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2014 Lobby Day in Frankfort. Call for Board Nominations! Annual meeting scheduled for May 10th in Lexington. And more!



KySES Newsletter

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Clean Energy Lobby Day in Frankfort

The snow-delayed annual Clean Energy Lobby Day was finally held on February 26th in Frankfort at the Capital Annex. At least 35 individuals and a significant number of the member organizations of the [Kentucky Sustainable Energy Alliance \(KySEA\)](#), the overall organizer of the event, met with 26 Kentucky legislators or their staff advisers during the course of the day. During the event, at least four legislators agreed to co-sponsor our primary topic of the day, [House Bill 195, the Clean Energy Opportunity Act](#), sponsored by Rep. Mary Lou Marzian of Louisville. This bill establishes a Renewable and Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS), incrementally reaching 12.5% and 10.25% over 10 years, for most of the regulated electric utilities in KY, as well as a distributed generation feed-in tariff (FIT), somewhat similar to what TVA's customers already have available. The legislation is estimated to create 28,000 new clean energy jobs in KY for performing home improvements, renewable installations, and manufacturing, etc., plus will reduce the previously forecasted increase coming to Kentucky's electricity prices. And with no tax or budget increases.

Other legislation was also discussed during the event, including: [HB404](#), a Property Assessments for Conservation and Energy (PACE) improvements bill recently introduced by Rep. James Kay of Lexington; [SB70](#) from Senator Stan Humphries to further reduce energy use in state owned and leased buildings; and a potential improvement to the current net-metering regulation with Rep. Steve Riggs, who previously sponsored this in the 2012 session.



The day ended with a readout on the discussions with legislators, and a planning session for the March 6th hearing of HB195 in front of the House Tourism and Energy Committee.

Please plan to join us for that at 10am in room 131! Or call the message board at 800-372-7181 with a request to your house representative's support of HB195. Thanks to all those who came out and are investing time and energy toward improving Kentucky!

Call for Board Nominations

We need your help! If you're interested in Solar Energy and Efficiency in Kentucky, please consider nominating yourself for our Board of Directors! This year we have 3 board openings, each for a two-year term, and we need excited and motivated individuals to move our organization to new levels and help move Kentucky in that direction too. The only qualifications are to be a member in good standing of KySES, and to be willing to contribute to our mission of promoting efficiency, conservation and renewables in Kentucky!

Send your name, contact info, and a brief 100-150 word description of your credentials (will be on the ballot) to kyseseasurer@gmail.com, no later than April 3rd. Alternatively, convince a friend to run, and then nominate her or him! The board elections will be held at our annual meeting on May 10th in Lexington. The newly elected board will be effective on July 1st, 2014.

Annual Meeting to be May 10th

Save this date for this year's KySES membership meeting to be held on Saturday, May 10th at 1:00pm to 4:00pm in the Marksbury building on the University of Kentucky campus in Lexington. The meeting agenda will feature:

- Aron Patrick, Assistant Director of the Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence,
- a tour of the Marksbury solar PV system,
- a brief business meeting and board elections, and
- a visit with the UK Solar Car team, who are working hard to be ready to compete in the [2014 American Solar Challenge](#), an 8 day, 1700+ mile road course traveling from Austin, TX to St. Paul/Minneapolis, MN, from July 21st to 28th.

More details will be provided with the election ballots and meeting announcement in early April.

Solar Installation in Kentucky Welcome New KySES

Members!



The Richardsville Elementary in Warren country KY was completed in 2010 and has 344kW of solar PV installed by Morton Solar. The site has two arrays: one using thin-film technology on the roof, and the other with 700 modules mounted on a parking structure. The school was designed with greater insulation, reduced air leakage, geothermal heating and cooling, efficient lighting that takes maximum advantage of day-lighting, and many other conservation and sustainability features. To date, they have produced over 1 gigawatt-hours. Since the school has a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Tennessee Vally Authority (TVA), they sell their production for a premium above retail, and they've received cash back each year so far.

Since our previous newsletter, the following folks have joined our organization:

- Johnny Miller and David Underwood with *Earthwell Energy Management, Inc.*
- JR Sibold with *Batteries Unlimited*
- Tom Lowery
- Dale Reid
- Dick Dennis
- Bruce Orwin
- Jacob Huber
- Brett Corbin

Thanks so much to these fine folks and to our renewing members as well! If you have not renewed or joined by April 10th you will not be receiving a mailed ballot, so please re-up before then! Our membership is very inexpensive and important to help educate and promote for solar energy across Kentucky!

Now you can join both KySES and ASES, including a subscription to the [Solar Today magazine](#), for just \$60 annually. [Click here](#) for this special offer, and pick Kentucky as your chapter in the check-out process.

Important KySES Information to Remember

Upcoming Events:

March 20 - KySES Board Meeting via conference call; contact any board member at least one day in advance to join us!
April 3 - Deadline for Board Nominations
April 9 - Ballots mailed to paid members
April 17 - KySES Board conference call
May 10 - KySES Membership Meeting and Board Elections in Lexington. Details above.
May 22 - KySES Board conference call

Your KySES Board of Directors

- Jack Barnett, Acting Chair
- Norb Baunach, Treasurer
- Josh Bills
- Brad Morton
- Matt PartyMiller
- Siobhan Pritchard



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