14th Annual Member and Fall Conference

Re-Energize NY – Build Back Greener

October 27-28, 2020
Welcome!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and ACE NY team, welcome to Re-Energize New York – Build Back Greener, our 14th Member Meeting and Fall Conference.

This has been a year that absolutely none of us could have predicted. But we are grateful for the opportunity to come together – albeit virtually – to reflect on where clean energy policy stands in New York, and how our industries can be part of New York’s economic recovery and achievement of NY’s climate law.

Like many of us, I think of 2020 as “before” and “after” the onset of COVID-19.

In the “before” time for ACE NY, we had just completed a successful legislative breakfast on the need for permitting reform, and we were delighted that the Governor had proposed the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Protection Act. In the “after” time, all our plans were disrupted, and like everyone, we worried for our families and our communities. Still, I am so proud and impressed with how the ACE team and our colleagues in the environmental community came together to get that Act over the finish line, with, of course, the partnership, cooperation and leadership of the New York State Legislature. It was an amazing and meaningful achievement in some of New York’s darkest days.

Since then, ACE has, like all of you, adjusted to a changed world. Our educational events moved online. Our attention was distracted by the risk of infection and impacts of economic upheaval. We watched the pandemic’s toll on our fellow New Yorkers with horror. We were forcefully reminded of our communities ongoing struggles with racial justice and health equity.

And, through it all, we remained busy. We weighed in on New York’s Pause and were happy when construction activities could safely re-start. ACE was busy providing input to New York’s agencies as they moved ahead with implementation of the new Accelerated Renewables Act as well as the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Thanks to the Governor’s leadership New York’s policymaking didn’t slow down, but recognized that accelerating the development of clean, renewable energy could serve the dual purpose of addressing the climate crisis and the state’s growing economic crisis.

My hope is that at this year’s meeting, together we chart a 2021 strategic plan for ACE that supports this continuing progress; that continues to grow the clean energy industry in New York – creating jobs and economic development.

The great lineup of speakers and panel discussions will get us started and provide valuable information and help us learn how to support New York's clean energy transition.

Let me also take a moment to wish you and your families health and safety, and to express my sincere sympathies for the losses you may have endured in 2020. In today’s “after” COVID world, I find myself missing all we have lost (like no cocktail party!) but appreciating all we have, including the opportunity to work with a network of amazing advocates dedicated to developing a clean, renewable energy system for the 21st century that can simultaneously address economic, environmental and social justice issues. Thank you for joining us.

Cheers,
Anne

Our 14th Annual Fall Conference will highlight New York’s ambitious clean energy goals and programs, and the role they can play in job creation and economic stimulus in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis and the economic havoc the pandemic has created. We will also tackle the intersection of clean energy policy with issues of diversity, inclusion, access, and equity.

With New York State’s enactment of both the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act in 2019 and the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act in 2020 – and the historic focus on front-line communities – we look forward to sharing insights in relation to next steps for New York and the nation.

**DAY 1 – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**
Open to ACE NY Members only

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. EST

Board Meeting & Annual Members Meeting
Open to ACE NY Members only.

- Annual Board of Directors Elections & Executive Director’s Report
- Report on 2020 Member Survey Results
- Update from New York Offshore Wind Alliance: Joe Martens
- NYS Budget and Legislative Outlook: Christine Tramantano
- Guest: Doreen Harris, Acting President and CEO of NYSERDA
- Guest: Houtan Moaveni, Deputy Director, Office of Renewable Energy Siting
- Executive Board Reflections on 2020 and 2021 for ACE NY

**DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH**
14th Annual Fall Conference

9:30 – 9:40 a.m. EST

Opening & Welcome, Anne Reynolds, Executive Director, ACE NY

- Opening ACE NY Video: Re-Energize New York
- Guest appearance by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

9:40 – 10:00

Spotlight Speaker: Ali Zaidi, Deputy Secretary to Governor Cuomo for Energy and Environment & Chairman of Climate Policy and Finance

