

Election

Under the bye-laws of the Association, CEE may have up to 10 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) and one representative of Public Members (S) in accordance with the Bye Laws and Articles
- The remainder may be from any class of member.

CEE's rules state that any Director who has served more than thirty-three months since being elected shall retire by rotation. Directors shall be eligible for re-election if they so choose.

In accordance with this, Philip Wolfe of Westmill Solar (Community) and Robert Rabinowitz of Mongoose Energy (Community) are retiring by rotation and will not seek re-election. Alex Germanis of Pure Leapfrog (Community) and Chris Rowland of Community Energy South (Community) are also standing down as Directors. We would like to thank all of our outgoing Directors for their hard work and dedication to CEE throughout their appointment.

Dan Nicholls of Cornwall County Council (S) was co-opted onto the Board in February 2017 and will now be serving as an independent Board Advisor to CEE. Afsheen Rashid of Repowering London (Community), Rachel Hayes of Regen (Public Sector), Kathy Smyth of Sharenergy (Community) and Deborah Trebilco of Community Hydro Forum (Community) are each standing down in accordance with CEE's rules, but will all be re-standing for election.

The Directors who remain on the Board are:

- Peter Capener, Bath and West Community Energy (Community)
- Paul Monaghan, Co-Operative Energy (Corporate).

Candidates

The following list of candidates comprises:

- Six nominees from Community Members (marked C on the voting form)
- One nominee from Public Sector Members (marked S 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 may vote using [this survey](#) up to 5pm on 23rd June 2017 (this deadline allows us to collate responses prior to the AGM).

The number of proposed directors does not exceed the maximum number permitted by CEE's rules, so there will not be a competitive ballot. Members are asked to vote for or against candidates, or may abstain from voting for a candidate.

Subject to the minutes of [CEE's 2016 AGM](#), the Board may consist of up to 10 elected Directors. There must also be appropriate representation for each membership category according to membership numbers. Please see Annex C of CEE's [Bye Laws](#) for full information on the election of Directors and election processes.

Candidate profiles

Name: Rachel Hayes	<p>As an elected director of CEE since its inception in 2014 I'm excited to re-stand again this year.</p> <p>We've seen a great deal of change and development over the past three years as renewables reaches a tipping point in the smart decentralised revolution. Community Energy continues to be at the heart of this and CEE has worked tirelessly to maintain Community Energy's profile in government, acting as a much needed and strong voice for the sector and directly supporting the groups delivering projects on the ground amidst a great deal of change. I'm very proud of what we've achieved so far and I look forward to helping CEE build on its networks and experience to date.</p> <p>My skills bring a different dimension to the board, providing direction on events, membership and communications to best act as a strong voice for the sector and to represent you our members, I hope to continue to be able to do this working with the Board, Emma, Charlotte and Jon.</p> <p>I'm sorry I can't be here in person today but I'm currently on maternity leave.</p>
Member: Regen	
Membership class: Public (S)	
	

Name: Mark Kenber	<p>The energy sector is in midst of its biggest transformation in over a century. With renewables reaching a tipping point, the introduction of smart grids and controls and the fast-falling cost of storage, we are seeing a rapid shift to decentralized and distributed energy systems that will only accelerate over the coming decade. Community energy has the potential to be at the heart of this transformation, connecting people and communities and enabling a step change in efficiency, energy poverty reduction and decarbonisation. I would be excited and honoured to join the board of Community Energy England as it ensures that this opportunity is grasped and empowers community energy across the UK.</p> <p>As CEO of Mongoose Energy, I believe our work with a dozen community energy organisations – particularly in asset management and financing – will give me important insights to bring to the CEE board and the organisation's wider work. I have a long background in climate change and energy, until 2016 leading international NGO The Climate Group. During this time, I was responsible for the driving the RE100 campaign - accelerating corporate clean power commitments - supported decentralized energy in India and worked closely on local, national and international climate and energy policy.</p> <p>As a result, I believe I would bring strong experience of leadership, policy advocacy and understanding of the community energy sector as it enters what will be its most exciting – and challenging – period.</p>
Member: Mongoose Energy	
Membership class: Community (C)	
	

