



**NASEO 2017 Annual Meeting**  
***Energy Economy Transformation: States and Communities Take the Helm***  
***September 17 – 20, 2017***  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, LA

**Pre-Conference Meetings:**

**Sunday, September 17, 2017**

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Conference Registration** (*Third Floor Registration Counter*)

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**U.S. State Energy Program Competitive Project Meeting** (*Quarterdeck B and C, Riverside Building*)  
(*Open to All Previous Competitive Awardees*)

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs will convene this session is open to U.S. State Energy Program (SEP) Competitive awardees from all years and will cover two topics: stakeholder engagement and cultivating energy efficiency champions. Stakeholder engagement is fundamental to the success of many SEP Competitive awards. Through a facilitated discussion, states will learn from each other what best practices they can implement in their projects, and what lessons can be learned from completed projects. Energy efficiency projects often require a champion – or multiple champions – to achieve success. States will learn how best to identify and groom energy efficiency champions and how to deal with cynics.

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**National Energy Efficiency Registry Project Team Meeting** (*Bridge Room, Riverside Building*) (*By Invitation Only*)

The Tennessee Office of Energy Programs will convene a meeting of the National Energy Efficiency Registry project team.

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm

**NASEO Regional Meetings** (*NASEO State and Affiliate Members Only*)

The NASEO regional meetings provide an opportunity for states to meet in-person with their colleagues to discuss program and policy implementation and share lessons learned. Each region will follow a meeting agenda tailored to the priorities of the states in the region.

- **NASEO Southeast Region Meeting** (*Quarterdeck B and C, Riverside Building*)

*Moderators:*

Kelley Smith Burk, Director, Office of Energy, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Member, NASEO Board of Directors  
David Gipson, Director, Energy Resources Division, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority; Member, NASEO Board of Directors; Co-Chair, NASEO Energy Security Committee (*invited*)

- **NASEO Mid-Atlantic Region Meeting** (*Steering Room, Riverside Building*)

*Moderators:*

Marisa Slaten, Assistant Director, Division of Economic Development and Energy Policy, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities; Member, NASEO Board of Directors (*invited*)

- **NASEO Central Region Meeting** (*Compass Room, Riverside Building*)

*Moderators:*

David Bracht, Director, Nebraska Energy Office; Member, NASEO Board of Directors  
Laura Andersen, Energy Bureau Chief, Montana Department of Environmental Quality; Member, NASEO Board of Directors

- **NASEO Northeast Region Meeting** (*Bridge Room, Riverside Building*)

*Moderators:*

John Williams, Director, Policy and Regulatory Affairs, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority; Member, NASEO Board of Directors (*invited*)

- **NASEO Western Region Meeting** (*Chart C Room, Riverside Building*)

*Moderators:*

Laura Nelson, Governor's Energy Advisor and Executive Director, Utah Governor's Office of Energy Development; Member, NASEO Board of Directors  
Michael Furze, Assistant Director, Washington State Energy Office; Member, NASEO Board of Directors

- **NASEO Midwest Region Meeting** (*Chart A Room, Riverside Building*)

*Moderators:*

Tristan Vance, Director, Indiana Office of Energy Development; Member, NASEO Board of Directors  
Maria Redmond, Director, Office of Energy Innovation, Wisconsin Public Service Commission; Member, NASEO Board of Directors; Co-Chair, NASEO Transportation Committee

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm

**NASEO Board of Directors Meeting** (*Quarterdeck B and C, Riverside Building*) (*NASEO State and Affiliate Members Only*)

NASEO's Board of Directors Meeting is open to NASEO State and Territory Energy Office and Affiliate members only and covers policy, programmatic, and administrative updates of the organization.

*Presenter:*

Robert Jackson, Director, Regional/National Response Division, Michigan Agency for Energy;  
Chair, NASEO Board of Directors; Chair, NASEO Government Affairs Committee

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

**NASEO Annual Business Meeting** (*Quarterdeck B and C, Riverside Building*) (*NASEO State and Affiliate Members Only*)

NASEO's Annual Business Meeting is open to NASEO State, Territory, and Affiliate members only and includes the election of NASEO's Executive Officers as well as the review and approval of NASEO's FY'18 budget.

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**NASEO Affiliate Members' Reception** (*Compass Room, Riverside Building*) (*NASEO State and Affiliate Members and Invited Guests Only*)

This reception will provide States with the opportunity to network with [NASEO's private sector Affiliate partners](#). Affiliates are invited to showcase materials and/or a poster to share information about their work. Contact Sandy Fazeli (sfazeli@naseo.org) to learn more.

