



Energy Harvesting Committee (EHC) Minutes 23rd July 2024

Attendees	Apologies/Non attendees	
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(Co-chairs in bold font) (New/First-time members indicated in GREEN)

Next meeting:- **Tue 20th Aug 10 am CT US** Brian to chair, Mike to type.

Agenda for today

1. Welcome any new members/guests.
(APEC 2025 planning on hold until **Aug/Sep pending headcount**)
2. EnerHarv 2024.
3. ~~Industry Event Watch & List of EH companies~~
4. ~~Media activities~~
5. ~~'Treasure Chest' at end of the minutes.~~

1. Welcome new members

(APEC 2025 - PSMA Energy Harvesting Industry Session - on hold until August/Sept)

- o Put more thought into session/talk naming in future to draw in more folks with "buzzword appeal" to compete with all else in program.
- o APEC OrgComm has restructured IS this year. No longer ANY sessions on Thu afternoon, ONLY 2 x 4-slot on Thu morn (**NOTE:** option to support both 4-slot sessions to have a super, 8-slot session). Enables finishing earlier on Thu morn, mitigates the "graveyard shift" in the afternoon. If EHC decides to consider, maybe partner with other PSMA Comms on shared topic (i.e. – Emerging Applications, Energy Management/Storage).
 - o **OPTION A:** directly support a full session (bigger on Tue/Wed, or 4-slot on Thu)
 - o **OPTION B:** partner with other PSMA comm to support less than full session worth of slots, possibly also squeeze in a short demo session at the end?
 - o **OPTION C:** same as OPTION B, but focus on exclusively supporting a live demo session
 - o **OPTION D:** pass on supporting any IS activities at APEC '25
- o Submission target for APEC is Aug 23 (only SESSION abstract required at that time), **EHC NEEDS TO FINALIZE STRATEGIC DECISION ON APEC '25 IS SUPPORT NO LATER THAN NEXT MONTH'S MEETING.**
- o Other considerations are to support an organic poster submission for a topic sponsored by PSMA EHC (ecosystem/EnerHarv overview). At least we would have a bigger footfall passing our poster albeit immersed with 200 other posters. Tech submission deadline is Aug 9 (<https://apec-conf.org/speakers/ts-author-info/>), **MIKE & BRIAN WILL OWN/DRIVE IF THIS OPTION IS SELECTED.**

2. EnerHarv 2024 planning Ref www.enerharv.com and [Energy Harvesting Forum | Power Sources Manufacturers Association \(psma.com\)](http://Energy Harvesting Forum | Power Sources Manufacturers Association (psma.com))

- Should generate a moderate surplus to fund future events. Budget being finalized, but initial estimate is ~\$10 k surplus expectation once books closed. **MIKE FINALIZING BUDGET FOR CRISTINA/EHC REVIEW APPROVAL.**
- UNPIG did great work on the workshop event booklet, **WILL CIRCULATE COPY WHEN AVAILABLE.**
- Booklet will include commemoration page for our dear colleague, mentor and friend Joe Horzepa, RIP – there would be no EnerHarv without Joe! **Major tributes to Joe at the event from the booklet to group pics to dedicated the food appreciation in his honor.**
- Need to start EnerHarv 2026 cycle EARLY to secure speakers, participants, venue, etc. **Updated GANTT chart being prepared to capture improved timeline/mitigate issues from lessons learned. Start looking NOW for potential hosts in N. America. Keep an eye out to kick up EnerHarv 2026 opportunities in mid-2025.**
- VAT issue was resolved but PSMA TO NOTE COMPLEXITIES FOR FUTURE EVENTS.
- **Also watch out for frees from IEEE if formally affiliated even if no publications.**

3. Industry Event Watch & List of EH companies – on hold till August

•Event tracker

- Revisit/update the list of good industry events for tracking.
- Make more sense to transition from standalone doc to list in mtg mins...capturing lots of good contributors via current efforts in EnerHarv/RISEnergy/Infrachip, etc.
- **Company ecosystem** (review quarterly, next due post-EnerHarv '24, supported by APEC/EnerHarv activities)
- **BZ CONTINUES TO UPDATE AS INFO TRICKLES IN.**