Introduced by Julie Tighe, CEO, New York League of Conservation Voters
DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH (CONTINUED)
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10:00 – 10:10 Welcome, Joe Martens, Director of NY Offshore Wind Alliance
• Offshore Wind Video: Importance of NY Ports and Jobs Infrastructure
• Celebrity guest appearance by Mr. Mark Ruffalo

10:10 – 10:30 Spotlight Speaker: Gina McCarthy, President and CEO, Natural Resources Defense Council
Introduced by Joe Martens, Director of NYOWA

10:30 – 11:15 BREAKOUT SESSION I:
Option 1: Building the Offshore Wind Industry in NY
Moderator: Joe Martens, Director, NYOWA
What’s new and what’s next in New York’s quest to be a leader in offshore wind development and industry growth?
• Dominik Schwegmann, North American President, RWE
• Roger Clayman, Executive Director, Long Island Federation of Labor
• Nathaniel Greene, Senior Renewable Energy Advocate, NRDC
• Adrienne Downey, Principal Engineer, Offshore Wind, NYSERDA

Option 2: The Road to NY’s Electric Vehicle Future
Moderator: Rich Kassel, Capalino
What steps does NYS need to take to meet our zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) and transportation climate goals?
• Kevin King, Sales Manager, Lion Electric Company
• WE ACT for Environmental Justice (invited)
• Albert Gore, East Coast Lead, Tesla
• Sonal Jessel, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, WE ACT for Environmental Justice

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Introduction & Transition for Breakout Sessions II
• Flashback Video of ACE NY in Action!
• Guest appearance by Ken Kimmel, CEO, Union of Concerned Scientists

11:30 – 12:15 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION II:
Option 1: Renewables Construction: Helping New Yorkers Get Ready for a New Generation of Clean Energy Jobs
Moderator: Jeff Jones, ACE NY Communications Team
As permitting reform brings renewable energy projects to construction, will New York have the trained workforce needed to take full advantage of the job-creation opportunities ahead?
• Ross Gould, Director, Energy and Climate, Workforce Development Institute
• Vincent Albanese, Director of Policy & Public Affairs, Laborers’ International Union of North America
• Representative of Construction Company (Invited)

Option 2: A Better Cost-Benefit Analysis for Energy Efficiency
Moderator: Julie Michals, Director of Valuation at E4 the Future
How should NYS’s Benefit Cost Analysis framework for energy efficiency be updated to better align with NYS’s new climate law and public health goals?
• Sonal Jessel, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, WE ACT for Environmental Justice
• Andy Frank, President, Sealed
• Paul Hibbard, Principal, Analysis Group

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Conference Award and Closing
Moderator: Anne Reynolds
• 2021 Clean Energy Advocate Award presented to: Win With Wind Long Island, presented by Lisa Dix, Senior New York Campaign Manager, Sierra Club
• Guest appearance by Michael Polsky, CEO, Invenergy

1:00 – 1:15 Break for Lunch

Moderator: Jeff Jones, ACE NY Communications Team
• Bringing together community supporters to share stories; meet other supporter organizations, learn more about siting processes, and exchange ideas.
• Lisa Mertz, Climate Reality Chapter Leader
• Laura Cottingham, Senior Associate, Arnold & Porter
• Elizabeth Broad, Director, New Yorkers for Clean Power
Anne Reynolds, Executive Director, Alliance for Clean Energy New York

Anne Reynolds is the Executive Director of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY), an Albany-based nonprofit organization formed in 2006 to promote clean and renewable energy and energy efficiency. Ms. Reynolds has over 20 years of experience in the energy and environmental arena. Most recently she served as a Deputy Commissioner at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in the role of chief financial and operations officer, overseeing an annual budget of over $900 million and a portfolio that includes facility operations and construction, budgeting and fiscal management, capital planning, human resources, department-wide planning, and information technology. At DEC she also served as Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Planning, which included legislative affairs, and the Director of the Commissioner’s Policy Office.