## Conference:

**Monday, September 18, 2017 - Harnessing Planning, Innovation, and Partnerships for Energy and Economic Security**

*The opening day of the NASEO 2017 Annual Meeting will explore several interrelated themes, including:*

- **Cyber and Physical Security:** *hardening energy systems against threats and understanding evolving risks from cyberattacks, changing climate, and economic changes*
- **Intelligent and Resilient Energy Systems:** *advancing grid and economic benefits through smart, interconnected energy systems, distributed energy resources, and the utility of the future*
- **Technology Innovation:** *understanding cutting-edge innovations and systems, and what they mean for our energy policy future*

7:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Conference Registration and Exhibitor Hall** (*Third Floor Registration Counter*)

8:00 am – 8:15 am

**Welcome and Opening Remarks** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

The 2017 NASEO Annual Meeting convenes state, local, and private sector leaders of breakthrough, innovative, and effective energy policies and programs for a series of discussions on the future of U.S. energy systems and technologies. This opening session sets the stage for our conference.

*Presenters:*

David Terry, Executive Director, NASEO

Robert Jackson, Director, Regional/National Response Division, Michigan Agency for Energy;  
Chair, NASEO Board of Directors

Paul Miller, Director of Energy, Technology Assessment Division, Louisiana Department of  
Natural Resources; Member, NASEO Board of Directors

8:15 am – 8:45 am

**Keynote: Energy in the Pelican State** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

Rich in energy resources, industry, and innovation, Louisiana is an established hub for agriculture, oil and gas production, and manufacturing. This session will explore the myriad energy opportunities and challenges facing Louisiana, and the state's creative approaches to ensuring reliable, affordable, and clean energy for Louisianans.

8:45 am – 9:15 am

**Keynote: LNG Market Outlooks: Satisfying Export and Domestic Needs in the Face of Unpredictable Demand** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

Buoyed by abundant supplies of shale gas from Pennsylvania and Texas, the U.S. Liquefied Natural Gas market has experienced a marked shift in focus from import to export. Two LNG export terminals currently exist in the country; yet another 15 have been approved, of which 11 are already under construction; and in 2016, Shell announced its plan to break ground on a multibillion-dollar, 600-job petrochemical complex in Potter, Pennsylvania. This session will explore the current market and outlook for LNG exports through the lens of changing global and domestic demand.

*Presenter:*

Robert Fee, Chief of Staff, Cheniere Energy, Inc.

9:15 am – 10:00 am

**Panel Discussion: Our Changing Energy Resource and Demand Mix, Grid Impacts, and Implications for Regional, State, and Local Markets** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

The falling price of renewables combined with low natural gas markets is producing rapid shifts in the nation's generation mix as utilities work to take advantage of these new trends. Speakers will discuss how these changes are affecting grid reliability, transmission infrastructure, and electricity markets as traditional generation is put under strain.

*Moderator:*

Dub Taylor, Director, Texas State Energy Conservation Office; Treasurer, NASEO Board of Directors; Co-Chair, NASEO Fuels and Grid Integration Committee

*Presenters:*

Bruce Rew, Vice President of Operations, Southwest Power Pool

Mario Hurtado, Vice President of Development, Clean Line Energy Partners

Jonathan Weisgall, Vice President, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Berkshire Hathaway  
(*invited*)

10:00 am – 10:45 am

**Panel Discussion: State Energy Office and Public Utility Commission Perspectives on Energy Markets and Policy Innovations** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

State Energy Officials and Public Utility Commissioners each serve a crucial and complementary role in framing their states' energy policy and regulatory landscapes. This session will feature insights from former state energy office leaders who now use their policy expertise to lead regulatory utility commissions.

*Moderator:*

Laura Nelson, Governor's Energy Advisor and Executive Director, Utah Governor's Office of Energy Development; Member, NASEO Board of Directors

*Presenters:*

Marion Gold, Commissioner, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

Jeff Ackermann, Chairman, Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies

10:45 am – 11:15 am

**Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage Technology Innovations** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

According to a recent U.S. Department of Energy paper, fossil fuel power plants along with industry still represents a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, and going forward both coal-fired and natural gas power plants will continue to be a major source of global energy production for decades to come. This session will look at several major Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) demonstration projects to highlight the recent successes of Petra Nova, Archer, Archer Daniels Midland, and Air Products while also shedding light on some of the challenges faced by these CCS projects.

