DNP-UG Quarterly Member Newsletter – February 2026

📡 DTECH 2026 Highlights

• Networking Reception – fun and informative evening; 100+ long-time friends and new acquaintances. **Speakers**: Tianling Wu (DNP-UG Chair), John McDonald (workshops and training), Tony Johnson (new Utility Council), Darcy Wheeles (IEEE 1815.2 for DER communications), Herb Falk (DNP-UG Cybersecurity Program and pending DOE/EPRI contract).

Many thanks to our Sponsors: **ASE, DNV, Triangle Microworks, TESCO Automation.**

• Booth – thank you to the many who dropped by; we met **over 250 people** during the week!

• Panel Session – "DER Cybersecurity Implications: IEEE 1815.2 (DNP3) vs IEEE 2030.5 vs SunSpec Modbus – Friends or Foes?" **Speakers**: John McDonald (moderator), Ben Ealey, Grant Gilchrist, Robby Simpson, Tylor Slay. (Recording and slides available.)

• **Grid University Courses and Workshops** – John McDonald (SCADA – Part 1 Fundamentals and Part 2 Advanced Concepts), Grant Gilchrist (OT Cybersecurity), Andrew West (DNP3 – Introduction and Advanced Concepts).

📘 IEEE 1815.2 for DER Communications

• On Feb 5, 2026, IEEE released IEEE 1815.2-2025, a joint effort with the MESA Standards Alliance. Full name: "Standard Profile for Communications with Distributed Energy Resources, using IEEE 1815 (DNP3)".

• [Press release.](#)

• Current members may access the standard at no charge (continuous membership required).

• Now posted on our site: Resources → Document Library → DNP3 Protocol Specifications → DNP3 Specifications.

• IEEE 1815.1-2015 is also posted in the same area.

• Please read: [Distribution of IEEE Standards by the DNP-UG.](#)

• Questions? membership@dnp.org

🎓 Training on IEEE 1815.2 – Feb 19, 2026 at 3:00 PM Eastern

• "Managing Distributed Energy Resources Using the IEEE Std 1815.2 DNP3 Profile" – Part 1 of 2.

• **Speakers: John McDonald, Grant Gilchrist, Frances Cleveland.**

• Registration link.

🏛 Utility Council

• Planned launch with kick-off meeting in Spring 2026.
• Thank you to our Founding Leader – **Tony Johnson!**
• Three utilities confirmed with more expected soon.
• More information forthcoming.

Community, Cybersecurity & Governance

🧑‍💼 Andrew West Speaking at S4

• We are excited that Andrew will be speaking at S4 (Miami, February 2026).

• **Topic: "DNP3's New Authorization Protocol"**

• February 26, 2026, 2:00PM

• S4-Events - S4x26:ICS-Security Conference

🔐 New DHS–CISA Report on OT Cybersecurity

• "Barriers to Secure OT Communication: Why Johnny Can't Authenticate."

• **Contributors:** Andrew West and Ronald Farquharson (CISA Control Systems Working Group).

• CISA website for the report and more information.

AGM & Resource

🖼 AGM

• **AGM will be held on March 31, 2026 – 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Eastern.**

• See the January 2026 member email for the agenda and details.

• Please ensure our DNP-UG are white-listed.

- Nominations for open positions will be accepted (deadline forthcoming).

• Registration details will be sent shortly.

📚 Resources

• [IEEE 1815.2 press release.](#)

• [MESA/DER Flyer.](#)

• [No-charge training – IEEE 1815.2 on February 19, 2026.](#)

• [Utility Council information](#).

• [No-charge workshop on DER cybersecurity.](#)

• DNP Cybersecurity Program – DNP3-SL and AMP, Zero Trust with DNP3 – see our [Home Page - Fast Find area.](#)

• [DNP-UG YouTube channel.](#)

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