4. MEDIA ACTIVITIES – Any updates?

(a) Webinars/ PTR? **PERPETUAL OPEN CALL TO EHC FOR WEBINAR SUGGESTIONS.**

- Toshi Yamamoto, Nichicon – LTO Battery Tech. Possibly leverage material related to Sensors Converge (already has ~50% of required content)? Upgrade & share overview with team by next meeting (early-'24). **TOSHI TO PROVIDE PROPOSAL/ABSTRACT/DRAFT PPT BY JUNE MTG FOR TEAM REVIEW.** Still working with Ed Spence on white paper (targeting completion by next EHC mtg), perhaps better content/collaborate with him. **Will follow up after Sensors Converge.**
 - Ed (Spence) considering and will revert. **NEED TO PING HIM FOR WEBINAR ABSTRACT IF STILL INTERESTED.**
- Lorandt Foelkel, Wurth – EH Tech Update. **LORANDT SHARED PREVIOUS DIGIKEY WEBINAR FOR REFERENCE.** Mike & Brian feel it is good but needs higher % of new material – under review. **LORANDT WORKING TO CREATE A NEW PPT FOR '24 WITH ~90 % NEW MATERIAL BY END-JUL (post EnerHarv).**
- Any other topics?
- Look out for webinar derivatives from EnerHarv.

(b) Conferences/workshops

(c) Publications

- Jean Michel – ITEN working on a white paper for release in Dec. Let us know if we can help with preparation, distribution, promotion, etc. Resource issue – delayed but still being planned, hopefully Sept. possible webinar.
- Roberto – we should consider putting together an updated white paper, esp. application focused, with lots of new EHC members, leverage EnerHarv?
- Toshi/Ed – working on white paper for Sensors Converge '24, **which he shared with Mike/Brian 6/19/24 for review.**
- Also looking at cross promotions for IPC – industrial automation, Industry 4.0, smart mobility, etc.
- Any material you want to re-cycle.... once not too much of a sales pitch?
- New suggestions
 - Hoping to mine upcoming events (APEC, EnABLES, APEX, EnerHarv, etc.)*

(d) Virtual conferences, articles, etc.

- Suggestions please

TREASURE CHEST

Approach these items one at a time in future meetings as people raise them.

8A. Sponsorship of a program where students build demonstrators.

- Lorandt has a budget to supply kits
- Help with education links – Qualcomm 'High Tech High'. Francesco will follow up.
- Green story. International dimension. Technology and applications dimensions.
- Wurth running design challenge.
- Keep simple, easy to use
- Competition or roadshow?
- PSMA has money to support.
- Action:- write ½ page strawman for student engagement mechanism **NEED A CHAMPION TO LEAD EFFORT FOR COMM**

“Here are Katherine’s thoughts on the competition:

There are two main styles of the competition that could be developed:

1. Engineering-Style Competition

- planning committee chooses specific EH devices that can be used and the target load
- planning committee also specifies energy input conditions (lighting setup, vibrational input, etc) for testing
- specifications are announced and teams would develop the power converter solution based on the specification
- teams can submit videos and/or reports on their team and proposed idea
- final teams are selected and they test their prototypes on site at an event competition (could be a conference)
- judging is based on technical criteria measured during the test (size, weight, efficiency, etc.)
- implementation is the most important aspect for this style of competition
- over different years, the specification and scenarios would focus on different technologies with the same basic format
- more similar to the International Future Energy Challenge run by PELS

2. Design-Style Competition

- planning committee could choose a theme based on a technology or application (e.g. smart homes, wearables, building monitoring, etc.)
- planning committee may want to specify some constraints or scenarios for the competition
- teams come up with complete EH design ideas (transducers, circuitry, load) and develop a prototype
- teams can submit videos and/or reports on their team and proposed idea
- final teams are selected and they present and demonstrate their prototypes on site at an event competition (could be a conference)
- judging is based on mostly qualitative and some quantitative judging criteria (so balanced judge selection will be important)
- this style of competition is more focused on the idea and design, but implementation is also important

There should probably be some discussion on which style the committee would like to see. The engineering-style requires a lot of prep work before even announcing the competition, while the design-style is more work for the judging and evaluation. I could see either being good for students. I hope someone can take these basic ideas and further development them into a competition.”

7B. Updated Goals

- Open to suggestions.
- We should try to forge links with other groups/sessions, e.g. capacitor, magnetics, packaging. – addressing this via “Tiger Team” effort within PSMA (multiple focused initiatives with small teams from various committees).

7C. Forward-looking Thoughts

- Software? Packaging/industrial design? Modelling? Hackathon?
- Incorporate some kind of student competition as part of EnerHarv (Best Student Demo/Poster) or otherwise.

Mike Hayes & Brian Zahnstecher,
23rd July 2024.