*Moderator:*

Andrea Holl Pfennig, Energy Outreach and Special Programs Administrator, Division of Community Services, North Dakota Department of Commerce (*invited*)

*Presenter:*

Andrew HLasko, Senior Project Manager for Large Carbon Management Projects, Office of Advanced Fossil Technology Systems, Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

11:15 am - 12:00 pm

**State Regional Energy Assurance and Resilience Planning and Coordination** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

As the main federal authority for ensuring reliable and secure energy supplies, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) works closely with states and local governments, tribes, and the private sector—each with different responsibilities in overseeing day-to-day operations and mitigating threats to the energy system. As the state energy offices know, these threats are evolving rapidly: hazards like cyberterrorism and the changing role of consumers and key suppliers are creating new and unique risks that challenge traditional planning and response functions. Building on the Administration's security focus and recent policy recommendations for improving state-level coordination, education, and exercising, DOE will solicit state input to inform its portfolio of security and regional interdependencies tools and capabilities that aim to bolster state and local resilience and response with these fluid vulnerabilities in mind.

*Moderator:*

Megan Levy, Local Energy Programs Manager, Office of Energy Innovation, Wisconsin Public Service Commission; Co-Chair, NASEO Energy Security Committee

*Presenters:*

Matthew Duncan, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Energy Assurance Program Manager, Infrastructure Security and Energy Restoration Division, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy

Kate Marks, Director for State, Local, and Tribal Policy Analysis, Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis, U.S. Department of Energy

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

**Keynote Lunch: Disaster Intelligence: A Key Strategy for Energy Emergency Preparedness and Response** (*St. James Ballroom, Third Floor*)

Disaster intelligence combines data, technology, and human expertise to mitigate and best prepare for a wide variety of events and disruptions. This session will explore ways to apply disaster intelligence to states' energy emergency preparedness and response strategies.

*Moderator:*

David Gipson, Director, Energy Resources Division, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority; Member, NASEO Board of Directors; Co-Chair, NASEO Energy Security Committee

*Presenter:*

Liz Dalton, Global Lead, Energy and Climate Resilience, One Concern

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm

**Pecha Kucha: Energy Policy and Technology Ideas Shaping our Economy and Future** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

In the Pecha Kucha presentation style, there will be a total of 20 slides shown for 20 seconds each to tell a concise, curated, and dynamic story of new energy ideas.

*Moderator:*

Dave Althoff, Manager, Office of Pollution Prevention and Energy Assistance, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

*Presenters:*

Rick Counihan, Head of Energy Regulatory and Government Affairs, Nest  
Thomas Reddoch, Senior Technical Executive, Power Delivery and Utilization, Electric Power Research Institute  
Bruce Biewald, Chief Executive Officer, Synapse Energy Economics  
Chris Baker, Project Executive, The Weidt Group; Buildings Committee Co-Chair

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**U.S. State Energy Program Update** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

This session will present an update on guidance and priorities, as well as technical assistance offerings from the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs, which oversees the U.S. State Energy Program and Weatherization Assistance Program.

*Moderator:*

Michelle Gransee, State Energy Office Manager, Clean Energy and Programs, Division of Energy Resources, Minnesota Department of Commerce

*Presenter:*

AnnaMaria Garcia Director, Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

### **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

#### ***Breakout 1: The Energy-Water Nexus: Innovations in Wastewater Treatment, Water Distribution, and Irrigation Systems (Canal Room, Third Floor)***

States are becoming increasingly aware of the linkages between energy use and water use and are taking steps to explore opportunities to develop symbiotic relationships between the two sectors. This session will feature State Energy Officials acting to optimize the energy-water nexus in different sectors of their economies, including pumped storage projects, electricity generation from water infrastructure, and improving the efficiency of irrigation systems and wastewater treatment plants.

*Moderator:*

Andrew McAllister, Commissioner, California Energy Commission; Vice Chair, NASEO Board of Directors

*Presenters:*

Ben Bolton, Energy Programs Administrator, Office of Energy Programs, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

David Bracht, Director, Nebraska Energy Office; Member, NASEO Board of Directors

Christopher Peot, Director of Resource Recovery, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority

#### ***Breakout 2: Point-Counterpoint: What State Energy Officials Should Know About Beneficial Electrification (Royal Room, Third Floor)***

Buildings, vehicles, and other non-traditional end-uses are increasingly switching to electricity as their primary power source. While “beneficial electrification” is gaining traction among electric cooperatives and utilities, other industries champion other fuel sources as more efficient. This debate-style session will offer divergent viewpoints and highlight the pros and cons of widespread electrification.