Previously, Ms. Reynolds was the Director of the Air and Energy Program at Environmental Advocates of New York, and successfully lobbied for the establishment of New York’s Renewable Portfolio Standard, investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency, and the creation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. She has consulted to the wind energy industry, and coordinated a Wind Power Education Project at Pace Energy and Climate Center. She has also held the positions of Environmental Scientist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Associate Scientist at the Tellus Institute for Energy and Environmental Strategies. In addition, Ms. Reynolds has taught courses in the Political Science department at Union College on environment, energy, and climate change policy.

Ms. Reynolds holds a Master of Environmental Studies from Yale University and a BS in Biology and Environmental Studies from Tufts University.

Joe Martens, Director of NY Offshore Wind Alliance

Joe Martens joined the New York Offshore Wind Alliance after two years as a senior fellow at the Open Space Institute (OSI). He previously served as OSI President from 1998-2010. From 2011-15, Mr Martens served as Commissioner of the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation. He chaired the state Olympic Regional Development Authority from 1999-2010 and served as an environmental policy aide to Governor Mario Cuomo from 1990-94. He earned a Master’s degree in Natural Resource Management from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and a Bachelor’s degree in Resource Economics from UMass Amherst.
Vincent Albanese
Director of Policy & Public Affairs
NYS Laborers’ Organizing Fund & PAC

Vincent Albanese worked as a Laborer for ten years before transitioning into Policy and Public Affairs with the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA). In 2000, Mr. Albanese proudly received his union book and worked on various projects in the New York City area. In 2011, he joined the New York State Laborers’ as a field coordinator and then as a lobbyist in 2014, helping to advance critical legislation that advocate for safe, middle-class careers for construction workers in NYS.

In 2017, Mr. Albanese began working for the New York State Laborers’ PAC and became the Director of Public Policy and Public Affairs for the New York State Laborers’ Organizing Fund. In this role, Mr. Albanese engages in lobbying, public relations, and strategic campaigns for the Laborers’. Most recently Vincent has been focused on a variety of energy advocacy issues from reforming the NYS Article 10 process for wind and solar to pushing for an expansion of port infrastructure to support offshore wind development. He is also a board member of the Just Transition Working Group as enacted with the passing of the CLCPA.

Mr. Albanese has a 2 year-old son named Rocco and a 1 year-old son named Sebastian. He is also a graduate of the University of Scranton, class of 2005.

Roger Clayman

Since July, 2005, Roger Clayman has served as the Executive Director of the Long Island Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO the fourth largest labor council in the country. The local Federation is the voice for 250,000 union members and their families in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. He came to the Long Island Federation after a 30 year career with the National AFL-CIO, where he was involved with organizing, political and collective bargaining campaigns around the country.

He has worked closely with the Nassau-Suffolk Building and Construction Trades Council and community partners to establish a pre-apprenticeship program, Opportunities Long Island. He has been engaged in specific work with coalitions supporting economic development which would generate union jobs and build stronger communities. He has also been deeply involved in the coalitions for offshore wind on Long Island.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Clayman received his BA in History from Oberlin College. He currently lives in Port Jefferson, New York with his wife Lillian. They have two grown children, David and Rebecca.

Adrienne Downey

Adrienne Downey is the Principal Engineer for Offshore Wind with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)’s Large-Scale Renewables Team. In this role she is responsible for leading NYSERDA’s offshore wind program, including running New York State’s procurement efforts for offshore wind, economic development and stakeholder engagement efforts that will be critical in delivering the state’s nation-leading commitment of 9GW of offshore wind by 2035.

Prior to her time at NYSERDA, Adrienne has than a decade’s experience in on-shore wind and consulting practice in climate adaptation and resiliency projects. She has worked internationally in Europe and across Canada across a range of roles in industrial and production engineering, supply chain localization and development strategy, operations management, business development, and policy and government affairs.

