

NORTHEAST SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION



# Dear Friends of NESEA,

I am delighted to share with you NESEA's first-ever "Triple Bottom Line" annual report.

For the uninitiated, the Triple Bottom Line (TBL) refers to an organization's performance with respect to People, Planet, and Profit - the "three pillars of sustainability," Historically, we've presented a more traditional annual report - one that contains a summary of each of our programs, with photos, relevant stats, and member/attendee feedback, along with an overview of our financial performance for the year. Most of this information lives on our website, nesea.org. We have therefore decided to use a TBL lens to measure our performance in this year's annual report.

Why the change? Well, in 2014, NESEA launched Building Energy Bottom Lines (BEBL), an initiative that allows NESEA members to use their businesses to make better lives for their families and employees, enhance their communities, respond to the urgency of climate change, and achieve financial stability. BEBL consists of regional peer group networks of architecture, engineering, building, design/build, energy efficiency, and renewable energy businesses dedicated to high performance building. The networks meet twice a year for two-day, facilitated sessions at individual members' places of business, and communicate online yearround. They share the inner workings of their businesses and open them wide to scrutiny from their peers, who help them expand their capabilities and sharpen their skills.

NESEA has the unique honor of both running BEBL as a program and participating in it as a member. As a result of our participation this past year, we have taken an initial "B Corp" assessment to benchmark our practices vis a vis other "Benefits Corporations." We have started to adapt our "people" practices to retain the high caliber staff we've recruited, offering them higher salaries, better benefits, and more opportunities to engage with each other in casual, fun ways. We've been more intentional about developing new leaders within the NESEA community through all of our programs. And we've become more mindful of our carbon footprint as an organization. We think these are important steps in fulfilling our mission, which is to advance the adoption of sustainable energy practices in the built environment.

Here are some of the TBL initiatives we plan to pursue in the coming year:

- Expand BEBL by launching at least one new network, so that at least 10 more NESEA members can work to improve their respective TBLs with assistance from their peers
- Launch the BuildingEnergy Case Studies database, which will showcase residential projects that exemplify best practices in high-performance residential building
- Test market new BuildingEnergy Masters Series courses and explore the possibility of offering packaged pricing for companies rather than individuals
- Partner with TripZero to offset the carbon footprints of those who travel to our conferences and book their hotels through our travel portal
- Adopt a number of new "People" practices, such as adopting a "living wage" compensation structure, pursuing B-Corp status, and implementing open book management
- Offer more BuildingEnergy Pro Tours and incorporate peer review into them to ensure that we are offering the best, most highly-vetted examples of sustainable energy practices throughout the Northeast
- Continue to diversify NESEA's revenue streams to ensure our financial stability and fiscal health in years to come
- Host our first-ever BEBL Business Summit on November 4, 2015

I invite you to share your thoughts on our new annual report format and anything else that might help us better achieve our shared vision.

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**Executive Director** 

# People.

**1341 individuals** engaged through NESEA membership

**9 interns** gained experience in the sustainable energy sector at NESEA through the Mass Clean Energy Center internship program

**5 interns** received permanent jobs in the sustainable energy sector through the NESEA network

**4 staff members** received health insurance through reintroduced healthcare benefits

**64 member-volunteers** engaged in approximately 640 hours of planning and staffing NESEA conferences

**400 individuals** brought into the NESEA community through NESEA business memberships

**30 businesses** improved their TBL through NESEA's BuildingEnergy Bottom Lines peer-network program

**\$43,000** raised through the Kate Goldstein Fund for Emerging Professionals

**25 emerging professionals** supported with scholarships from the Kate Goldstein Fund to participate in NESEA programs







## Profit.

**188 donors** contributed to Kate Goldstein Fund for Emerging Professionals in Sustainability

**174 businesses** in the sustainable building & energy sector exhibited at BuildingEnergy conferences

**69 Sponsors** supported NESEA conferences and events

**115 donors** contributed to Annual Fund

**Increased revenue** diversity through new programs and bolstering value of membership

**243 businesses** purchased NESEA memberships - a record number

#### **Fiscal Year 2015 Financials**

#### **LIABILITIES & EQUITY ASSETS**

Cash \$34,870 Short-Term Investments \$334,544 Accounts Receivable \$60,400 Fixed Assets \$211,531 Other Assets \$68,990 Total Liabilities \$168,089 **Total Equity \$542,246** 

**Total Liabilities & Equity \$710,335** 

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES** 

*Total Assets \$710,335* 

Income **Expenses** 

2015 2014 2013 \$1,412,307 \$1,219,868 \$1,043,360 \$1,313,605 \$1,191,826 \$1,024,560

**Net Income/Loss** 

\$28,042 \$18,800 \$98,702

# Our Governance.

You can educate yourself on NESEA's behind-the-scenes operations at <a href="nesea.org/governance">nesea.org/governance</a>. Learn about board meetings, policies, taxes, and more! We are proud of how we operate as a company and do our best to keep our members informed on the inner workings of NESEA. We update this page regularly for your convenience.

