

Governing Board Looks Ahead as SGIP 2.0 Begins to Take Shape

At its May 17 meeting, the Governing Board of the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel (SGIP) heard reports on a wide range of issues affecting the future of the organization, as it looks ahead to the transition to a new organizational structure.

Business Sustainment Model for SGIP 2.0

In a continuation of discussions held at both its January and March meetings, the Governing Board heard a report from the Business Sustainment Plan Working Group (BSPWG). The BSPWG is charged with developing a plan for SGIP to become self-sustaining, with a reduced level of government funding, commencing in January 2013. In the BSPWG's planning discussions, the new organizational structure for the SGIP is being referred to as "SGIP 2.0."

The BSPWG's plan, titled "SGIP 2.0 Business Sustainment Plan: Roadmap to the Future of Smart Grid Interoperability, Version 1," was posted online in mid-April, and numerous comments were submitted by SGIP members. NIST also requested that the Smart Grid Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) review the plan, and NIST forwarded comments it had received from the FAC. All comments are publicly available online at <https://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/BSPWG>. The BSPWG is reviewing these comments, and a revised plan, Version 2, will be posted online in late May. After a second round of comments and further revisions, the Governing Board is expected to receive the final draft of the BSPWG's Business Sustainment Plan for approval in late June.

With the Board's approval in late June, the implementation process will begin to move to SGIP to put into operation the SGIP 2.0 organizational structure. To fully engage SGIP members and other members of the Smart Grid community in the shaping of SGIP 2.0, the next SGIP Face-to-Face meeting (Portland, OR, July 10-12, 2012) will feature a number of sessions devoted to SGIP 2.0.

Membership Survey and Value Propositions

The Communications, Marketing and Education Working Group (CMEWG) reported on its outreach activities with SGIP leaders and members, which included informal discussions with SGIP members, a stakeholder value workshop at the Charlotte SGIP meeting in March, and a membership survey. The feedback gathered from these sources is being used to better understand and meet the needs and interests of current and potential members and stakeholders.

The just-completed membership survey included questions related to SGIP voting procedures, use of the SGIP TWiki and Listservs, and satisfaction with communication tools currently used by the SGIP. Complete survey results are posted online at http://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/pub/SmartGrid/SGIPGBMeetingsAndMinutes/SGIP_Member_Report_v2.pdf.

In its report to the Governing Board, the CMEWG presented a draft "positioning statement" that succinctly summarizes the key role played by SGIP and the benefits it offers to the Smart Grid community. As this statement is refined in coming weeks, it will be used to guide the development of value propositions for SGIP as a whole and for each SGIP stakeholder group. The positioning statement and value propositions will serve as touchstones for the membership campaigns that will be launched as SGIP 2.0 takes shape.

International Outreach

The importance of international outreach and partnerships continues to grow as SGIP moves forward. At the same time as the SGIP Governing Board was meeting by webinar on May 17, several key SGIP leaders were representing the SGIP at an international workshop in Canada. The United States, on behalf of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Subcommittee on Standards and Conformance, organized a Workshop on Regulatory Approaches to Smart Grid Investment and Deployment. The workshop, held May 16-17 in Quebec City (immediately following the 5th World Forum on Energy Regulation), discussed issues associated with

ensuring that regulations facilitate trade, such as the use of relevant international standards and conformity assessment programs that support good regulatory practices. The SGIP Governing Board was well represented at the Quebec City meeting, with Paul Centolella and George Arnold serving as moderators and John Caskey serving as a panelist. (Further details about the APEC meeting are available online at: <http://gsi.nist.gov/global/index.cfm/L1-8/L2-31/A-622>.)

Additional information about the Governing Board's May meeting is available online (<http://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/SGIPGBMeetingsAndMinutes>).

Reminder: SGIP Plenary Meeting is this Friday, May 25 at 1p.m. to 3p.m. Eastern

Chair Steve Widergren and other key leaders will be sharing essential information during Friday's Plenary meeting. All SGIP current and potential members are encouraged to attend.

Attendance is mandatory for Participating Members
– a lack of representation could result in a suspension of Voting Rights for your organization.
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FYI... The winning “Apps for Energy” were announced today by Assistant Secretary for the Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability Patricia Hoffman at ConnectivityWeek, a gathering of smart grid industry leaders in Santa Clara, California. **[LEARN MORE >>](#)**

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