Andy Frank

Andy is the Founder and President of Sealed, an energy and financial technology company that makes it easy and affordable for homes to be comfortable and efficient. Sealed remotely coordinates projects from beginning to end and finances key weatherization and electrification improvements using the money homeowners currently waste on energy. Learn more about Sealed at sealed.com. Contact Andy on LinkedIn or Twitter.

Albert Gore

Albert Gore is the East Coast Public Policy and Business Development lead for Tesla. Previously, he was Deputy Director, Policy and Electricity Markets—Finance at SolarCity and prior to that was Vice President of Business Development at Strategic Capital Partners, a commercial real estate investment and development firm.

He has a bachelor’s degree in Government from Harvard College and a master’s degree in Business Administration from Columbia University.
Paul Hibbard is a Principal at Analysis Group, a Boston-based economic and financial consulting firm. Paul is a former Chairman of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and has held positions in both energy and environmental regulatory agencies in Massachusetts. Paul has also served on the New England States Committee on Electricity, the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board and the Executive Committee of the Eastern Interconnect States’ Planning Council. In private practice, Paul provides technical, economic and policy analysis and strategic advice to public and private sector participants in the natural gas and electric industries.

Paul holds a B.S. in Physics from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and an M.S. in Energy and Resources from the University of California at Berkeley.

Sonal Jessel

As one of WE ACT’s Policy and Advocacy Coordinators, Sonal works to advance the organization’s policy agenda at the local, state, regional and national level, as well as leading the Northern Manhattan Climate Action (NMCA) Plan.

Prior to joining WE ACT, Sonal conducted research in energy insecurity, housing and public health at Columbia University. She has an MPH in Population and Family Health with a concentration in Climate and Health from Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health and a BA in Organismal Biology from Pitzer College, in California.

Jeff Jones

Jeff Jones is a Capital Region-based consultant specializing in advocacy and strategic guidance with a focus on environmental policy, climate change and renewable energy.
**Rich Kassel**

Rich Kassel directs Capalino’s Clean Energy and Sustainability group. In his role, Rich works with companies and non-profit organizations to develop low-carbon, sustainable strategies in the building, energy, resiliency, transportation, food and agricultural sectors.

Rich’s clients include start-up companies developing first-ever projects, Fortune 500 companies evolving their businesses towards a low-carbon future, as well as local and global environmental organizations.

Rich has been a leader in the environmental community for more than three decades, including more than two decades as a Senior Attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council. Throughout his career, Rich has chaired and served on the boards of several New York and regional environmental organizations.

**Kevin King**

Kevin holds the position of Sales Manager of Eastern US School Bus and Transit Bus Sales. His strategic focus is on creating awareness for the industry, the Lion brand, all it’s products as well as their economical, environmental and intellectual benefits.

After a successful career in Telecommunication’s and Information Technology, Kevin was recruited to the transportation industry as the Director of National Accounts for Boston Coach. A move to the dealer side of the industry as the Director of Sales and Marketing for a regional bus dealer provided an opportunity to not just focus on increasing sales, but to also work with manufacturers as the key liaison focused on forecast, purchasing and associated customer issues.

This industry experience provided the groundwork for a transition the manufacturing side of the industry with The Lion Electric Co. Through out his career one consistent core value, regardless of the industry, has been a focus on customer satisfaction. That is and always will be, his key driver.

**Julie Michals**

Julie Michals is Director of Valuation at E4TheFuture where she has focused since 2016 on improving the valuation and reporting of energy efficiency and other distributed energy resource impacts. Julie oversees the work of the National Energy Screening Project, including the National Standard Practice Manual. Prior to E4TheFuture, Julie spent over a decade at Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships directing the Regional EM&V Forum, a multi-state regional platform that focused on building a common currency for evaluating and reporting energy efficiency impacts. Julie holds a B.A. in Business Economics from University of California at Santa Barbara, and an M.A. in Energy and Environmental Analysis at Boston University.

