimateTalk Alliance and the Z-Wave Alliance.

The next CABA Landmark Research Project was selected at the previous CHC meeting and it is: “Monetization Modeling of Connected Homes”. The current member sponsors are: Alarm.com, BOSCH, IBM, Pella Corporation, Qualcomm Incorporated, Samsung, Schneider Electric, SecurTek Monitoring Solutions and TELUS.

The Steering Committee has subsequently selected IHS (purchased IMS Research) to undertake the research. It is expected that the research project would start mid-June and be completed in 16 weeks. A number of participating company reps spoke about the importance of this research project and encouraged other organizations to become involved.

More information including the prospectus and recorded IHS webinar describing the project can be found at: <http://www.CABA.org/research/projects/connected-home-monetization>.

5. CHC Smart Grid Sub-Committee

Brian Stevenson had been leading a very active sub-committee with regular meetings. However, he stepped down as Chair upon his departure from TE Connectivity (formerly Tyco Electronics). Unfortunately, despite requests for volunteers, no one has stepped forward to Chair this Sub-Committee.

Therefore, Ron suggested that the Sub-Committee be suspended, but at future CHC meetings key speakers be arranged to discuss important activities and topics in respect to Smart Grid. For example, Patrick Gannon, former, OASIS President, is now Executive Director and President of the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel. (<http://www.sqip.org>) could be invited to speak. Also, the GridWise Architecture Council has been undertaking efforts in “Transactive Energy” <http://www.gridwiseac.org> and there would be good speakers from this group.

6. CABA Digital Home Forum

Melissa asked the audience if there was preference to holding the CABA Digital Home Forum and CHC meeting with the CABA Intelligent Buildings Forum and Intelligent & Integrated Buildings Council meeting (IIBC) jointly. There was overwhelming support for the new format and positive comments about the speakers and topics. Having the CABA Board meeting held the following day was also timely.

Ron indicated that with the new CABA Forums format over 70 people were attending this first ever combined event, including a record 21 CABA Board members.

7. Closing Comments

Melissa indicated that due to the next plenary speaker Rick Stevens, from Hydro One Networks, there would be no time to discuss new CHC business. However, if any CABA members wanted to bring forth topics or new business to be discussed at the next CHC meeting, they should contact her at msimpler@affinegy.com or Ron at Zimmer@CABA.org.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. ET

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