We always strive to operate as openly and transparently as possible. If there's something you think is missing from the governance section of our website, or something you'd like to know about how we operate, please contact Executive Director Jennifer Marrapese at <a href="mailto:jmarrapese@nesea.org">jmarrapese@nesea.org</a>.

## **NESEA Lifetime Members\***

John Abrams
Amelia Amon
Mitch Anthony
Cindy Barber
Steven Bluestone
Tedrowe Bonner
Erica Brabon
Chungha Cha
Bruce Coldham
Caitriona Cooke

Darien Crimmin
David Dilts
Katherine DiMatteo
Jason Federspiel
W. Kent Gano
Joe Haskett
Nancy Hazard
Douglas Holmes
Max Horn
Gerard Ives

David Keefe
Steve Kurkoski
Jo Lee
Warren Leon
Carol Levin
Paul Lipke
Steve MacAusland
Jennifer Marrapese
Rob Meyers
Thomas Mills

Carolyn Newhouse
Heather Nolen
Andy Padian
James Petersen
Bernice Radle
Marc Rosenbaum
Laurence Saunders
John Schnebly
Chris Sirois
Linda Stansfield

Marc Sternick
William Stillinger
Steven Strong
Peter Temple
Thomas Thompson
Juliana Keyes Vandermark
Henry Vandermark
Rachel White
Robert Wills
Jonathan Wright

In Memoriam: Kate Goldstein Richard Gottlieb Susan Hazard Marilyn Strong

\*As of June 30, 2015

# Thank You!

### **2015 Annual Fund Donors\***

### **Leader Donor (≥\$1000)**

Anonymous
Les Bluestone
Byggmeister, Inc.
Max Horn
Tom Konrad
Jennifer J Marrapese
Pill-Maharam Architects
Richard Renner

### Partner (\$500-\$999)

Barbra Batshalom
Laurence Berk
Michael Blasnik
Steven Bluestone
Matthew Bronski
Michael Bruss
Howard Chong
Community Foundation of Western
Massachusetts
Caitriona Cooke
Martine Dion
Kaplan Thompson Architects
David Keefe
Brenden Maloof

"It was my first

NESEA conference and
I felt like a kid in a candy store.
I thought the speakers were
informative, and the atmosphere
was wonderful. I will sign up to be a
NESEA member this weekend."

#### **Emerging Professional**

BuildingEnergy 15 Attendee

PV Squared Marc Rosenbaum Solar Design Associates, Inc. Satu Zoller

### **Advocate (\$250-\$499)**

Joseph Emerson
Garland Mill Timberframes
Evan Hardcastle
Joe Haskett
Robert Norman
Andrew Padian
ReVision Energy, LLC
South Mountain Company, LLC
Charles H. Stevenson
Truth Box, Inc.
Rachel White
Thomas Willits
Jonathan Wright

### **Supporter (\$100-\$249)**

Everett M. Barber
David Belanger
ConEdison Energy Efficiency Programs
Decumanus Green Design/Build, Inc.
Rochelle Dein
Alain Hamel
Henry Harvey
Nancy Hazard
Edmund Hazzard

"Marc's personality along with the Heatspring format did an excellent job at making on-line self-paced course fun and interactive, although the weekly time required to fully get the most out of the course is not to be taken lightly. His energy calculation tools that basic heat load calcs through PV sizing can be modified to fit your own project design needs."

Debbie Coleman

BuildingEnergy Masters Series Participant

Architect/Owner, Sun Plans Inc.

Everett A. Hyde Joshua Jacobs Henry Keating **Kent Hicks Construction** Company **David Kopans David Kress Bruce Langmuir** Warren Leon **Howard Little** Thomas McBride Paul Ness **David Panich** George Penniman James Petersen Quigley Builders, Inc. **RH Irving Home Builders** Chris Riddle Matt Root Pat Sapinslev **Andrew Sidford** Steven Silverman Marc Sternick **Emily Talcott** Lisa Tallet

Wright Builders, Inc.

Leigh Youngblood

### Friends (up to \$100)

Judson Aley
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\*Fiscal Year 2015: July 1, 2014 -June 30, 2015

Co., Inc.

