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CABA INDUSTRY MEETINGS AT CONNECTIONS™ SUCCESSFUL

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CABA is pleased to announce that its latest round of industry meetings were a success.

The CABA Board of Directors meet May 6 and were hosted by Board members Kristine Stewart of Cisco Systems and Bea Yormark of Echelon Corporation. At the meeting, Martin Cullum of Bell Canada was elected the new Chairman of the Board of the Directors.

The organization also held meetings of its respective Standards and Marketing and eBusiness Committees at CONNECTIONS™: The Digital Home Conference and Showcase in San Jose, CA on May 7, 2003.

The CABA Standards Committee monitors activities of protocol/standards groups that affects the home and building automation industry, provides opportunities for exchanges of information and facilitates industry-wide interoperability.

Over 25 industry professionals participated in the Standards Committee meeting in person and by teleconference. During the proceedings, over 15 standards and protocol groups provided updates on recent and near future activities and developments.

Ludo Bertsch of Horizon Technologies, Chair of the CABA Standards Committee, presented a draft of new high level matrices designed to accompany the lower level matrices already developed by the committee and to promote interoperability.

Paul Ehrlich of Trane GCC and Chair of the recently formed XML / Web Services for Building Controls Work Group also provided an update on its activities and agreed that the next meeting would be held June 5, 2003 in Chicago.

The Marketing and eBusiness Committee Meeting gave CABA members the opportunity to examine and review the organization's communication efforts. The Committee primarily reviewed the eBusiness Strategy, and was given an exclusive preview of the eStore, CABA's new online retail channel. The new CABA Research Boutique was approved and CABA members can purchase primary research at a discount.

The Committee also examined the possibility of introducing member profiles on the Web site and also the possibility of redesigning existing publications. To that end, the Committee decided to strike a working group to further the reach and lower, increase the frequency, and lower the cost of CABA's high-quality, research-driven publications.

"CABA's role is to share information and facilitate dialogue among our members and the industry-at-large," said Ronald J. Zimmer, CABA President & CEO. "The meeting of the CABA Board of Directors and all of our industry councils and committees contributes to this objective."

To learn more about CABA's councils and committees or participate please go to: <http://www.caba.org>. Active CABA members are to welcome to participate.

About CABA

The Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA) is a leading industry association that promotes advanced technologies in homes and buildings in North America. More information is available at www.caba.org.

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