**Gina McCarthy, President and Chief Executive Officer**

Gina McCarthy (she/her) became the president and chief executive officer of NRDC in January 2020, leading more than 700 attorneys, scientists, advocates, and policy experts that make NRDC one of the country's most effective environmental action organizations. McCarthy has been a leading advocate for smart, successful strategies to protect public health and the environment for more than 30 years.

McCarthy served as the 13th administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and as assistant administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation under President Obama. Her leadership led to significant federal, state, and local actions on critical issues related to the environment, economy, energy, and transportation. McCarthy ushered in a paradigm shift in national environmental policy, which expressly linked it to global public health. She led initiatives that cut air pollution, protected water resources, strengthened chemical safety, and reduced greenhouse gases to protect more communities from negative health impacts. McCarthy signed the Clean Power Plan, which set the first national standards for reducing carbon emissions from existing power plants, underscoring the country's commitment to domestic climate action and spurring international efforts that helped secure the Paris Agreement.

As assistant administrator, McCarthy strengthened collaborative efforts with state environmental and public health agencies and organizations across the United States to identify and reduce threats to human health from harmful air and carbon pollution by updating health- and technology-based emissions standards, establishing greenhouse gas standards for cars and trucks, promoting energy efficiency and alternative fuels, and mitigating harmful exposures to indoor air pollution.

At the state level, McCarthy served as commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, deputy secretary of the Massachusetts Office of Commonwealth Development, and underseretary of policy for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. In Connecticut, she was instrumental in developing the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a multi-state effort to reduce emissions contributing to global warming, which has spurred economic growth, improved public health, decreased energy demand, and helped mitigate electricity price increases across the region. In Massachusetts, McCarthy advised five governors on environmental affairs, worked at the state and local levels on critical environmental issues, and coordinated policies on economic growth, energy, transportation, and the environment.

At the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, McCarthy was a professor of the practice of public health in the Department of Environmental Health and currently chair of the board of advisors at the Harvard Center for Climate, Health, and the Global Environment (C-CHANGE). She also serves as a member of the boards of the Energy Foundation and Ceres.

McCarthy holds a master's degree in environmental health engineering and planning and policy from Tufts University and a bachelor's in social anthropology from University of Massachusetts at Boston.
Houtan Moaveni

Houtan Moaveni is a dedicated energy professional with over 15 years of experience in the energy sector and a track record of developing and implementing a wide range of clean energy initiatives. Mr. Moaveni has held leadership roles in New York State's energy efforts since 2014. Mr. Moaveni is currently serving as the Executive Deputy Director of the first in the nation New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES). Prior to his current role, Mr. Moaveni, as the Director of Facility Certification & Compliance at the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS), led the certification and compliance for all electric generation projects and all electric and natural gas transmission projects considered under Article 10 and Article VII of the Public Service Law.

Prior to his role at DPS, Mr. Moaveni served as the Senior Advisor to the CEO and President of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), for Strategy and Clean Energy Siting, where he brought a wealth of technical expertise and insight to the front lines of clean energy development, working directly with communities and industry leaders across New York State. He previously served as Deputy Director for Governor Cuomo’s $1 billion NY-Sun initiative. Before joining NYSERDA, Mr. Moaveni had an accomplished career in the solar industry, working for the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and the Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC).

Dominik Schwegmann

Dominik Schwegmann serves as the Head of Development for Offshore Americas with RWE Renewables. Dominik holds degrees in civil and structural engineering and a MBA from Purdue. He started his career in the offshore wind industry in 2002 and has been involved in the development and construction of early research and first commercial offshore wind projects in Europe. Lead construction roles include amongst others, Construction Project Director for German Amrumbank Project (80WTG). Since 2016 he has been focusing on developing global offshore wind opportunities in US, Asia and Europe.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Membership with ACE NY allows you to take an active, meaningful role in promoting clean energy and creating opportunities for growth in New York’s clean energy economy. Joining ACE NY is an investment in your company’s future; the measure of our success is your success!

1. Get ahead of the curve
Gain a competitive edge by taking advantage of accurate, in-depth and timely information on the latest developments and opportunities for clean energy in New York State.

