



Physical Security Interoperability Alliance News

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The PSIA elects Mike Mathes, Convergent Technologies and Jason Ouellette, Johnson Controls, as Officers

The Physical Security Interoperability Alliance (PSIA) today announced it has elected Mike Mathes, Executive Vice President of Convergent Technologies, as its Chairman; and Jason Ouellette, Product General Manager-Access Control for Johnson Controls, as its Vice Chairman. The PSIA membership develops specifications for enabling standards-based sharing of digital data and intelligence throughout the physical security and enterprise ecosystems.

"Mike and Jason bring us strong technology, commercial and industry leadership skills," said David Bunzel, executive director, the PSIA. "They will be powerful evangelists for how standards-based physical security systems can help the industry create new opportunities for systems integration and data sharing while solving cost and complexity challenges."

As PSIA Chairman, Mathes will work closely with the PSIA Board to identify industry needs for new and enhanced PSIA specifications. "Mike has been a strong advocate for open standards and his relations with leaders in the industry will be very valuable as PLAI, the PSIA's identity management initiative, gains momentum," noted Bunzel.



Mike Mathes
Convergent Technologies

He will be responsible for growing the organizations membership and helping companies determine migration strategies needed to specify and/or adopt and implement PSIA specifications. "With an expanded membership base, we'll see further adoption of open standards, which will drive down the cost of system integration for the end user," said Mathes.



Jason Ouellette
Johnson Controls

Ouellette's role as PSIA Vice Chairman will include defining the technical aspects of PLAI necessary to make this an effective commercial standard. This will include enhancing and promoting a robust set of test tools to assure industry compliance and interoperability for PLAI.

"The PSIA specifications make it easier for integrators to offer high quality solutions with less integration time and lower total cost of ownership," said Ouellette. "PSIA open standards can solve real enterprise problems for customers in way that is not possible through standard integrations. I am looking forward to working with Mike, David and the rest of board to help the industry understand our use cases and encourage rapid

adoption of PSIA specifications, in particular through the development of PLIA adaptors by manufactures."

At Convergent, Mathes leads the Advanced Solutions Group. He obtained his B.S. in Electrical Engineering at University of Manitoba.

At Johnson Controls, Ouellette is responsible for the global access control businesses, specific to program management, product management, and engineering functions.

Peter Boriskin, Vice President Product Management at ASSA ABLOY Americas, will continue as the PSIA's treasurer.

PSIA Adopts iCalendar Standard for Scheduling

Widely used open standard will support the Area Control specification

The PSIA has adopted iCalendar as a method for scheduling in its Area Control specification. One of the issues in enterprise operations is managing access schedules, including factoring in typical work day hours, after hours, weekends, and holidays. While there are many custom-developed options for scheduling, the PSIA decided to use an open standard which was already widely used-iCalendar.



iCalendar was first developed in 1998 and is used and supported by a large number of products, including Google Calendar, Apple Calendar and Microsoft Outlook. It addresses most of the characteristics needed for access control applications and provides an excellent complement for the PSIA's PLAI specification.

"Because we are a standards body, it is incumbent on us to leverage other standards whenever possible. We chose iCalendar, because of the support, flexibility and cross platform applicability it provides," said Peter Boriskin, Vice President of Product Management at ASSA ABLOY Americas.

The PSIA will incorporate iCalendar into current and future specifications where scheduling is needed.

Nokia Joins the PSIA Board



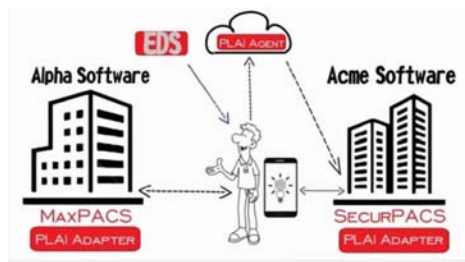
The PSIA is pleased to announce the addition of a new Board member-Nokia, a \$30 billion company, with interests in multinational communications, information technology and consumer electronics. Nokia is involved with large-scale telecommunications infrastructures, technology development, and licensing. The company has been an active proponent of open standards with active involvement in a wide range of telecommunications and networking associations.

Nokia has over 100,000 employees and is a significant enterprise customer for physical and logical security solutions. "Nokia has expressed interest in advocating for security standards and is a likely customer for specifications that the PSIA has been developing. Because the company has been active in acquiring companies, often with disparate physical access control systems, Nokia can directly benefit from the emerging PLAI specification," said David Bunzel, Executive Director of the PSIA.

Nokia has been active in many standards organizations. "Commercial standards are vital to the security industry. The development and implementation of interoperability standards are critical to assuring secure data exchange between disparate systems, assuring data privacy, confidentiality, and availability of data," said Glenn Trest, Director of Global Facilities and Supply Chain Security, at Nokia.

To find out more about how to get involved in the PSIA contact dmaguire@psialliance.org.

PSIA's Whiteboard Video Explaining PLAI



The PSIA has released the first of a series of whiteboard explainer videos on the PLAI specification. "Animated videos are a great way to inform and explain technology to the market. We see these as important for customers, but also as a tool for integrators to communicate the benefits of PLAI," said David Bunzel, Executive Director of the PSIA.

The video reviews the initial use case of PLAI—the synchronization of disparate PACS systems. The main character, Tom, is an employee of Alpha Software, which relies on MaxPACS for managing its physical access control system. His company acquires Acme Software, which uses a different PACS system, SecurPACS. While in the past this often resulted in "rip-and-replace" of one of the PACS systems, PLAI can now make the integration simple by allowing the normalization of data between the systems.

The PSIA plans a series of animated videos to support other use cases related to PLAI.

To see the video click the following link [PLAI Animation Video](#).

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About PSIA

The Physical Security Interoperability Alliance is a global consortium of physical security manufacturers and integrators focused on promoting the interoperability of IP-enabled security devices across every segment of the industry. PSIA supports license-free standards and specifications, which are vetted in an open and collaborative manner to the industry as a whole. Specifications are developed through member and industry participation in five active working groups: IP Video, Video Analytics, Recording and Content Management, Area Control and Systems. To date, more than 2100 industry professionals have downloaded PSIA's specifications.

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