

**Connected Home Council (CHC) Draft Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
Thursday November 5, 2009
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM ET**

Participants at meeting:

Andrew Wale, Vantage Legrand (Vice-Chair)
Jim Medek, 3M Company
Ellis Lindsay, Alcatel-Lucent
Lisa Harmer, Control4
Thomas Pickral, Home Automation, Inc.
Dr. Kenneth Wacks, Ken Wack & Associates
Yves Poissant, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)
Mary Miller, Sigma Designs
Ron Zimmer, CABA
Alex Detre, CABA

1. Welcome and Introductions

Alex Detre, CABA's Research Director, welcomed everyone to the call, proceeded with introductions and explained the format of the meeting. Andrew Wale of Vantage Controls / Legrand and Vice-Chair of the CHC proceeded with the call during Steve Teubner's absence, Chair of the CHC.

2. Connectivity Week May 24-27, 2009 Santa Clara, CA (<http://www.connectivityweek.com/2009>)

Ron Zimmer, CABA's President & CEO, and Alex Detre confirmed CABA's opportunity to be responsible for a one (1) day track (agenda) during Connectivity Week. The group discussed ideas that could be important areas of exploration during the day's activities: Research presentations, on going initiatives and panelist discussions.

The day's agenda will be discussed before the next CHC conference call and a draft agenda will be presented on that day.

MOTION: Moved by: Dr. Kenneth Wacks; Seconded by Mary Miller

"That the CHC assist in the planning of the day's agenda for Connectivity Week May 24-27, 2009."

CARRIED

3. CHC Focus

Steve Teubner and Andrew Wale will review the current / past CHC activities, minutes and events in order to clearly define the Councils vision, mission and focus areas. They will both be attending CABA's Board meeting on November 12, 2009 and will engage the Board for feedback. During the next CHC conference call, Steve and Andrew will bring recommendations forward to the CHC members for discussion.

Areas that are being reviewed are: Evolving Connected Home with Retail aspects, Value of the Internet to a smart community, CHC's Target audience, Builder representation in the CHC and more.

4. CHC Terms of Reference

The current Terms of Reference was discussed and distributed during the previous CHC conference call in August 2009.

MOTION: Moved by: Carol Priefert; Seconded by Ellis Lindsay

"That the Terms of Reference be accepted for this current fiscal year."

CARRIED

5. NextGen Home Experience

Paul Barnett, President of iShow was unable to attend the call but provided CABA with an update. Alex Detre updated the Council that the NextGen Home Experience has been confirmed for IBS 2009 and we are expecting a confirmation for CES 2010 prior to the next CHC conference call.

CABA is the only sponsoring organization for the NextGen Home Experience and will be hosting a reception in conjunction with the NextGen Home Experience on January 19, 2010 at 6 PM PT during IBS 2010. A CH-RC reception, sponsored by Whirlpool Corporation, is being planned for January 8, 2010 at 6 PM PT during CES 2010. The date, time and location for the CES reception will be confirmed in the near future.

All CHC members are invited to attend the event. For further information, please contact Alex Detre at 613.686.1814 x228, detre@caba.org.

6. Smart House Project

Yves Poissant of NRCan updated the group with an initiative that Canada's Natural Resources Canada is actively involved with "**Getting to a Net Zero Energy Lifestyle in Canada: The Alstonvale Net Zero Energy House**". Further information about the project can be located here:

http://canmetenergy-canmetenergie.nrcan-nrcan.gc.ca/eng/buildings_communities/buildings/pv_buildings/publications.html?2008-118

A 2-½ day Charrette is being planned for Monday November 30 to Wednesday December 2, 2009 at Environment Canada's Internationally renowned Biosphère on Île Ste-Hélène, Montréal and will include a tour of the Alstonvale house before the main design sessions.

For additional information and/or invitation to the Charrette, please contact Yves Poissant at 1.450.652.2471, yves.poissant@nrcan.gc.ca.

7. R10 Residential Systems Committee Update

Helen Heneveld, President of Bedrock Learning, Inc, has been the Council's representative. We would like to extend a special "Thank You" to Helen for her time representing the CHC and their will be a further R10 update during our next CHC conference call on the R10.

8. Other Business – Smart Grid and NIST

Ron Zimmer gave a review of some of the activities that CABA is undertaking in respect to Smart Grid and Dr. Kenneth Wacks provided an update regarding NIST activities. They can be reviewed below.

www.nist.gov/smartgrid

http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/releases/smartgrid_interoperability.pdf

9. Connected Home Research Council Update (CH-RC)

Microsoft Corporation will host the Next CH-RC Forum on Wednesday March 3, 2009 in Redmond, WA. Project presentations and discussions will highlight the event. Future details of the event will be announced soon.

The CH-RC has numerous projects that are completed, underway and being scoped.

- The Connected Home User Interface Project – Completed and lead by Direct Energy
- Video Consumption – Underway and lead by Microsoft Corporation
- Connected Home Roadmap 2010 – Underway and lead by Whirlpool Corporation
- The Magic Thing – Underway and lead by Whirlpool Corporation
- Energy Management as a Managed Service – Launch date Dec 3, 2009 and lead by Direct Energy
- NextGen Widgets – Being scoped and lead by Microsoft Corporation
- End to End Digital Lifestyle – Being scoped and lead by Microsoft and Ball State University

10. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 3 PM ET.