

2020 NESEA Board of Directors Candidates

We asked this year's candidates, "How do you see yourself contributing to the work of the Board?" Their answers, as well as links to their video statements and bios, are below. The election is open through Thursday, November 19. NESEA Members, cast your vote via the unique email link you received.



Dave Boettcher (Concord, MA)
Founder/CEO, Abode Energy Management

I bring a perspective outside of the builder/architect's focus as well as a solid management and business background based in the New England energy-efficiency economy. I'd love to expose NESEA to a wider audience, companies focused on the utility efficiency space, and leverage my experience with the MA, CT, and NY programs. [Bio & Video.](#)



Elizabeth Engoren (New York, NY)
Senior Energy Engineer, EN-POWER GROUP

I see myself contributing on the Board by identifying potential partners, performing outreach, and helping determine potential new areas of growth—whether this pertains to building markets, HVAC and green technologies, new member recruitment, and diversifying our conference speakers and attendees to include underrepresented groups. [Bio & Video.](#)



Mira Lieman-Sifry (Brooklyn, NY)
Civil Engineer, NV5

I believe my insights as a younger member of NESEA's Board of Directors would be invaluable to the NESEA team. I'm looking forward to recruiting new members, participating in younger member outreach, and building bridges between the generations (us young-uns ain't that bad!). [Bio & Video.](#)



Daphany Sanchez (Maspeth, NY)
Executive Director, Kinetic Communities Consulting

I am committed to creating and supporting a space for diverse NESEA participants. I want to ensure we formalize accountability for members and understand how we can help communities to participate, not only in design and programming, but also in relationship building. [Bio & Video.](#)



Current Board Member

Kate Stephenson (Montpelier, VT)
Partner, HELM Construction Solutions

I have experience as a nonprofit executive director and as a Board Member for other nonprofits. As a result, I have empathy for the NESEA staff, understand governance, can read financials, and get excited about strategic planning. I also think there's value in having representation from NESEA's BuildingEnergy Bottom Lines program on the Board. [Bio & Video.](#)



Matthew Broderick (Syracuse, NY)
President, Ashley McGraw Architects

As president of a 35-person architectural firm with a passion for sustainable design, I have a depth of experience in both leadership and sustainable design. I also bring past experience from three diverse nonprofit boards. It is my further hope that my location in Central NY will help solidify NESEA's reach deeper into NY State. [Bio & Video.](#)



Laura Spencer Humphrey (Jackson Heights, NY)
Senior Manager, ENGIE Impact

I believe my ability to bridge innovative thinking with execution would be critical to NESEA's evolution. To help address fiscal constraints, I would be happy to leverage my robust network to contribute to where possible. I am also committed to helping create a bigger tent for people of different backgrounds to be a core part of the community. [Bio & Video.](#)



Andrea Mancino (New York, NY)
Executive Vice President, Bright Power

A big part of my role is financial/strategic planning, and I am deeply technical in energy efficiency & sustainability, which I feel would serve the Board well. I also work with a wide range of professionals and organizations in the Tri-State area that would be good candidates for sponsorship and speaking opportunities. [Bio & Video.](#)



Danny Veerkamp (Freeport, ME)
Project Manager, Warren Construction Group

My biggest contributions on previous boards has been as a deep thinker, focused on strategic actions and wrestling with difficult issues and changes. (I have also been known to bring chocolate to share at meetings). [Bio & Video.](#)



Current Board Member

Loic Chappoz (New York, NY)
Team Lead, NYSERDA

I would like to increase my contribution to the Board over the next three years by getting more deeply involved with the Development Committee, by starting to contribute to a second Board committee in 2021 or 2022, and by spending more time as an ambassador for NESEA and its programs. [Bio & Video.](#)



Stuart Brodsky (New York, NY)
Professor, Schack Institute of Real Estate at NYU

I am in a unique position to help NESEA forge relationships because of the contacts I've made in my >20 year career encouraging energy efficiency in the built environment across the country. Having been a national manager of the ENERGY STAR program at the US EPA, I can advise on proposals for grants from the EPA, and from the DOE as well. [Bio & Video.](#)



Arlen Li (Boston, MA)
Associate Vice President, Wilson HGA

I feel that recognizing different perspectives is valuable because NESEA serves its members in many different ways. I bring the perspective of working in an architectural practice with many institutional clients, balancing the strong history that NESEA has had with the residential market. [Bio & Video.](#)



Christopher Nielson (Boston, MA)
Architect, Bruner/Cott & Associates

I have a strong background in applicable content (high-performance design; non-toxic/low-carbon materials; active/passive building systems), but I feel my training as a collaborator/critic will be a more important contribution to the Board. I also want to challenge NESEA to become more accessible to a younger, more diverse population. [Bio & Video.](#)

