



**CABA**  
Connected Home Council

**CABA Connected Home Council (CHC)**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, May 24, 2022  
12 NOON – 1:30 PM (ET) via Webinar

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**CHC Executive:**

CHC Chair, Eric Harper (Snap One)  
CHC Vice-Chair, Jim Hunter (Delos Living LLC)  
CHC Vice-Chair, Byron BeMiller (Semtech Corporation)  
CHC Vice-Chair, Charles Hume (Southwire Company, LLC)

**Present:**

AKM Semiconductor, Inc., Carl Bengtsson  
AML Encore Corp, Fred Leber  
Atkinson Electronics, Inc., Jake Lepinski  
Axis Lighting Inc., Jamal Carrington  
CABA, Greg Walker  
CABA, Marta Klopotoska  
CABA, Sashien Godakandae  
CEDIA, Walt Zerbe  
Delta Controls, A Delta Group Company, Terry Whitehead  
Dwyer Instruments, Inc., Fabian Weber  
Electro-Federation Canada (EFC), Gurvinder Chopra  
e-Magic, Inc., Dale Kehler  
EnergyPal, Sfirloaga Ovidiu  
EnviroNet Systems, Roberto Martinez  
ERG Energy Efficiency, Michael Dabbene  
exp. US Services, Inc., Jonlarry  
IMI Hydronic Engineering International SA, Bhumika Lathia  
J2 Innovations, Chris Irwin  
Johnson Controls Inc., Arunkumar Vedhathiri  
Kele, Inc., Richard Campbell  
Ken Wacks Associates, Ken Wacks  
Mecho, Stephen Hebeisen  
National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), Bryan Holland  
Nova Labs, Inc., Scott Kaplan  
Service Robotics & Technologies, Inc. (SRT Labs), Sam Kome  
Siemens Industry, Inc., William Vargo  
Sodexo Canada Ltd., Daniel Vander Veen  
Sustainable Resources Management Inc., David Katz

## **CHC Meeting AGENDA**

### **1. Agenda** - Greg Walker (CABA)

Greg Walker (CABA) thanked everyone for attending, outlined the agenda and alerted everyone that the meeting was being recorded and will be made available to the industry.

### **2. Call to Order, Welcome and Introduction, about the CHC** – Greg Walker (CABA)

Greg Walker (CABA) welcomed everyone and introduced CHC Vice-Chair, Jim Hunter (Delos Living LLC), CABA Whitepaper Chair, Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates) and Keynote Speaker, Scott Kaplan (Nova Labs, Inc.). Greg informed the CHC that CHC Chair Eric Harper (Snap One), CHC Vice-Chairs Charles Hume (Southwire Company, LLC and Byron BeMiller (Semtech Corporation) were unable to attend the meeting and he would be stepping in as the Chair for this meeting. Greg also outlined the role of the CHC.

### **3. Administrative** – Greg Walker (CABA)

#### **3.1 Motion to approve Past CHC Minutes**

Greg Walker (CABA) informed everyone that the February 15, 2022 CHC meeting minutes were circulated and posted on the CABA Website in the CHC section: [CLICK HERE](#).

Motion to approve the February 15, 2021, CHC minutes was moved by Jim Hunter (Delos Living LLC) and the motion was seconded by David Katz (Sustainable Resources Management Inc.). Unopposed motion carried.

### **4. White Paper Sub-Committee Update** - Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

An overview was given of the CHC White Paper review process, completed CHC White Papers and papers in progress. CHC White Papers are secondary literature review articles that are approximately 10-20 pages in length. They are written and distributed free of charge to inform the industry. For a paper to be approved by the CHC White Paper Sub-Committee (WPSC), they must have significant technical material of relevance to CHC members, and they must not contain marketing material or promote an agenda. Any CABA member can and is encouraged to complete the new one (1) page White Paper proposal template and submit it to [klopowska@caba.org](mailto:klopowska@caba.org).

