

CABA Connected Home Council



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Yann Kulp is Vice President SmartSpace at Schneider Electric, a \$27 billion global leader in energy management solutions. Prior to this role, Yann was based in Paris as Director, Communications - Residential & Commercial Controls for Schneider Electric EMEAS, and also held sales, marketing and strategy roles at Legrand and Schneider Electric in U.S. and Europe. He leads the strategic & commercial growth of residential & small commercial energy management solutions in North America. They deliver cloud connected customer engagement, energy efficiency and demand response solutions for homes, small buildings (banking, retail chains...), small businesses, utilities, smart cities and energy retailers. Kulp studied business in France, followed by an MBA at Syracuse University. Since 2012, he is based in Chicago with his wife and three children. In addition to the CABA board, he serves of the board of the Chicago chapter of the French-American Chamber of Commerce, is co-chair of the CABA Connected Home Council, and is active in the Chicago start-up community.



Melissa Simpler
CABA Connected Home Council Vice-Chair
CEO, Affinegy

Melissa co-founded Affinegy, a supplier of service enablement and network management solutions for the home. Leading broadband service providers and equipment manufacturers have deployed Affinegy's solution worldwide in over 33M households and 27 languages. As CEO she directs business strategy, company operations, marketing and sales. Previously she served in corporate business and engineering management roles at Motorola, Dell, and National Instruments.

Simpler has a BSEE, cum laude, and MBA from the University of Texas. Melissa actively contributes to Austin's technology sector including driving membership growth for Austin Technology Council and serving as a founding member of the Software SIG of the Greater Austin Chamber. She is also actively involved in the Software CEO Group and Tech Women CEO Network.