2. Influence what matters
Help shape New York’s public policies and markets through ACE NY’s strategic campaigns and other legislative and regulatory work groups. Membership with ACE NY gives you access to the leaders and policymakers determining the future of clean energy.

3. Build your network
Meet and network with key companies and organizations through ACE NY’s conferences, in-person meetings and membership meetings. ACE NY members represent a broad spectrum of viewpoints, creating a unique opportunity for information sharing, collaboration, and building a broad base of support for clean energy.

4. Increase visibility
Maximize your company’s profile through a host of opportunities including speaking at and sponsoring conferences and other events and participating in numerous marketing and public outreach activities.

MEMBER-only benefits
Participate in our bi-weekly membership briefings; receive regular email updates on breaking news and weekly reports on media coverage of clean energy issues; and enjoy cost-saving discounts on conference registrations. For members at the Business Council and Leadership Circle levels, we have bi-weekly calls for several Workgroups: Large Scale Renewables, NYISO Issues, REV/DER Issues, and Energy Efficiency. We also form ad hoc Workgroups to work on specific short-term initiatives.

Friends of Upstate NY Wind
In 2019, ACE NY, along with New Yorkers for Clean Power, launched Friends of Upstate NY Wind as a platform and website (www.FriendsofUpstateNYWind.org) for a diverse group of organizations -- including labor, environmental, civic, and business groups -- who have a shared interest in providing accurate information about wind energy and wind energy projects in Upstate New York. The mission is to support the growth of responsibly-sited wind projects through education and dissemination of information regarding the benefits of wind power, and to have a consistently updated location that informs and supports people and their communities who are interested in networking and learning more.
NY OFFSHORE WIND ALLIANCE

The New York Offshore Wind Alliance is an ACE NY project with a separate Steering Committee and website (www.nyowa.org). The mission of the New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) is to promote policies that will lead to sustained and responsible development of offshore wind projects in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of New York State. Specifically, NYOWA’s goal is to grow the offshore wind industry by improving and refining the offshore wind procurement process; participating in Public Service Commission (PSC) offshore wind proceedings; engaging with the PSC and the New York Independent System Operator to improve interconnection and transmission planning processes; establishing a firm schedule for future procurements; and pushing for new wind energy areas in the New York Bight.

NYOWA has had an enviable record of success: NYOWA members helped push New York to the forefront of offshore wind development in the United States, with the Nation’s largest offshore wind goal, 9,000 megawatts, and contracts for the largest offshore wind projects.

NYOWA continues to implement a multi-faceted campaign that leverages the power of our broad and diverse coalition. We deliver a strong, unified message to New York and federal decision makers regarding myriad benefits of offshore wind power: jobs, clean energy, port development and energy diversity, to name a few.

Our job at NYOWA is to maximize the strength of our powerful coalition; solicit the strategic and technical expertise of our partners; keep our member organizations informed with accurate and timely information; and continue the campaign that will make New York the epicenter of the new American offshore wind industry. Together we are shaping the policies that will create a large-scale, long-term offshore wind program for New York.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

ACE NY communications and marketing plans guide the development and implementation of broad, multi-spectrum activities focused internally on engaging, informing, and supporting members and their projects, and externally for advancing the organization’s profile, mission, and policy goals. We have a multi-pronged approach, including engaging directly with decision makers in NY regulatory policy processes, building public and political support for renewable energy and energy efficiency, and proactively addressing opposition concerns. We promote and advance clean energy policy objectives of ACE NY and NYOWA through TV, podcasts, and radio appearances of key staff; consistent social media; outreach to media publications, presentations and networking at key industry conferences; sponsorship and advertising; marketing and creation of our own annual Fall Conference, clean energy tours for legislators and staffs, and more. We also provide ACE NY and NYOWA members with the information and news they need with a weekly Member Update, our Clean Energy News media summary, Member Alerts, our websites, blogs, and YouTube channel. In addition, we connect with members’ own communications and public relations teams to support and engage projects and campaigns across platforms.