"BuildingEnergy NYC
2014 provided me not only
with great information & stories
from other owners & operators
during the sessions, but also a real
connection with a technical manufacturer
that was able to make a scheduled site
visit to my properties & support my building,
all from one meeting at BENYC."

#### Samantha Schoenberger

Director, Housing Development & Sustainability Selfhelp Community Services Inc.

## Thank You!

### **2015 Kate Goldstein Fund for Emerging Professionals in Sustainability Donors\***

Zachary Accuardi Bessma Aliarbou Elena Alschuler Anonymous (several)

**Toby Ast** 

Jason Aylward Todd Bachelder Laura Bailey

Richard E. Baker Everett M. Barber

**Peter Baziotis** 

Catherine Bell Lynn Benander

Mark Begley

Robert & Donna Benoit

Lisa Berger Mary Biddle Michael S. Blasnik Jason M. Block Steven Bluestone Joseph Bosworth

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Michael Clark **Justin Cohanim** Lauren Cook

Caitriona Cooke

David & Linda Cookson

Nicholas Corsetti **Christine Cronin** Kevin M. Curry

Danielle Dahan Fred Davis

Stephen Dotson

Christopher Duffy

**James Ewing** 

Jason Forney Kim M. Foster

Foundry Orthopedics, Inc.

"It's like having a room full of paid consultants who actually care."

#### **Dan Kolbert**

Owner, Kolbert Building Member, BuildingEnergy Bottom Lines

Byggmeister, Inc.

Jillian & Colin Chazen

Ryan Cook

Lise Coppinger

Kerry Dietz

Joan & Louis Downing

Kathleen Eaton Paul Eldrenkamp

Mary Fagan for Boston Properties

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**Brodie Hefner** Doug Hills Granvil D. Hills Neil Hirsch Susan Holland Everett Hyde Nicholas Jessee Vanessa Kafka

**Kaplan Thompson Architects** 

Susan Kaplan Dina Kazzaz Pam Kimball James Kirby Dan Kolbert

**Aristodimos Komninos** 

Philip Krevcik Spencer Lawrence Mark Ledwell Mia Lefkowitz

Sandra, Bill, & Paula Lehman Olivia Lemire

"We like the face-to-face interaction. It doesn't feel like work, more like a reunion." "It's our favorite show to go to. It embodies our company's goal." "It's the best demographic and best show for what we do." "Attendees have the mind set we like to serve."

#### **BuildingEnergy 15 Exhibitors**

Jessica Lerner MinWah Leung Han-Hui Ling Stephen Linsky Deborah Lipson Jeffery Lissack Mary Mabey

Maclay Architects & Planners

Victoria Manfredi

Maples Hurst Builders, Inc.

**Beth Marcus** James Marett **Alexander Marks** Jennifer J. Marrapese Jeanne C. Martin John S. Massie Linda M. McCoy Rustin McIntosh Christina McPike Robert D. Mevers

Lisa Mislak Mr. & Mrs. Montrond **James Moriarty** 

Harvey Michaels

Stephen & Ann Mudge Debra M. Murnighan

Karen Noiva Heather Nolen

John & Margaret ONeil

Robert Peck

Performance Physical Therapy James Petersen

**Amber Platt** Vincent Plover Alex Pollard Darren Port Mary Quigley Bernice Radle Jennifer Raichel **Andrew Raines** Christopher Rappoli Erica Reisman Richard Renner Stephanie Richman **Lindsay Robbins Eric Roberts** Michael Rogers Matt Root Sara Ross

Cynthia Rothschild Paul Rupprecht Beth Salzinger Claire Santoro Pat Sapinsley **Emily Savin Barry Schneider** Debra Schneider Gene Schneider Eva Schocken Elana Schrank Andrew M. Shapiro

Lester Shen Gina Sieber Benjamin Silton John Skipper

South Mountain Company, Inc. Ross Stackhouse

Marc Sternick Eric Stocker **Scott Tanner** Peter Temple

Verena Tiefenbeck Max Tuttman Kohta Ueno

University Orthopedics, Inc.

Aden Van Noppen Amy M. Wales Alan Wall **Edythe Warren** Alexander Wilson Stephan Wollenburg Nathan Wyeth Shelly Ziegelman

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Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this report. Please report any errors to Katie Schendel at kschendel@ nesea.org.

"I love learning about projects, processes, and products, especially involving alternative energy and energy efficiency. The tour provided a great opportunity to satisfy those interests in an interactive way, while being able to meet new people and discuss ideas."

**Building Energy Pro Tour Attendee**