Name: Ollie Pendred	<p>I am honoured to be putting my name forward for Director of Community Energy England.</p> <p>I have worked in the energy sector since 2002 where I started with National Grid in a team to establish and deliver their UK wide national community relations programme.</p> <p>In 2011 I developed a Rural Community Energy Plan for Barcombe Village and founded Barcombe Energy as well as joining pioneering Community Energy Group OVESCO. I am founder director of Community Energy South a regional support organisation in the South East; we work closely with many community energy groups and sector influencers such as UKPN and the regional LEP.</p> <p>I have worked on multiple community energy projects from field scale solar, solar roof and energy efficiency campaigns to community led district heating, innovation projects and community energy supply. Since 2013 I have been a Big Energy Saving Network Champion supporting the vulnerable, targeting fuel poverty and helping to establish the Energy Cafe brand across the South East offering energy bill and home energy advice to communities.</p> <p>In 2016-17 I was seconded into the Local Energy team at BEIS to represent community energy and support partnerships for the energy sector.</p> <p>I strongly believe in the need to develop regional support networks for community energy and to build long term partnerships to support community energy across communities, the third sector, government (all departments not just BEIS), local authorities and the business sector.</p> <p>We are stronger together.</p>
Member: Community Energy South	
Membership class: Community (C)	
	

Name: Afsheen Rashid	<p>I have over 10 years' experience of developing and delivering community energy projects in socially deprived neighbourhoods and challenging urban environments. Having worked for the Department of Energy and Climate Change as Senior Policy Advisor in 2014 and Lambeth Council for 4 years I also have a strong understanding of national and local policy making. I have also recently joined the Community Business Panel for Power to Change.</p> <p>In my day to day role as Co-founder Director of Repowering and Chair of Brixton Energy I am excited to see the opportunities and partnerships that are developing for community energy. Community Energy has a unique offering in that it ensures people are at the heart of the energy system. As the voice of the sector CEE has an important role to play to ensure we have the best policies and support to facilitate the growth of the sector.</p> <p>As Director and recent Chair of CEE my focus has been the strategic development of the organisation and advising on policy so that CEE can meet the needs of its growing members. I will be honoured to be able to continue my work in CEE.</p>
Member: Repowering London	
Membership class: Community (C)	
	

Name: Kathy Smyth	<p>I am sorry I cannot be here in person.</p> <p>Until 2004 I was a practising solicitor specialising in property, planning and litigation. I am a non-executive director of Shareenergy and a board member of a community owned district heating co-operative in Surrey.</p> <p>I was first elected to the Board in September 2014 and was responsible for policy until last September when I asked to relinquish this role. I have written or contributed to most of our consultation responses across a range of topics including tax, planning, FIT and heat networks. I am still involved in policy and I have recently worked with Emma and others on the forthcoming State of the Sector Report because good data is crucial to policy formulation.</p> <p>I see the role of CEE as vital in providing a central voice and sector support. Please give me the opportunity to continue with my contribution to this work.</p>
Member: Shareenergy	
Membership class: Community (C)	
	

Name: Giovanna Speciale	<p>I am the CEO of South East London Community Energy. I am a practitioner with an academic background in energy policy, and a professional experience of research, community development and participation. Over the past 3 years the team at SELCE installed solar arrays on seven local primary schools and we are working on renewable heat for swimming pools. I have experienced the multiple barriers to community financed renewables against a backdrop of a turbulent policy environment. Fuel poverty alleviation and energy education also form a central stream of work at SELCE and we have worked to cater for the needs of the most vulnerable in our community against a backdrop of the restrictions of grant funded programmes and difficult multi-stakeholder partnerships. I co-authored an academic report that invested community responses to fuel poverty and am part of a team working on developing monitoring and evaluation tools for the sector.</p> <p>As part of the CEE board I would like to work towards the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forming a robust policy response for Westminster and key energy stakeholders. • Enabling better share knowledge, insights, and resources between groups providing a genuine competitive advantage to the sector • Enabling better represent and inform those groups that focus on fuel poverty alleviation or energy education. • Forming closer ties between CEE and the academy such that research about us also meets our needs as a sector <p>I will draw on 10 years of experience working and researching in the community sector, MSc in Energy Policy for Sustainability and skills as a participation professional.</p>
Member: South East London Community Energy	
Membership class: Community (C)	
	

<p>Name: Deborah Trebilco</p>	<p>We have used the last three challenging years to build platforms to raise our confidence and commitment.</p>
<p>Member: Community Hydro Forum</p>	<p>It was inspiring to work on the funding proposal with Esmée Fairbairn Foundation. Their support enabled growth in our profile with Government and key influencers as well as enabling two new team members to join CEE</p>
<p>Membership class: Community (C)</p>	<p>Community hydro challenges have enforced my determination to look at new options. Our network has been broadened to work with community supportive commercial groups. Working with British Hydropower Association has strengthened community hydro outreach and voice. A forum is bringing like-minded groups together to attempt to reinvigorate stalled community hydro schemes.</p>
	<p>Looking forward, I will use my community energy and business experience to ensure we broaden and embrace more communities in having influence over or ownership of their local energy.</p> <p>The rules of the game have changed; but the passion to involve and empower communities strengthens.</p>