*Moderator:*

Jeff Genzer, General Counsel, NASEO

*Presenters:*

Keith Dennis, Associate Director, Strategic Initiatives, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

Kyle Rogers, Vice President, Government Relations, American Gas Association

#### ***Breakout 3: Bridging the Divide: Innovative Energy Programs to Reach and Connect Rural Markets (Commerce Room, Third Floor)***

Home to significant agricultural, manufacturing, energy development activity, rural areas contribute significantly to the U.S. energy economy. Yet, many energy efficiency and renewable energy programs designed for urban and suburban customers fail to reach more remote markets adequately, which can place upward pressure on states’ energy demand and limit effective management of energy use. This session will examine the unique challenges and opportunities associated with delivering energy efficiency and renewable energy to rural areas and will feature an innovative initiative from Wisconsin which combines rural broadband investments with energy efficiency opportunities to help rural communities “Get Connected, Use Energy Smarter.”

*Moderator:*

Rick Bender, Executive Advisor, Kentucky Department of Energy Development and Independence (*invited*)

*Presenters:*

Jolene Sheil, Director, Focus on Energy, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
Paul Grimyser, Project Manager, APTIM

**Concurrent Committee Meetings**

3:45 pm – 5:45 pm

***Energy Security Committee: Supporting Energy Resilience and Reliability through State, Local, and Private Sector Coordination*** (*Canal Room, Third Floor*)

Disruptions to the nation's energy infrastructure affect the ability of communities to function and thrive in today's technology-driven culture. Energy systems are particularly vulnerable because of their interactions with other systems (e.g., transportation, agriculture, finance). Increasingly, local governments are partnering with states as well as private sector partners to increase their resilience and reliability. This Energy Security Committee session will feature presentations on how states and other private sector organizations are coordinating with localities to enhance energy resilience and reliability.

*Committee Co-Chairs:*

David Gipson, Director, Energy Resources Division, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority;  
Member, NASEO Board of Directors; Co-Chair, NASEO Energy Security Committee  
Megan Levy, Local Energy Programs Manager, Office of Energy Innovation, Wisconsin Public Service Commission; Co-Chair, NASEO Energy Security Committee

*Presenters:*

Alex Morese, Manager, Emergency Management Section, Michigan Agency for Energy  
Cooper Martin, Program Director, Sustainable Cities Institute, National League of Cities  
Sara Krupa, Coastal Resource Scientist Supervisor, Interagency Affairs/Field Services Division,  
Louisiana Department of Natural Resources  
Jeff Pillon, Director of Energy Assurance, NASEO

***Transportation Committee: Challenges and Opportunities for Vehicle Electrification*** (*Royal Room, Third Floor*)

With the growing popularity of electric vehicles, states are exploring new ways to identify and resolve pending barriers to EV adoption in order to meet their energy security, economic development, and environmental goals. At the same time the Volkswagen Settlement has provided states with a significant opportunity to support alternative fuel vehicles and "fill gaps" within the alt fuel market. This Transportation Committee session will present the latest research on EV consumer behavior and the impact of EVs on electricity rates, and will explore current initiatives to incorporate alternative fuel vehicles into emergency planning. In addition, attendees will engage in a roundtable discussion on state-led activities under the VW settlement and other AFV initiatives.

*Committee Co-Chairs:*

Maria Redmond, Director, Office of Energy Innovation, Wisconsin Public Service Commission;  
Member, NASEO Board of Directors; Co-Chair, NASEO Transportation Committee



Alexa Voytek, Program Manager/Energy Analyst, Office of Energy Programs, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation; Co-Chair, NASEO Transportation Committee  
Kellen Scheffter, Manager, Sustainable Technology, Edison Electric Institute; Co-Chair, NASEO Transportation Committee

*Presenters:*

Gil Tal, PhD, Research Director, The Plug-In Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Research Center, Institute of Transportation Studies, University of California-Davis  
Brian Jones, Senior Vice President, M.J. Bradley and Associates, LLC  
Gus Block, Director of Marketing and Corporate Development, NUVERA Fuel Cells Representative, Propane Education and Research Council

***Financing Committee: Strategic Partnerships for Unlocking Energy Finance and Investment Opportunities in States (Commerce Room, Third Floor)***

Even as government purse strings tighten, opportunities exist for state governments to finance and invest in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and energy infrastructure upgrades for both the public and private sectors. In some states, State Energy Offices may be well-equipped to run energy financing programs; however, in other states it may be necessary for State Energy Officials to forge strategic partnerships with other state and local agencies specialized economic and community development finance. This session will explore those successful partnerships and highlight strategies for replication.

