



**ASHB**

Smart Home Council

## **ASHB Smart Home Council (SHC)**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, November 5, 2025  
12 PM – 1:30 PM (ET) via Webinar

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#### **SHC Executive:**

SHC Chair, Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

SHC Vice-Chair, Josh Gerena (2N/Axis Communications)

#### **Present:**

Adaptive Networks, Inc., Michael Propp

ALE International, Béatrice Duleba

Algonquin, Sam Houshyar

Axis Communications, Inc., Brandon Davis

Cenmar Enterprises Inc., Frank Spitzer

Climax Technology Co LTD, Jon Simon Grue

Company, Clinton Curry

Efficio Advisors, Tom Kay

Euromonitor International, Sara Rovai

exp. US Services, Inc., Chris Larry

Freelancer, Akram Chamanzari

GE (General Electric) | Savant, Laura Kicher

GLG, John D

Honeywell International, Inc., Grant Hilliard

Honeywell International, Inc., Scott Lang

Impact Therapy, Ashley Brennan

Intermatic Inc., Leigh Herman

ioXt Alliance, Grace Burkard

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), Cindy Regnier

LifePod Solutions, Alan Bugos

Lutron Electronics Co., Inc., Dan Vander Valk

Mari Chao Arquitetura, Mariana Chao

National Research Council Canada, Pengcheng Xi

National Research Council Canada IRAP, Cal Koskovich

National Research Council Canada (NRC), Anca Galasiu

National Research Council Canada (NRC), George Xiao

National Research Council Canada (NRC), Heather Molyneaux

National Research Council Canada (NRC), Narges Zaeri Esfahani

OSAEDA Ventures NV, Praveen Chintakayala

Resideo, Noopur Zokarkar

Resideo Technologies, Inc., David Kaufman

Salt River Project, Victor Berrios

Samsung Health, Ken Honeycutt

Schneider Electric, Sylvain Ranc

Siemens Industry, Inc., Arthi Janakiraman  
Snap One, LLC., Patrick Dunlavey  
The Chicago Faucet Company/Geberit Group, Perrie Hayes  
Trane Technologies, Glenn Gasmen  
University of Maryland, James Sanders  
University of Oulu, Thuzar Win Shwe

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## **SHC Meeting AGENDA**

Marta Klopotowska (ASHB) thanked everyone for attending, outlined the agenda, and alerted everyone that the meeting was being recorded and would be made available to the industry.

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, Introduction, and About the SHC** – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

Ken Wacks (SHC Chair) welcomed everyone and gave a short introduction to the SHC and what the council does.

2. **Administrative** – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

Ken Wacks informed everyone that the August 14, 2025, SHC meeting minutes were circulated and posted on the ASHB Website in the SHC section: [CLICK HERE](#).

3. **Research Update** – Greg Walker (ASHB)

**2025 SHC Landmark Research – [Smart Home Trends & Technology Adoption](#)**



Greg Walker provided an update on the 2025 Smart Home Trends & Technology Adoption Landmark Research Project. The annual study examines consumer attitudes and technology adoption across North America through a survey of 500 homeowners and renters, along with in-depth interviews.

This year's analysis focuses on four key areas: sustainability technologies, AI integration in smart homes, occupant comfort and wellness, and technology-assisted living and aging in place. A new feature of the project, the Smart Home Device Adoption Curve, developed with Resideo, maps market maturity and adoption trends across device categories.

The project is supported by Daikin Comfort Technologies, Lutron Electronics, National Research Council Canada (NRC), Resideo Technologies, and Trane Technologies.

An executive summary is publicly available, with full findings to be released in February 2026.

For more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [admin@ashb.com](mailto:admin@ashb.com).

#### 4. **SHC Webinar**

**“Connected Home, Connected Care: Smart Technologies for Aging in Place” (30 min)** – Joshua Gerena (2N/Axis Communications), Alan R. Bugos (LifePod Solutions)



Joshua Gerena introduced Alan R. Bugos who presented the keynote and participated in the Q&A.

