



## 2023 Director & Staff Conference Schedule

**Wyndham Newport Hotel  
240 Aquidneck Ave. Middletown, RI 02842**

### October 10 – Kickoff Reception & Dinner

<b>Eastons Pavilion</b>	
<b>5:30 pm</b>	Welcome Reception - sponsored by WESCO
<b>6:30 pm</b>	Dinner  Opening remarks – Jeffery Wright, NEAEC President Gabe Snow, America’s Electric Cooperatives - PAC

### October 11 – General Sessions

<b>Atlantic Pavilion</b>	
<b>7:30 - 8:30 am</b>	Registration & Breakfast
<b>8:30 - 9:00 am:</b>	Welcome & Safety Minute - Jeffery Wright, NEAEC President
<b>9:00 - 9:45 am:</b>	Keynote - Peter Kelly-Detwiler, Northbridge Energy Partners, LLC
<b>9:45 - 10:30 am:</b>	Economic Update - Sam Kem, CFC
<b>10:30 - 10:45 am:</b>	Break
<b>10:45 - 11:15 am:</b>	Real-time Satellite Vegetation Intelligence - Kevin McSweeney, Overstory
<b>11:15 - 12:00 pm:</b>	Federal Grant Opportunities - Ginny Beauchemin, NRECA
<b>12:00 - 12:45 pm</b>	Lunch
<b>12:45 - 1:30 pm:</b>	Battery Storage Trends – Andy Glover, CoBank
<b>1:30 - 2:30 pm:</b>	Panel: Leveraging Customer-owned Assets to Provide Grid Benefits. Panelists: Noel Chambers, Energy New England; David Stuebe, Camus; Morgan Casella, Dynamic Organics, LLC.
<b>2:30 - 2:45 pm</b>	Break
<b>2:45 - 4:30 pm</b>	Breakout sessions (see sections below)
<b>Eastons Pavilion</b>	
<b>5:00 - 6:30 pm</b>	Vendor Expo & Reception - Sponsored by FlexCharging

<b>6:30 pm</b>	Dinner – Sponsored by J.J. Kane Auctions
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### October 11 - Breakout Sessions

<b>Accounting Breakout Sessions Atlantic Pavilion</b>	
<b>2:45 – 3:30 pm</b>	KRTA Review – Colleen Taylor, CFC
<b>3:30 – 4:30 pm</b>	85-15 Rule Review - Bill Miller, Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert, & Moss, LLP
<b>Director Breakout Sessions Atlantic Pavilion</b>	
<b>2:45 – 3:30 pm</b>	KRTA Review – Colleen Taylor, CFC
<b>3:30 – 4:30 pm</b>	85-15 Rule Review - Bill Miller, Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert, & Moss, LLP
<b>Operations Breakout Sessions Sunset Room</b>	
<b>2:45 – 3:30 pm</b>	Mapping, Staking, & Outage Map Layers Overview - Ryan Staggemeier, NISC
<b>3:30 – 4:30 pm</b>	Operations & Maintenance in Today's Cooperatives - Kevin McCutcheon, PSE
<b>More Breakout Sessions John Clarke Room</b>	
<b>2:45 – 3:30 pm</b>	Field Accident Breakdown: Lessons Learned, John Varney, VEC and Angelea Meyer, Rusty Endicott, Federated
<b>3:30 – 4:30 pm</b>	Managing the EV Future: Leveraging EV-Managed Charging to Reduce Peaks and Provide Member Benefits - Jossi Fritz-Mauer, FlexCharging, and Cyril Brunner, VEC

### October 12 – General Sessions

<b>Atlantic Pavilion</b>	
<b>8:00 - 8:30 am</b>	Breakfast
<b>8:30 - 9:15 am</b>	Industry Update - Jan Ahlen, CFC
<b>9:15 - 10:00 am</b>	Wildfires & Integrated Grid Planning – Tim Day, Future Grid

<b>10:00 - 10:15 am</b>	Break
<b>10:15 - 11:00 am</b>	Capital Credits National Trends - Bill Miller, Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert, & Moss LLP
<b>11:00 - 11:30 am</b>	Real-time Inventory - Dan Freeman, Irby
<b>11:30 - 12:00 pm</b>	Supply Chain Update – Mike Prophater, United Utility Supply
<b>12:00 - 12:45 pm</b>	Lunch
<b>12:45 - 1:15 pm</b>	NRECA Update - Michael Haire, NRECA Employee Retention - Mark Edwards, Homestead Funds
<b>1:15 - 2:00 pm</b>	Advanced Nuclear - Small Modular Reactor Technology - Brent Ridge, Dairyland Power Cooperative
<b>2:00 - 2:15 pm</b>	Break
<b>2:15 - 4:15 pm</b>	Breakout Sessions (see sections below)
<b>Eastons Pavilion</b>	
<b>5:30 pm</b>	Reception - Sponsored by: Graybar
<b>6:30 pm</b>	Dinner & Aiken Awards – Sponsored by NISC

### October 12 - Breakout Sessions

<b>Accounting Breakout Sessions Atlantic Pavilion</b>	
<b>2:15 – 3:15 pm</b>	990 Preparation Breakdown - Bill Miller, Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss LLP
<b>3:15 – 4:15 pm</b>	Rate Design: Solar Impact - Jason Strong, CFC
<b>Director Breakout Sessions</b>	
<b>Sunset Room</b>	
<b>2:15 – 3:15 pm</b>	Effective Governance: Finding the Balance between the Board and Management - Kim Miller, CFC
<b>Atlantic Pavilion</b>	
<b>3:15 – 4:15 pm</b>	Rate Design: Solar Impact - Jason Strong, CFC

<b>Operations Breakout Sessions John Clarke Room</b>	
<b>2:15 – 3:15 pm</b>	Lone Field Worker Scenario - Angelea Meyer, Rusty Endicott, Federated
<b>3:15 – 4:15 pm</b>	Operations Roundtable - Kevin Rottingen, Otsego Electric Cooperative
<b>More Breakout Sessions Sunset Room</b>	
<b>3:15 – 4:15 pm</b>	Remote Work: Changing the Workforce & Member Communication Strategies - Sue Bernier, VEC

**October 13 – Breakfast & Chartered Boat Tour (weather dependent)**

<b>Atlantic Pavilion</b>	
<b>8:00 – 8:30 am</b>	Breakfast
<b>8:30 am</b>	Tour Block Island via chartered boat (to-go lunch provided) – Sponsored by Irby  <b>Details:</b> Check out of your room after breakfast. Tour returns by 12:30 pm.  Thank you for attending - safe travels home.

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