

## **SGIP Plenary Secretary Re-election**

Shortly after assuming the role of SGIP Plenary Secretary in February, Butch Massey informed the SGIP Plenary Chair, Steve Widergren, that a corporate reorganization was under way. As a result of those changes, Butch will be taking on a new leadership role within the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Unfortunately, that position will not allow him to serve as Plenary Secretary.

Steve has asked out-going Plenary Secretary, Dave Mollerstuen, to continue in his previous capacity until a new Plenary Secretary is named, and Dave has graciously agreed to do so. We will be opening nominations for the Plenary Secretary position immediately with the intent to install the elected individual in early April. Please join us in wishing Butch the best of luck in his new responsibilities and thanking Dave for his willingness to continue to serve the SGIP in the interim.

## **Chairs Named for SGIP Standing Committees**

Steve Widergren, SGIP Plenary Chair, today announced the individuals who will head the SGIP's three standing committees for the two-year 2012 - 2013 term.



Ron Ambrosio

The Smart Grid Architecture Committee (SGAC) will be chaired once again by Ron Ambrosio, who served as chair for the 2010-2011 term. Ambrosio is IBM Global Research Executive, Energy & Utilities Industry, at IBM's T.J. Watson Research Center.

The Smart Grid Testing and Certification Committee (SGTCC) will be chaired once again by Rik Drummond, who served as chair for the 2010-2011 term. Drummond is Chief Executive Officer and Chief Scientist of Drummond Group Inc. (DGI), the trusted global interoperability certification authority.



Rik Drummond



Bill Cloutier



Christine Wright

The Smart Grid Implementation Methods Committee (SGIMC), which is a newly established committee, will be co-chaired by Bill Cloutier and Christine Wright. Cloutier is Manager of Smart Grid Interoperability Standards at DTE Energy located in Detroit, Michigan. Wright is Senior Market Analyst in the Competitive Markets Division, Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Widergren said, "The SGIP's Standing Committees play an essential role in the SGIP structure, and they have contributed greatly to the progress we've made in the past two years. With the capability and

skills of Ron and Rik providing continuity of leadership—and with Bill and Christine taking the reins of our newest standing committee—I’m looking forward to two more very productive years.”

Under the SGIP Bylaws, the chairs of these three key committees are selected by the SGIP Plenary Chair for two-year terms, and the selections are confirmed by the SGIP Governing Board.

In addition to these three standing committees, the SGIP Bylaws establishes a permanent working group, the Smart Grid Computersecurity Working Group (CSWG). According to the Bylaws, the chair of this working group is a NIST staff person, and Marianne Swanson will continue in that role. Swanson is a senior advisor for information technology security management in the Computer Security Division at NIST.



Marianne Swanson

### ***Smart Grid Advisory Committee (SGAC) Issues Report***

In September 2010, NIST named 15 individuals from U.S. industry, academia, and trade and professional organizations to serve on its Smart Grid Advisory Committee (SGAC). Dan Sheflin, Chief Technology Officer at Honeywell Automation and Control Solutions, chairs the Committee, and David Owens, Executive Vice President of Business Operations at the Edison Electric Institute (EEI), serves as vice chair.

The Committee provides input to NIST on Smart Grid standards, priorities and gaps, and on the overall direction, status and health of Smart Grid implementation by the Smart Grid industry. Additionally, the Committee provides input to NIST on Smart Grid Interoperability Panel activities and on the direction of research and standards activities. The duties of the Committee are solely advisory in nature in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Last week, the SGAC released its first report to NIST that includes recommendations for NIST Smart Grid work, both short- and long-term.

Dan Sheflin from the SGAC will be presenting at the SGIP Governing Board Meeting and the SGIP Plenary Session next week in Charlotte, NC, on the Committee’s activities including the report’s findings and recommendations.

The full text of the report is available online

([http://www.nist.gov/smartgrid/upload/NIST\\_SGAC\\_Final\\_Recommendations\\_Report\\_3-05-12\\_with\\_Attachments.pdf](http://www.nist.gov/smartgrid/upload/NIST_SGAC_Final_Recommendations_Report_3-05-12_with_Attachments.pdf)). More information about the SGAC and its members is available online (<http://www.nist.gov/smartgrid/committee.cfm>).

### ***See You Next Week in Charlotte***

#### ***Spring 2012 Meeting Opens Next Tuesday***

We are just days away from the Spring 2012 Meeting in Charlotte, NC! There is still time to attend in person or register now for remote participation in key sessions. Look forward to seeing many familiar and new faces in Charlotte! **To review schedule, register and other details:**

**<https://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/Spring2012F2FMtg>.**

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