

Election

Under the bye-laws of the Association, CEE should have up to 9 Elected Directors, of which:

- No less than five shall be duly authorised representatives of Community Members (C)
- No less than one director shall be a duly authorised representative of Corporate Members (P)
- The remainder may be from any class of member

CEE's rules also state that one third of Directors have to stand down each year. Paul Brodrick (Siemens) and Ross Weddle (Green Community Buildings) are standing down this year. Pete Capener (Bath & West Community Energy) is standing down but will be re-standing for election.

Alex Germanis (Pure Leapfrog) was co-opted after the last AGM due to the close nature of the votes. He has been proposed for re-election by the Board and is willing to stand.

The Directors who remain on the Board from last year are:

- Rachel Hayes, Regen SW (Public)
- Afsheen Rashid, Repowering London (C)
- Robert Rabinowitz, Mongoose Energy (C)
- Kathy Smyth, Wey Valley Solar Schools & Sharenergy (C)
- Deborah Trebilco, Community Hydro Forum (C)
- Philip Wolfe, Westmill Solar (C)

Candidates

The following list of candidates comprises:

- 4 nominees from Community Members (marked C on the voting form)
- One nominee from Private Sector Members (marked P on the voting form)

Each candidate was asked to provide approx. 150 words on their aspirations for CEE, the Board and their contribution.


Voting

Members attending the AGM will be given their voting form at the beginning of the meeting. Any member organisation not able to attend can vote using [this survey](#) up to 5pm on 1st September 2016 (this deadline allows us to collate responses prior to the AGM). Up to three preferred candidates may be chosen.


Voting for re-election of a Co-opted Director


As a Co-opted Director, the election process for Alex Germanis will be a separate vote and you will be asked to vote yes or no to his re-election. Unless there is a majority of votes against his re-election, he will be re-elected as a Director.

Candidate profiles

Name: Pete Capener	<p>Community energy has grown significantly over the last 4 or 5 years with many success stories across the UK. At BWCE we now own multiple roof and ground mounted community solar PV schemes, but in reality we are still only scratching the surface.</p> <p>I want to learn from and contribute to the exciting innovation I see being driven through by many in the community energy sector. But as the immediate policy landscape at Westminster becomes more challenging, CEE is needed now more than ever to help create the environment within which we can learn, innovate, influence and grow stronger together.</p> <p>I can offer 30 years of experience of working on renewable energy, energy efficiency and fuel poverty with a strong focus on community energy. This time includes experience at senior management and board level for national and regional NGOs as well as delivering practical projects and programmes and helping develop BWCE.</p> <p>I can bring knowledge and understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing community energy, experience of developing successful cross sector partnerships, and policy and community business sector links as chair of the ministerial community energy contact group and a trustee of Power to Change.</p> <p>I was delighted that BWCE was a founder member of CEE and I was able to help in a short stint as CEE's first chair. I'd be honoured if members felt that I could continue to play a useful role in CEE's development going forward.</p>
Member: Bath & West Community Energy (BWCE)	
Membership class: Community (C)	
	

Name: Paul Monaghan	<p>I'd like to join the Board in my capacity as Sustainability Adviser at Co-operative Energy - which over five years has grown into a successful, co-operative energy supplier with over 250,000 customers across the UK.</p> <p>I have extensive experience of lobbying, advocacy and campaigning – and have previously played a key role in securing changes on everything from Government support for Fairtrade through to mandatory carbon reporting by big business. In 2011, I helped co-found the UK Community Energy Coalition.</p> <p>I enjoy good relations with important trade bodies such as Co-operatives UK and Social Enterprise UK, and also powerful NGOs such as Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace. Broader alliances with such groups will, I think, be necessary for CEE to leverage the necessary support our sector needs.</p> <p>I'm a substantive shareholder in the Four Winds Coop, Alvington Coop and Mounteney's Coop, and a member of numerous other co-ops.</p>
Member: Co-operative Energy	
Membership class: Corporate (P)	
	

Name: Giovanna Speciale	<p>Dr Giovanna Speciale is CEO of South East London Community Energy has been the driving force behind the co-operative's success in raising almost £400,000 to install solar arrays on seven local primary schools.</p> <p>Aspirations for CEE:</p> <p>Giovanna would like to see a stronger policy focus on the increasing problem of fuel poverty around the UK.</p> <p>Aspirations for the board:</p> <p>Giovanna would like to develop policy relating to the alleviation of fuel poverty and provide stronger ties between CEE and academics working in this field.</p> <p>Proposed contribution:</p> <p>Giovanna has played a central role in setting up SELCE's innovative 'pop-up' energy advice cafes in the boroughs of Lewisham and Greenwich and recently co-authored an academic report examining the energy cafe model in greater depth. She would like to draw on this experience to develop CEE's fuel poverty strategy.</p> <p>More generally, Giovanna can draw on her 10 years of experience working and researching in the community sector, her MSc in Energy Policy for Sustainability from the University of Sussex (distinction) and her excellent skills as a facilitator to support events and meetings.</p>
Member: South East London Community energy (SELCE)	
Membership class: Community (C)	
	

Name: Chris Rowland	<p>I have worked in the community energy sector for 10 years as a director of OVESCO, which is one of the first community energy companies to use a co-operative share issues for community PV and a 2014 Ashden Award winner. I am a director of Community Energy South, the umbrella group for energy groups in the South East and a director of Meadow Blue Community Energy, a 5MW solar farm. I bring my experience mentoring groups to set up in the community energy sector and skills having worked with local authorities in the SE on government grant funded programmes to improve energy efficiency and encourage the use of micro generation. I have also worked in the construction industry for over 25 years and supported my Transition Town in Lewes since 2007. I believe community energy is essential to creating a low carbon energy efficient future for the benefit of our communities.</p>
Member: Community Energy South	
Membership class: Community (C)	
	

Name: Alex Germanis	<p>Community energy has grown exponentially and only thanks to the impact achieved by CEE since its launch. However, transforming our energy system where renewables and energy efficiency are second nature and not an afterthought, and where communities are at the heart of it will require a strong representative body. This is especially true in the current policy framework.</p> <p>At Pure Leapfrog, I have been responsible for leading our organisation through the launch of Leapfrog Finance and development of sector resources such as the legal toolkit. Our current work is focused on post subsidy models. My position at Pure Leapfrog will allow me to leverage resources and expertise that can help CEE to grow, as well as to provide the board and sector with strategic support for CEE members. Not one for sitting on the side lines, CEE will find me to be a passionate and active member of the board.</p> <p>Pure Leapfrog was a founder member organisation and core CEE launch contributor.</p>
Member: Pure Leapfrog	
Membership class: Community (C)	