*Acting Committee Co-Chair:*

John Warren, Director, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

*Presenters:*

Cady Lister, Chief Economist, Alaska Energy Authority  
Matthew Brown, Principal, Harcourt Brown and Carey  
John Markowitz, Vice President for Infrastructure Finance, Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (*invited*)

5:45 pm – 6:45 pm

**Networking Reception** (*The District, Third Floor*)

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**Tuesday, September 19, 2017 - Greater Impact through Coordination: State and Local Solutions for Distributed Energy Resources, Access, and Resiliency**

*The Annual Meeting will continue with an examination of best practices from states, counties, and cities across the country on:*

- **Equity:** Addressing grid valuation concerns, access to mobility, and clean power to advance access to reliable, affordable, and local energy for all consumers

- **State and Community Energy Planning:** promoting multi-faceted, multi-sector planning, policies, and programs for greater efficiency, resiliency, and impact

7:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Conference Registration and Exhibitor Hall** (*Third Floor Registration Counter*)

8:00 am – 8:30 am

**Keynote: Our Near-Failing Grade: U.S. Infrastructure Challenges and Opportunities** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

U.S. energy and transportation systems are under considerable strain: infrastructure across the country is in need of updates, and there is poor alignment of funding to make necessary improvements. As infrastructure does evolve, however, there is an opportunity to build robust and resilient energy and transportation systems that improve users' experience and save energy. This keynote address will share insights on the challenges and opportunities for our nation's infrastructure from the American Society of Civil Engineers, whose 2017 U.S. Infrastructure Report Card gave the country a D+ based on the condition and performance of our major systems.

*Moderator:*

Tristan Vance, Director, Indiana Office of Energy Development; Member, NASEO Board of Directors

*Presenter:*

Norma Jean Mattei, Ph.D., P.E., Professor and Past Chair, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of New Orleans; President-Elect, American Society of Civil Engineers

8:30 am – 9:15 am

**Panel Discussion: Intelligent Transportation and its Energy Impacts: Improving Efficiency While Meeting Demand** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

Intelligent transportation systems (ITS) are being implemented in communities throughout the country, often in concert with autonomous vehicle pilots and other "smart mobility" applications. These connected systems allow vehicles and infrastructure to communicate with one another, and may enable more efficient travel and energy savings. This panel will share insights from states and companies that are leading the mobility revolution.

*Moderator:*

Matthew Tuma, Deputy Director Planning and Innovation, Nevada Governor's Office of Energy

*Presenters:*

Mike DeBonville, Business Development Manager, Car2Go  
Representative, Citi Group (*invited*)

9:15 am – 10:00 am

**Panel Discussion: Energy Burden: Transportation, Mobility, and Housing Challenges for Low-Income Households** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

Energy and transportation costs pose a major obstacle to affordability in communities and neighborhoods across the United States. The energy burden, defined as the proportion of household gross income used for energy expenditures, may be caused by low income, high energy bills, and lack of access to low-cost transit options. According to the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy,

this energy burden is especially acute for low-income, African-American, Latino, and renter households. This session will explore how energy efficiency, location efficiency, and coordinated, multi-sector planning can alleviate this problem.

*Moderator:*

Molly Cripps, Director, Tennessee Office of Energy Programs; Secretary, NASEO Board of Directors

*Presenters:*

Kerene Tayloe, Policy Director, Green For All

Ariel Dreihobl, Research Analyst, Local Policy, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy

Scott Bernstein, Founder and Chief Strategy + Innovation Officer, Center for Neighborhood Technology

10:00 am – 10:30 am

**Public Facility and Infrastructure Modernization – Federal-State Collaboration Using Energy Savings Performance Contracts** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

The use of Energy Savings Performance Contracting (ESPC) to modernize public facilities and deliver energy and water efficiency in the state, local, and federal sectors continues to evolve, driven by technology innovations and robust private-sector financing. The result – a market of over \$5 billion annually in the state and local sectors alone. This special expert session looks at new approaches to sharing lessons learned and tools from the Federal Energy Management Program experience, state best practices in program design and management, and identifies new ideas for state-federal collaboration to tap ESPC resources.

*Moderator:*

Christian Williss, Director of Programs and Initiatives, Colorado Energy Office; Co-Chair, NASEO Buildings Committee (*invited*)

*Presenter:*

Dr. Timothy Unruh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Power, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

***Breakout 1: Advancing Affordability, Equity and Health through Energy-Efficient Housing*** (*Canal Room, Third Floor*)

Investment in energy efficiency can yield positive energy and non-energy benefits, including bill savings, health improvements, and greater equity for underserved and minority members of the community. This session will explore strategies states and communities can advance for the housing market.

