



The TREIA Newsletter

Texas Renewable Energy Industries Association

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BOARD ELECTION RESULTS IN

The ballots have been counted for the 1989 TREIA Board of Directors election. The following individuals were elected to two year terms: Marshall Blalock, Pat Fitzgerald, Chris Higgs, Mac Holder, Gu Hutchison and Ken Robinson. They will be installed during the first Board of Directors meeting of the year on February 4, in Austin. Our thanks as well to Gene Hoffman and Marcus McGarry for being willing to serve.

SOLAR '90 DATES SET-COMMITTEES MEET

The dates are now officially set for the SOLAR '90 meetings to be held in Austin, March 19 - 22. The Board of Directors of the Texas Solar Energy Society, under the structure of the American Solar Energy Society's Annual Meeting, has named its Local Organizing Committee (LOC). The LOC works hand-in-hand with the ASES National Organizing Committee (NOC) to facilitate the ASES Annual Meeting. It appears that the LOC will also serve as the "Host Committee for the other coinciding conferences as well, since no other such umbrella group is currently envisioned.

The LOC has statewide representation. A list of members will be published after all those invited to serve have accepted. The first meeting of the LOC is scheduled for February 10 at the UT Center for Energy Studies in Austin. It will be followed on the 18th by the first NOC meeting at the same place. TREIA will be amply represented on the LOC.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A plan for legislative action to address the "global warming" and ozone depletion issues in Texas has begun to unfold. A series of meetings involving the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, Public Citizen and other environmental groups, is shaping a strategy that includes recommending the increased use of renewable energy. TREIA's interests have been represented by Russel Smith.

It is expected that TREIA will be asked to endorse several pieces of legislation and to participate in press conferences and publicity in support of these. The TREIA Board will act on this matter as soon as a completed package is presented.

Efforts are also underway to find avenues to benefit renewable energy through bills expected to be filed in fulfillment of Governor Bill Clements proposed economic development plan.

Austin Representative Terrell Smith has filed H.B.317 which requires municipally owned utilities to obtain a certificate of convenience and necessity before building additional generation or transmission facilities. They have not been required to do so in the past. The bill specifically exempts them from that requirement for facilities of less than 5 MW that obtain 75% or more of their energy input from renewable resources.

NEW MEMBERS

International joined in November at the TREIA Annual Meeting. Michael Lotker is the voting representative. Luz is a Category A (\$1000) Member. The LUZ Group was founded in 1979 and headquartered in Los Angeles, California. With the successful installation of over 100 megawatts of generating capacity, LUZ is the world leader in applied solar thermal technology. Their system is based on a moderate pressure steam turbine with a solar field of line-focus, parabolic trough mirrored tracking assemblies. In addition to the 19 Power Purchase Agreements with Southern California Edison Company, LUZ is actively exploring opportunities in other states and around the world.

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Wayne L. Sibley joined in January as a Category D (\$100) Individual Installer/Service Rep. His company is Advanced Solar Services. In a recent letter, Wayne explained his solar involvement. "Since 1983, I have been involved in selling, installing, and servicing solar heating systems in San Antonio and surrounding counties. With the expiration of the Federal Energy Tax Credits, system sales have decreased but service work has multiplied, due in great degree to the few truly qualified solar technicians in our area. Although I would hope that this...would eventually provide ample earnings for a full time involvement, I currently retain my full time position with a local school district." Wayne has recently added PV's to line, and currently is an authorized dealer for Solahart and ARCO.

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Leonard Bachman joined in January also, as a consultant in Category D (\$100). Here is one busy guy. In addition to his consulting practice, Building Climate Interface, Inc., Leonard serves on the faculty of the Univ. of Houston's School of Architecture, is a partner in Rainmaker Cooling, Inc., with Ken Robinson, and owns another active firm, Texas Glass Structures. If you ever need energy engineering consultation, a roof-spray system, a greenhouse or solarium, or some architectural services, Leonard might be your man.

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If you have contacts in the course of your business activities who would make good TREIA members, please make an initial suggestion to them. Then Russel Smith a call at the TREIA office. He will follow up.

Patricia House joined in January under the Student Category. She is a graduate student at the University of Texas at Austin in Architecture and Energy Studies.

1ST TREIA BOARD MEETING OF '89 SET

The TREIA Board will hold its first meeting of 1989 on Saturday, February 4, from 9 a.m. until noonish, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, IH-35 North and Hwy. 290, in Austin. Members are welcome to sit in on this meeting and join the TREIA and TX-SES Boards (TX-SES meets in the p.m.) for dutch luncheon buffet.

ECOLOGIA '89 INFO. AVAILABLE

Anyone interested in trying to sell P.V. powered monitoring devices in Mexico should write or call for information on ECOLOGIA '89. This trade exhibition of exclusively American manufacturers and distributors is set for Oct. 3-5, in Mexico City. Call Charles Crowley with U.S. Dept. of Commerce at (905) or (525)591-0155.