

SGIPannouncement

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Governing Board Election Results

The third round of voting in two Stakeholder Categories, 3: Consumers – Residential, Commercial, and Industrial and 9: Independent Power Producers concluded yesterday, January 11.

Congratulations to SGIP's two newly-elected Governing Board Members:

- Mike Coop, ThinkSmartGrid now representing Stakeholder Category 3, Consumers – Residential, Commercial, and Industrial
- Dr. William Lawrence, Lockheed Martin now representing Stakeholder Category 9, Independent Power Producers

They, along with the seven other new members elected in December, will participate in the first Governing Board meeting of the year this afternoon at 1p.m. Eastern.

All are welcome to attend the Governing Board meetings of the SGIP. **To join and/or view their agenda, [click here](#).**

You can learn more about the [2012 Governing Board](#) on the TWiki under "About SGIP" in the top menu bar.

SGIP Governing Board Elects Officers for 2012

The Governing Board of the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel (SGIP) today announced its officers for 2012. By unanimous vote, the Board re-elected the following individuals as officers:

- **Chair: John D. McDonald**, Director, Technical Strategy & Policy Development, GE Energy's Digital Energy
- **Vice chair: John F. Caskey**, Assistant Vice President, Industry Operations, National Electrical Manufacturers Association
- **Secretary: George Bjelovuk**, Managing Director, Enterprise Technology, American Electric Power

McDonald, Caskey, and Bjelovuk have served as chair, vice chair, and secretary since the SGIP was established two years ago. Elections are held annually for the one-year terms. As required by the SGIP bylaws, McDonald's selection to lead the board was confirmed by George Arnold, NIST's National Coordinator for Smart Grid Interoperability.

George Arnold congratulated the three officers and thanked them for providing this important service to the nation. Arnold said, "We are fortunate to have such skilled private sector leadership continuing at the helm. They have done an outstanding job providing leadership to the SGIP Governing Board and guiding the SGIP from its launch just two short years ago into a highly effective public/private partnership organization that is providing critical leadership to the US Smart Grid program. The SGIP has also achieved an unprecedented level of international recognition in a very short period, and is providing a foundation for international Smart Grid efforts as well."

John McDonald said, "In 2012, we plan to continue the successful international collaborations we have begun in recent months. Another important goal for the coming year will be to build a long-term public/private partnership model to sustain the SGIP's ongoing work without government funding. It will be a busy year for the 27 members of the board, and we are lucky to have an outstanding group of individuals offering their time, energy, and expertise."

The Governing Board's first meeting of 2012 will be held by conference call on this afternoon, January 12, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm, EST. The meeting is open to all SGIP members; details can be found online (<http://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/SGIPGBAgenda>).

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