*Moderator:*

Michael Furze, Assistant Director, Energy Division, Washington State Department of Commerce

*Presenters:*

Andreanecia Morris, Executive Director, HousingNOLA

Emily Levin, Managing Consultant for Program Strategies, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation  
Michael DiRamio, Strategic and Interagency Initiatives Manager, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

***Breakout 2: The Role of Microgrids, Solar Energy, and Storage in Community Resiliency (Royal Room, Third Floor)***

States and communities across the country are investing in new technologies to promote resiliency in the face of extreme weather events and other disruptions to “mission-critical” energy infrastructure and facilities. This session will explore on-the-ground applications and technologies used in community energy resiliency.

*Moderator:*

Tracy Babbidge, Bureau Chief for Energy Policy, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

*Presenters:*

Penni Redford, Sustainability Manager, City of West Palm Beach  
Chris Lotspeich, Director of Sustainability, Celtic Energy  
Wally Mealiea, Senior Manager for Business Continuity Policy, Edison Electric Institute

***Breakout 3: Energy Entrepreneurship and Workforce Development (Commerce Room, Third Floor)***

The energy sector is very capital-intensive, requiring long-range financial and technological planning. However, technological advances are giving rise to a wide range of transformative entrepreneurial opportunities. This session will explore these opportunities, ways to de-risk technology development and deployment, and strategies to prepare the workforce.

*Presenters:*

Sumesh Arora, Director, Energy and Natural Resources Division, Mississippi Development Authority  
Paula Glover, President and Chief Executive Officer, American Association of Blacks in Energy  
Audrey Starkebaum Bragg, Senior Policy Analyst, E4TheFuture

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

**Keynote Lunch: Pending (St. James Ballroom, Third Floor)**

1:30 pm – 3:15 pm

**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

***Breakout 1: State Energy Planning Roundtable (Canal Room, Third Floor)***

As states grapple with new trends and advances in energy technology, states are creating forward-thinking energy plans that set aggressive energy policies, and provide data-driven metrics to measure progress toward achieving state goals. During this panel, representatives from states with recently updated State Energy Plans will discuss the planning process and their energy priorities.

*Moderator:*

Brian Selinger, Team Leader, Energy Office, Iowa Economic Development Authority

*Presenters:*

Jessica Burdette, State Energy Office Manager, Efficiency, Assurance and Operations, Division of Energy Resources, Minnesota Department of Commerce

Andy Popp, Manager of Energy Efficiency, Missouri State Energy Program, Missouri Division of Energy

Maeve Mason, Senior Energy Specialist, Energy Office, South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff

Sam Cramer, Program Manager, NASEO

***Breakout 2: Home Energy Labeling: A Market Transformation Opportunity (Royal Room, Third Floor)***

Home Energy Labeling is an increasingly popular way to provide transparency and predictability to home buyers. Energy bills for a home are often the most expensive bill for home owners, yet very little information on a residency's energy use is typically available to a home buyer or renter. Home Energy Labeling presents an opportunity to rectify this market failure. Tools such as the Department of Energy's Home Energy Score and RESNET's Home Energy Rating System are making it simpler than ever for home buyers to get this information and use it to make informed decisions about their homes.

*Moderator:*

Becca Trietch, Chief Program Development, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources

*Presenters:*

Patty Kappaz, CSRA Inc.

David Heslam, Executive Director, Earth Advantage

Carolyn Sarno Goldthwaite, Director of Buildings and Community Solutions, Energy Efficient Buildings, Senior Management Team, Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships, Inc. *(invited)*

***Breakout 3: Demonstrating the Viability and Scalability of Low-income Community Solar: A Colorado Energy Office Pilot Project (Commerce Room, Third Floor)***

In 2015, the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) launched a low-income community solar demonstration project with two objectives: to reduce household energy burden for low-income subscribers, and to demonstrate the viability and scalability of developing community solar projects solely for low-income households. Once complete, a minimum of 1 MW of solar power will be installed and a cumulative total of 300 low-income households will be subscribed to the demonstration projects. This session will provide an overview of the low-income community solar demonstration project and present preliminary findings from Lotus Sustainability and Engineering, LLC and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory Solar Technical Assistance Team's assessment of the project, with an emphasis on lessons learned and policy implications for state-level policymakers.

