

Access to Board-only Committees and Working Groups

FEDERAL POLICY COMMITTEE (WEEKLY): This committee is the driving force behind federal policy and is the authoritative decision-making body for all policy initiatives at the federal level. Members of this committee set the direction for SEIA to follow and provide a condensed update to our board members, as well as being a forum for members to review positions crafted by the Federal Affairs Committees for implementation.

STATE POLICY COMMITTEE (MONTHLY): This committee is the driving force behind state policy and the authoritative decision-making body for all policy initiatives at the state level. Members of the State Policy Committee set the direction for states to follow and provide a condensed state-by-state update to the SEIA Board. This committee also acts as a forum for members to review positions crafted by the individual State Committees for implementation.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (BI-WEEKLY): The Executive Committee is a Committee of the Board that acts with the power of the Board when the Board is not in session. The Executive Committee provides guidance to the Association on matters relating to association operations, governance, finance, events, and any other matter not reserved for the Board or other committee.

Access to all other SEIA Committees & Working Groups

CODES & STANDARDS WORKING GROUP (BI-WEEKLY): This group focuses on development and revision of Building Codes and Product Standards, as well as fire safety, to ensure the continued expansion of solar-friendly technical market requirements. It proactively engages with streamlining testing and certification requirements and the advancement of respected industry wide objectives for increased market credibility and growth.

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): The C&I Working Group is focused on expanding solar deployment opportunities in the commercial and industrial and non-profit sectors through financial innovations, standardization of project documents, education and outreach. The Working Group continues, in part, the work of the SEIA Finance Initiative which focused on commercial PACE and other financial tools to overcome relevant barriers and reduce unnecessary transaction costs.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): The Community Engagement Working Group (CEWG) provides a venue for SEIA member companies to share and to improve best practices for ensuring a diverse company workforce, encourage access of solar to low income customers and to develop and implement new community outreach initiatives.

COMMUNITY SOLAR COMMITTEE (MONTHLY): The Community Solar Committee leads the development of SEIA's policy positions on community solar issues in coordination with SEIA's State Policy Committee, with a focus on addressing barriers to community solar implementation. The committee will also coordinate with partners in the community solar advocacy space to develop shared objectives and goals.

CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE (WEEKLY): SEIA's Consumer Protection Committee (CPC) seeks to address consumer-oriented issues within U.S. solar markets through activities that increase consumer, industry, government, and media understanding of solar energy transactions, technical capabilities, and characteristics, while promoting solar industry growth and competition. To achieve its goals, the CPC will work to develop materials, education outreach efforts, certification programs, and a business code.

ENERGY STORAGE COMMITTEE (MONTHLY): The Energy Storage Committee is tasked with developing SEIA's policy positions on solar + storage, including state and federal regulatory issues, market access, and tax policy. The committee will work in coordination with SEIA's State and Federal Policy Committees and serve as SEIA's policy incubator for these issues.

EPA COMMITTEE (AD HOC): Works on policies and regulations issued by EPA that impact solar companies, including the Affordable Clean Energy rule and its predecessor the Clean Power Plan. Engages at the agency level and in courts to advocate for clean energy policies that drive solar markets by leveraging solar as a tool to reduce carbon emissions.

FEDERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (WEEKLY): Policy forum for SEIA members to be engaged in high-level discussions and strategies regarding federal legislative and regulatory policies that affect the U.S. solar industry.

MOUNTING SYSTEMS MANUFACTURING WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): The working group represents all PV mounting and racking segments covering system installation locations and applications including residential, commercial and utility scale projects on steep slope, low slope (flat roof) and fixed and tracking ground mount systems; working closely with SEIA's Codes & Standards Working Group. *Open to only members of mounting and/or racking companies.

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): Solar system and plant owners, operators and service providers want to optimize for plant performance, customer satisfaction, profit and long-term performance sustainability. As a critical segment in the solar value chain, the newly formed Operations & Maintenance Working Group will work on issues unique and critical to service providers and organizations involved in this activity.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE (BI-WEEKLY): Coordinates industry messaging, spokespersons, press outreach and rapid response to promote the benefits of solar energy and represents all solar technologies and market segments. Opportunities to submit photos and videos including your watermarked logo to be used in SEIA materials.

PUERTO RICO WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): This group focuses on Puerto Rican solar deployment, including market development, disaster recovery, and grid resiliency. The Working Group continues, in part, the work that SEIA initiated in 2017 in response to Hurricane Maria.

PURPA WORKING GROUP (WEEKLY): This group is dedicated working on PURPA (Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act) issues at the state and federal levels.

PV RECYCLING WORKING GROUP (WEEKLY): The group examines PV Recycling structures and financing, creates PV Recycling messaging and communications, establishes the SEIA national PV recycling program and helps to formulate responses to any PV Recycling regulations.

SITING & PERMITTING COMMITTEE (MONTHLY): Provides technical expertise regarding the siting and permitting of solar power plants to government entities such as the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other stakeholders involved in permitting conversations.

SOLAR BELTWAY (MONTHLY): The Solar Beltway is a task force of SEIA's Federal Affairs Committee designed for SEIA members living and working within the DMV Beltway who are working on federal issues. In addition to the monthly networking and strategy breakfasts held locally at SEIA headquarters, Solar Beltway members are regularly invited to participate alongside of SEIA staff lobbyists for our meetings on Capitol Hill.

SOLAR QUALITY ASSURANCE WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): The Solar Quality Assurance Working Group seeks to evaluate, develop and encourage adoption of industry best practices in solar asset design, production estimate, installation, commissioning and O&M, and contractor qualification. The group's activities are intended to facilitate high-quality solar installations that induce consumer and investor confidence across the industry.

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEES (WEEKLY): State-level and regional committees engage in discussion of tactical activities and long-term strategy that includes but is not limited to discussion of all filings and related policy materials at the state level, initiating communication with state level policy makers to strengthen our voice, and participating in lobby days. Choose one Regional bundle of committees (Northeast, South, West, or South).

State Committees: CA, TX, Northeast, Midwest, Intermountain West, and Southeast Regional Committees

TAX & ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE (BI-WEEKLY): Discusses pressing tax issues on Capitol Hill and in the Administration. The group is comprised of leading tax attorneys and consultants in the country as well as our member companies' tax experts.

TRADE WORKING GROUP (BI-WEEKLY): Provide real-time information on trade issues, including, e.g., tariff updates, classification and country of origin decisions, and trade policy developments. The TWG will also serve as SEIA's principal forum for developing trade policy recommendations, including recommendations on strategy. In 2019, this focus will be on the Section 201 mid-term review and engagement on U.S.-China issues.

TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP (AD HOC): This group is the designated forum for SEIA members to discuss electricity transmission matters, particularly issues before the FERC, including variable resources integration, open access policies, transmission planning and cost allocation issues, reactive power and other matters.