

2018 Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee is composed of:

- Dick Bakker
- Nick Lapan
- Roger Peters

Four current board members' terms expire this year:

- Stephen Michell
- Wes Johnston
- Aidan Foss
- Nate Preston

We have received the following resignations:

- Vadim Belotserkovsky
- Jessica Webster
- Davis Carr
- David Cork
- Jay Cuylits

For the open positions, several excellent applications for board membership were received.

There are four candidates for four available positions:

- Andrea Harden – Community activist & communications professional
- Graham Findlay – Renewable energy project development
- Brian Mitchell – Financial & accounting, international and local development

Short bios for each proposed candidate

Four current board members



Stephen Michell has been a resident of Ottawa for 38 years. He is deeply concerned about civic issues and environmental issues, local and worldwide. He joined OREC right after he heard about it and has been an active member of the tech team since the last AGM. Stephen is active in information technology standards, serving as vice chair of the CSA Technical Committee on Information Technology, chair of TCIT's programming language subcommittee and participant on two technical committees. He spends that time solving problems and building consensus. Stephen has been an active participant in the Ottawa area. He spent 20 years as a Cub Scout and scout leader, and a few years on school councils and activities such as local improvement committees. Stephen has a bachelors of mathematics and a masters of science (math and computer systems engineering).



Wes Johnston provides leadership for strategic initiatives, business strategy and operations at Canadian Solar Industries Association (CanSIA), the solar energy industry national trade association. He is also President and CEO of Financial Freedom Real Estate Investments. In his role at CanSIA, Wes has developed significant expertise in solar energy markets, policy development and regulatory affairs and strong relationships with industry, stakeholders and all levels of government. He holds a BBA, (University of PEI), MAES (University of Waterloo) and MBA (Queen's University). Wes is an avid golfer who tries to spend at least a couple of weeks per year on the fairways of his native Prince Edward Island.



Aidan Foss has 30 years of professional engineering experience covering power, control, software and simulation. A graduate in mathematics from Cambridge University with a doctorate in turbine control from Imperial College, Aidan initially specialized in computer control and simulation for industrial and off-shore applications. In 1990, Aidan joined the National Grid Company, focusing on generator-grid interconnection, frequency and voltage control and power quality. In 2001, Aidan moved to Ottawa, and in 2003 co-founded ANF Energy Solutions. As the Principal Engineer, Aidan provides distributed generation technical services covering power-plant automation, protection, and grid interconnection. Associations: IEEE 1020 Working Group Member: Small Hydro Control, COGEN Canada Board of Advisors, IEEE Ottawa Electrical Power Symposia Founder and Co-chair (2001-2006). IEEE Power & Energy Society Outstanding Engineer Award (2013).



Nate Preston, M.ASc, has been passionate about renewable energy since driving a solar car across North America in 2008. He is a founder of Apricity Renewables Inc, an engineering firm that works with stakeholders to bring high quality renewable energy assets online faster and with lower costs. Nate has managed construction engineering on many of the largest solar rooftop portfolios in Canada and brings experience with over 150 commercial rooftop PV projects in Ontario alone. He obtained his Master's degree from the Queen's Solar Lab. As a born and raised member of the Ottawa community, he was fortunate to work with Carleton University and Algonquin College to construct a net-zero energy home. Nate is inspired by the strides net-zero energy buildings have taken in the marketplace and believes Eastern Ontario will be a national leader in accelerating their adoption in the built environment.

Three new board member applicants



Andrea Harden is an experienced campaigner with demonstrated history in environmental and social justice movements. She uses her skills in campaign strategy and execution, strategic planning, social media, community organizing and public speaking to move a progressive agenda forward.



Graham Findlay brings a wealth of experience in the renewable energy sector. He currently manages 3G Energy Corp., where he leads renewable energy project development. Graham previously sat on the OREC Board of Directors, and also served as the treasurer for the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association. Graham holds a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering from Queen's University, as well as a MBA from the University of Toronto.



Brian Mitchell, CPA, CA is a passionate renewable energy advocate and an active investor in the solar energy sector. A Chartered Professional Accountant since 1987, Brian has spent over twenty-five years working in senior management and financial roles. Prior to opening his own financial management advisory practice, he served as Executive Director of TFO Canada, a business-oriented international development NGO. Previously he worked as a senior financial and international marketing executive of a publicly listed high-growth software firm. Brian's international experience includes a post-graduate degree from the London School of Economics, management of overseas subsidiaries, and extensive international development work in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. Brian has served as a Director with several non-profit organizations in the environmental, community housing and international development sectors.