*Moderator:*

Joe Pereira, Director of Low-Income Energy Services, Colorado Energy Office

*Presenters:*

Representative, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Emily Artale, Principal Engineer and Co-Owner, Lotus Engineering and Sustainability

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

**Concurrent Committee Meetings**

***Buildings Committee (Canal Room, Third Floor)***

NASEO's Buildings Committee is a forum for discussing the future of energy use in buildings and the impact they will have on the economy, health and environment of the people who live and work in them. The Buildings Committee will discuss the future of energy code adoption, opportunities for participation in the ICC process, high-performance buildings (including zero-net energy), energy savings performance contracting (ESPC), and other topics including buildings-to-grid, combined-heat and power.

*Committee Co-Chairs:*

Christian Williss, Director of Programs and Initiatives, Colorado Energy Office; Co-Chair, NASEO Buildings Committee

Chris Baker, Principal, The Weidt Group; Affiliates Co-Chair, NASEO Buildings Committee

*Presenters:*

Roderick Jackson, Laboratory Program Manager, Buildings Research, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Kelley Smith Burk, Director, Office of Energy, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Member, NASEO Board of Directors

Alex Pollard, Energy Efficiency Commercial Programs Manager, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

Chuck Silkman, Regional Director, Ameresco

Dale Hahs, State Liaison Team Manager, Energy Services Coalition

Katy Hatcher, ENERGY STAR National Manager, Public Sector, Climate Partnerships Division, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

***State-Local Committee: Using Data to Move State and Local Energy Commitments from Concept to Reality (Royal Room, Third Floor)***

Greater state and local collaboration on commonly-shared energy priorities can yield enormous benefits in terms of energy-related economic development, quality-of-life and public health improvements, and progress toward state and local climate and energy use reduction goals. However, gaining access to and using energy data effectively may pose a fundamental barrier to state and local agencies seeking to launch new programs, investments, and initiatives. This meeting of NASEO's newly-launched State-Local Committee will explore the various uses of energy data, including how it can inform state and local goal-setting, procurement and investment processes, and performance tracking, and will feature a case study on how the city of Austin, Texas is addressing this data challenge.

*Committee Co-Chairs:*

Kathleen Staks, Director, Colorado Energy Office; Co-Chair, State-Local Committee

Eric Coffman, Chief, Office of Energy and Sustainability, Department of General Services, Montgomery County, Maryland; Co-Chair, State-Local Committee

*Presenters:*

Eric Coffman, Chief, Office of Energy and Sustainability, Department of General Services, Montgomery County, Maryland (*invited*)

Kelly Crandall, State and Local Policy, Institute for Market Transformation

***Fuels and Grid Integration Committee: Grid Transformation and the Rise of the Prosumer (Commerce Room, Third Floor)***

The national electric system is undergoing an unprecedented transformation, marked by the rapid pace of technological innovation, the widescale integration of distributed energy resources, and growing confidence and certainty in emerging energy markets. This shift has brought with it a plethora of new opportunities which have provided commercial and residential consumers an unprecedented level of control over how, when, and even if they use electricity. While this paradigm shift has led to a more empowered consumer, pressure is mounting in the traditional energy industry where business models have remained fundamentally unchanged for over a century. This Fuels and Grid Integration Committee session will explore the evolution of the traditional electricity consumer into the so called "prosumer" and discuss the opportunities, risks, and implications this transformation might have on the energy industry.

*Committee Co-Chairs:*

Dub Taylor, Director, Texas State Energy Conservation Office; Treasurer; NASEO Board of Directors; Co-Chair, NASEO Fuels and Grid Integration Committee

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*Presenters:*

Dr. Caitlin A Callaghan, Chemical Engineer, Transmission Permitting and Technical Assistance Division, Program Lead, Electricity Policy Technical Assistance Program, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy

Erin Hiatt, Director of Energy, Sustainability, and Research, Retail Industry Leaders Association

Abby Hopper, President and Chief Executive Officer, Solar Energy Industries Association

**Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

***Climate and Air Partnerships: U.S. State and Local Governments in a Shifting Global Landscape***

*The Annual Meeting will conclude with a focus on environment and sustainability issues from local, state, and international perspectives.*

7:00 am – 10:00 am

**Conference Registration and Exhibitor Hall** (*Third Floor Registration Counter*)

8:00 am – 8:30 am

**Keynote: The Global Challenge with Local Implications: How States and Cities are Advancing a U.S. Climate Policy** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

While the United States' recent withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement and other Administration policy changes mean less federal pressure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, many cities, states, and businesses continue to pursue lower emissions levels, are setting aggressive renewable energy and energy efficiency policies, and are acting to mitigate the impacts of climate change. During this session, Dr. Rosina Bierbaum will draw from her work on the National Climate Assessment and extensive academic background to discuss the evolution and fluctuations of national, state, and local energy and climate policy, and will explore how states can use data, scientific knowledge, and market-friendly policies to address the climate challenge.

