



The New York Solar Energy Society is a New York State chapter of the American Solar Energy Society (ASES), a national affiliate of the International Solar Energy Society (ISES).

JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Board Meeting

A teleconference with state-wide representation organized by NYSES President Wyldon Fishman was held on December 27. Boardmember Martha Shaw was absent due to her attendance at the UN-sponsored COP17 Durban (South Africa) Climate Change Conference, but will attend future board meetings.

Board Announcements / Appointments

Dawn Brekke, Brooklyn-based volunteer and NYC green-building & media specialist, has joined the Board as new Director of Manhattan Operations. **Rick Lewandowski** has been appointed to the NYSES Board of Directors. Albany-region mechanical engineer **Lawrence Kelley** has agreed to join board teleconferences as Newsletter Editor to produce and help distribute NYSES electronic (PDF) and print documents. The Board extends a big "thank you" to all!

Capitol Report

Wyldon Fishman and Tom Thompson provided a recap of recent legislative efforts by the New York State Assembly and Senate to promote expanded solar installations, as well as strategies moving forward that each boardmember could take.

Tom reported that the Buffalo Steelworkers Union (yes, steel is still produced in Buffalo!) has gotten behind the Maziarz bill.

Note from the President

Solar installers are currently concerned with net-metering, sales tax on commercial solar systems, and permitting differences across New York. We look forward to working with legislators to facilitate and increase solar system installations. Families and businesses deserve energy independence, clean air, and more jobs!

NYSES's Social Media

FACEBOOK:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/New-York-Solar-Energy-Society/223934905446>

TWITTER:

<http://twitter.com/#!/solar254>

WEBSITE:

<http://www.nyses.org>

NYSES Albany Legislative Event

Solar Development in New York

January 18, 2012

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Public Hearing Room C • State Legislative Office Building (LOB)
Albany, New York, 12247

SPEAKERS & TOPICS

WELCOME

Senator George D. Maziarz

Chair, NY State Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee

Josh Lipsman, MD, Past Commissioner of Health, Westchester County
Health Effects of Global Climate Change: Moving Toward Sustainable / Renewable Energy

Tom Rumsey, Vice President of External Affairs, NYISO
Solar and Grid Integration

Dr. Richard Perez, Senior Research Professor, State University of New York at Albany, Atmospheric Sciences Research Center
Ratepayers and the Value of Solar

Rick Lewandowski, CEO, Earth Trend Development, LLC
Single System, Multiple Stakeholder Value

Paul Shatsoff, Director of Government Relations and Green Sector Programs, Workforce Development Institute
Solar Workforce Development

Stanley Fishbein, JD, LLM (Tax), LFC Capital, Inc.
Financing Solar Projects

Bill Jordan, Jordan Energy
Solar Ramp-up: Decisions Today

Laura Haight, NYPIRG
Funding Renewable Technology Equitably

Tom Thompson, Gridwerks Consulting
New York State Solar Policy

Claus Habermeier, Director, Germany Trade & Invest
Update: Renewable Energy Program in German

Event is free and open to the public.

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