

NASPI 2018 MVP/Utility of the Year Recipients

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The North American Synchrophasor Initiative (NASPI) is an international community of electric industry members, researchers, and vendors working together to advance the understanding and adoption of synchrophasor technology to enhance power system reliability and efficiency. This is the fifth year that NASPI has issued awards to recognize significant accomplishments and contributions of its members in 2018.

NASPI Control Room Solutions Task Team MVP - Michael Cassiadoro - Total Reliability Solutions, LLC

As co-chair of the NASPI Control Room Solutions Task Team, Mike Cassiadoro has led the effort to train operations personnel on the uses and value of synchrophasor applications, including development of effective training materials. Mike's work has improved control room operations and grid reliability.

NASPI Data & Network Management Task Team MVP - J. Ritchie Carroll, Grid Protection Alliance

Ritchie Carroll's significant contributions on the topics of PMU data communications, data archiving, and data management tools have improved and expedited the effectiveness of synchrophasor technology deployment worldwide.

NASPI Performance Requirements, Standards & Verification Task Team MVP - Mahendra Patel, EPRI

Mahendra Patel's long-standing efforts to support and manage development of synchrophasor-related technical standards, including the IEEE PSRC C23 Working Group, have improved and expedited the technical standards quality and effectiveness.

NASPI Outstanding Grad Student - Wenxuan Yao, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Wenxuan Yao is an exemplary graduate student whose work on m-UGA has improved PMU sampling accuracy and PMU signal acquisition. M-UGA allows higher resolution PMU deployment and enhances power system observability.

NASPI Outstanding Utility of the Year - ISO NE (Slava Maslennikov)

ISO-New England, with leadership from Slava Maslennikov, has been a leader in developing and deploying new generations of practical, useful PMU-based on-line applications with high data quality, including Wide-Area Protection & Control systems.

The NASPI Philip N. Overholt Volunteer of the Year Award - David Schooley, ComEd

Dave Schooley has been a supporting PMU and synchrophasor implementation for years, both at PJM and for the Exelon companies. Thanks to Dave's vision and efforts, ComEd is in the process of deploying hundreds of PMUs to support wide-area situational awareness and monitoring systems for real-time control room operations.