Published CABA White Papers are shared via the CABA Public Library, Members Library, CABA NewsBrief, CABA Twitter Feed, CABA LinkedIn Group and promoted at industry events. To view the CHC White Paper terms of reference, previous CHC

White Papers and additional information, please go to: [www.caba.org/chc](http://www.caba.org/chc). All papers — completed and in-progress — can be found at: [www.caba.org/whitepapers](http://www.caba.org/whitepapers).

If you or someone that you know would like to join one or more of the following White Paper Working Groups or recommend a new White Paper, please contact Marta Klopotoska (CABA) at [klopotoska@caba.org](mailto:klopotoska@caba.org).

#### CHC White Paper Sub-Committee (WPSC)

- Ken Wacks Associates, Ken Wacks (CABA Whitepaper Chair)
- Frost & Sullivan, Konkana Khaund
- LumenCache, Inc., Derek Cowburn
- National Research Council Canada (NRC), Heather Knudsen

### 5. Research Update – Greg Walker (CABA)

#### 5.1 2022 CHC Landmark Research “[Smart Home Energy Management](#)” - Greg Walker (CABA)

Greg gave a brief overview of this 2022 CHC Landmark Research Project, “Smart Home Energy Management”. Only the funders will receive the full \$70,000 of research but the Executive Summary of the research will be available to CABA Members. The funders will be meeting, in the very near future, with the research firm who has submitted an RFP. Funding opportunities range from \$1K-\$10K depending on the benefits. To receive this research and become a funder, please contact Greg Walker (CABA) at [walker@caba.org](mailto:walker@caba.org). [CLICK HERE](#) for the research prospectus and other supporting documents.



Two (2) CABA members have already joined this research project:



5.2021 CHC Landmark Research “[The Connected Home and AI](#)” - Greg Walker (CABA)



Greg gave a brief overview of this 2021 CHC Landmark Research Project, “The Connected Home and AI”. The executive summary is available to all CABA members for download. The full report will be available for purchase July 23, 2022.

6. CHC Webinar

“Helium: Decentralizing Networks” (30 min) – Jim Hunter (Delos Living LLC) (Moderator), Scott Kaplan (Nova Labs, Inc.)

Jim introduced Scott Kaplan who presented the keynote and participated in the Q&A.



Scott Kaplan  
Business Development Manager  
Nova Labs, Inc.



**Description:** Scott Kaplan will share an in-depth look at Helium, from its start in August 2019 to the massive growth that is being seen today. With two current network telecom protocols, LoRaWAN and 5G, Helium allows people and companies large and small to take control of their network infrastructure and rewards them to do so.

**Contact Information:** Scott Kaplan [scott@helium.com](mailto:scott@helium.com)

**7. New Business** – Greg Walker (CABA)

**7.1 New CHC business**

Greg Walker made a call for new business related to future CHC Guest/Keynote presentation topics and speakers, new CHC White Papers, new research projects and meeting ideas, etc.

No new CHC business was brought forward.

**8. Announcements** – Greg Walker (CABA)

**8.1 Past Events Overview**

[CONNECTIONS](#) | May 17-19, 2022 | Frisco, TX, USA

**8.2 Upcoming Events**

[CEDIA EXPO](#) | September 29 - October 1, 2022 | Dallas, TX, USA

**9. Adjournment** (1:30 PM ET) – Greg Walker (CABA)

The next CHC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

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CABA CHC meetings are open to CABA Members and invited guests, and everyone is encouraged to participate. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info on the CHC, past minutes, participants, and terms of reference. Any CABA Member that attended as a guest will be added to the CHC unless they notify the CABA office by June 7, 2022 that their name should not be added. Non-CABA members that attended this meeting as a guest, should contact Marta Klopotoska at [klopotoska@caba.org](mailto:klopotoska@caba.org), to indicate if they wish to join the CHC or CABA. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the CABA Benefits.

Regards,

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