In 2019, we increased our community engagement campaigns and launched several outreach events that brought together community supporters, developers, and environmental organizations to discuss new ways to support and encourage responsibly-sited solar and wind power projects. They included a Supporters Workshop in Albany, a Western NY Health and Wind Power Forum in Buffalo, plus various advertising and social media campaigns in targeted Upstate NY counties, and additional videos on our YouTube channel. In 2020, we continued to ramp up community engagement, including an aggressive outreach plan to support passage of renewable energy siting reform in the Legislature.
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

FAQS

How is ACE NY governed?
ACE NY’s Board of Directors is the organization’s governing body. Under the ACE NY bylaws, the 16-member Board of Directors consists of an equal number of clean energy companies and nonprofit organization representatives.

What do my dues pay for?
ACE NY members pay the organization’s operating expenses, including our staff and consultants, to support the mission of ACE NY in moving New York’s clean energy industry forward. In addition, ACE NY members participate in workgroups; enjoy discounted event registration & event sponsorship; and receive timely news from ACE NY.

How are ACE NY’s policy positions developed?
The ACE NY staff strives to reach consensus on the range of ACE NY policy positions throughout the year. This consensus is generally hammered out in the workgroups that are open to members at the Business Council and Leadership Circle dues levels. For example, the Large-Scale Renewables (LSR) Workgroup, which meets bi-weekly by phone, is open to all LSR members at the Business Council ($10,000) or Leadership Circle ($20,000) level. This Workgroup develops positions on all issues related to LSR in the Clean Energy Standard proceeding(s) and more broadly.

Are there different types of membership and different rates?
Yes. Membership categories are based on the type of a company or organization and the scope of its work. Please refer to the following pages or contact ACE NY staff at membershipservices@aceny.org or (518) 432-1405 for information on the current rate structure.

How does the New York Offshore Wind Alliance relate to ACE NY?
The New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) is a project of ACE NY with a separate Steering Committee. The offshore wind companies on the NYOWA Steering Committee are ACE NY members that contribute at a higher dues level to serve on the Steering Committee.

How does Friends of Upstate NY Wind relate to ACE NY?
Friends of Upstate NY Wind is a joint project of ACE NY and New Yorkers for Clean Power. It has a separate website and content that includes information, videos that are oriented to community supporters of wind energy projects in Upstate NY.

When does an organization have to renew its membership?
ACE NY memberships are based on the calendar year and run from January 1st – December 31st. ACE NY staff will contact you or a designated representative for your renewal via email during the 4th quarter of the year.

What Workgroups does ACE NY expect to have in 2020?
ACE NY will maintain bi-weekly conference calls for the general membership call, the Large-Scale Renewables Workgroup, the NYISO Issues Workgroup, and the Energy Efficiency Workgroup. There is also a monthly call on REV/DER for distributed renewables providers and efficiency companies, convened by our partner Advanced Energy Economy (AEE), which is open to all ACE NY members, and a quarterly offshore wind call convened by NYOWA.

My business is small. Can I pay my membership fee in installments?
We are happy to consider such requests on a case-by-case basis.

Do I need to be an ACE NY member to sponsor or attend an ACE NY event?
Some events are open only to ACE members, but others are generally open to the public. However, ACE NY members receive discounts on registration and sponsorship for ACE NY events.

Cecil Corbin-Mark

We share the tremendous grief and sadness of our friends and colleagues at WE ACT for Environmental Justice and throughout the Environmental and Climate Justice movements at the passing of our dear friend and colleague Cecil Corbin-Mark. Cecil was a steadfast and passionate leader who taught us all about the importance of confronting systemic racism and the need for a just transition in the crafting of clean energy policies. A lifetime resident of Harlem and a consistent presence in New York City and Albany, he demanded accountability of us all, while remaining upbeat and optimistic. As a member of the CLCPA Climate Justice Working Group, his voice will be greatly missed, as will his work on energy efficiency and workforce development in frontline communities.