**Moderator:**

Dan Burgess, Deputy Commissioner and Chief of Staff, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

**Presenter:**

Rosina Bierbaum, PhD., Professor, University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability

8:30 am – 9:30 am

**Panel Discussion: Corporate Climate Change and Clean Energy Commitments** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

Many large corporations, recognizing the economic value of energy efficiency and renewable energy, have made firm commitments to clean energy and greenhouse gas emissions reductions. This session will explore the rationale and business case for their investments.

**Moderator:**

Dr. Mary Beth Tung, Director, Maryland Energy Administration

**Presenter:**

Seth Roberts, Vice President, Business Operations, The Dow Chemical Company

**Optional Tour: Entergy's Integrated Grid**  
**Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

**8:00 am – 11:00 am**

*(Breakfast and transportation from the Hilton Riverside to be provided)*

New Orleans-based Entergy is one of the few utilities in the country to have integrated a utility-scale solar system with state-of-the-art battery technology. A tour of the facility is offered in partnership with the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), which is working with utilities like Entergy to realize the "Integrated Grid" (a grid that optimizes both central and distributed energy resources). Participants will learn about this cutting-edge system and the collaborative research and analysis that helped make it a reality. *The tour is free of charge for conference participants.* Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up, indicate your interest during conference registration.

**Presenters:**

Deana Dennis, Senior Manager, External and Government Affairs, Electric Power Research Institute; Affiliates Co-Chair, NASEO Fuels and Grid Integration Committee  
Ben York, Technical Leader, Distributed Renewables, Electric Power Research Institute  
James Charboneau, Manager, Technology & Innovation, Entergy Corporation



Rachel Nance, Director, Regional Government Affairs, Xcel Energy  
Representative, Owens Corning

9:30 am – 10:30 am

**Panel Discussion: leaner through Collaboration: State, City, and International Energy and Climate Partnerships** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

Cities and regions representing nearly one-fifth of the world's population, among them U.S. states and communities, have committed to concrete actions, commitments, and plans in response to climate change. This panel discussion will explore opportunities for greater sub-national and international cooperation in support of climate, energy, and economic development goals.

*Moderator:*

John Williams, Director, Policy and Regulatory Affairs, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority; Member, NASEO Board of Directors (*invited*)

*Presenters:*

Kartikeya Singh, Deputy Director and Fellow, Wadhvani Chair in U.S.-India Studies, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Debra Dehaney Howard, Assistant Executive Director, U.S. Conference of Mayors

Ben Springer, Senior Policy Advisor, Energy and Environment, British Embassy

Mark Glick, Faculty and Specialist on Energy Policy and Innovation, Hawaii Natural Energy Institute, University of Hawaii at Manoa

10:30 am – 11:15 am

**Panel Discussion: Volkswagen Settlement** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

The Volkswagen (VW) Settlement offers states an opportunity to invest in a variety of projects and programs that will decrease emissions and support alternative fuel use. This session will offer views and news from several states as they work toward responding to the VW Settlement opportunity and implement alternative fuel projects under the Environmental Mitigation Trust.

*Moderator:*

Michael Winka, Senior Policy Advisor, President's Office, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

*Presenters:*

Chris Yunker, Energy Systems and Planning Program Manager, Hawaii State Energy Office

Laura Anderson, Energy Pollution and Prevention Bureau Chief, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Energy and Pollution Bureau

Analisa Bevan, Assistant Division Chief, California Air Resources Board (*invited*)

11:15 am – 11:45 am

**Washington Update** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

This discussion with NASEO's General Counsel will provide the latest news on Congressional and federal agency priorities and the outlook for post-election energy policy.

*Moderator:*

Robert Jackson, Director, Regional/National Response Division, Michigan Agency for Energy; Chair, NASEO Board of Directors; Chair, NASEO Government Affairs Committee

*Presenter:*

Jeff Genzer, General Counsel, NASEO

11:45 am

**Closing Remarks and Conference Adjourn** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*)

*Presenter:*

David Terry, Executive Director, NASEO

## **National Energy Efficiency Registry Stakeholders Meeting:**

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**NEER Stakeholders Luncheon and Meeting** (*St. Charles Ballroom, Third Floor*) (*RSVP Required; Space Limited*)

The National Energy Efficiency Registry Stakeholders meeting will feature updates and interactive discussions on the National Energy Efficiency Registry project, a multi-sector, multi-state initiative promoting the documentation of energy efficiency programs and measures in a consistent, transparent, and credible way. To RSVP for this meeting, visit <http://eeregistry.naseo.org>.