**Description:** Alan Bugos discussed how broadband, IoT, and smart home technologies are transforming healthcare by enabling “connected care” solutions that extend beyond traditional clinical settings. He highlighted how smart devices, wearables, and health-tech innovations support older adults and individuals managing chronic conditions by improving safety, communication, and independence at home.

The presentation covered advancements in remote patient monitoring, emergency response systems, and data-driven health analytics, emphasizing the shift from reactive to proactive care. Bugos also shared insights into emerging technologies such as wearable health devices, Bluetooth LE, Wi-Fi, mobile networks, and

their role in shaping a new model of long-term wellness.

This session underscored how connected home technologies are bridging healthcare and daily living, enhancing outcomes for patients and caregivers alike, and contributing to the growing integration of smart home systems across the residential landscape.

Keynote Contact: Alan R. Bugos, CTO, COO, Board Advisor - [alan@lifepod.com](mailto:alan@lifepod.com)

#### 5. **ASHB Podcasts** – Marta Klopotoska (ASHB)

Marta Klopotoska outlined ASHB’s Podcast series on [Spotify](#) and [Apple Podcasts](#). If you or someone that you know is interested in participating as a guest or host on a future episode, please contact ASHB at [admin@ashb.com](mailto:admin@ashb.com).

#### 6. **ASHB Whitepapers** - Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

An overview was given of the SHC White Paper review process, completed SHC White Papers and papers in progress. SHC White Papers are secondary literature review articles that are approximately 10-20 pages in length. These papers are written and distributed free of charge to inform the industry. For the papers to be approved by the SHC White Paper Sub-Committee (WPSC), they must have significant technical material of relevance to SHC members. They must not contain marketing material or promote an agenda. Any ASHB member can and is encouraged to complete the [white paper proposal](#) on the ASHB website.

All completed and approved ASHB White Papers are placed in the ASHB Public Library, Members Library, ASHB NewsBrief, ASHB Twitter Feed, and ASHB LinkedIn Group and

promoted at industry events. To view the SHC White Paper terms of reference, previous SHC White Papers, and additional information, please go to: [www.ashb.com/whitepapers](http://www.ashb.com/whitepapers).

SHC White Paper Sub-Committee:

- Ken Wacks Associates, Kenneth Wacks
- Consultant, Steve Samson
- Frost & Sullivan, Dilip Sarangan
- National Research Council Canada (NRC), Heather Knudsen
- Sustainable Resources Management Inc., David Katz

**7. ASHB Journal** – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates) presented the ASHB Journal and urged all attendees to contribute their articles for consideration. If you're interested in submitting a proposal or an article, you can reach out to [klopotowska@ashb.com](mailto:klopotowska@ashb.com) or [kenn@alum.mit.edu](mailto:kenn@alum.mit.edu).

**8. New Business** - Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

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

No new business was brought forward.

**9. Announcements** – Marta Klopotowska (ASHB)

**Upcoming Events**

[Canada Light Expo](#) – November 12-13 | Toronto, ON

[Future of Video - Business of Streaming \(Parks Associates\)](#) – November 18-20 | Marina Del Rey, CA

[CES](#) - January 6-9 | Las Vegas, NV - ASHB is attending and has a booth at the show. ASHB is also hosting its Tri-Annual Board Meeting at CES.

[AloT World Expo](#) - February 10-12 | Ft. Lauderdale, FL

**10. Adjournment** (1:30 PM ET) – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

The next SHC Meeting will be held in February 2026.

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ASHB SHC meetings are open to ASHB Members and invited guests, and everyone is encouraged to participate. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info on the SHC, past minutes, participants, and terms of reference. Any ASHB Member who attended as a guest will be added to the SHC unless they notify the ASHB office by November 14, 2025, that their name should not be added. Non-ASHB members that attended this meeting as guests, should contact Marta Klopotowska at [klopotowska@ashb.com](mailto:klopotowska@ashb.com), to indicate if they wish to join the SHC or ASHB. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the ASHB Benefits.

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