

Hello All!

This is the November edition of "Under the Sun," the monthly e-newsletter of the Arizona Solar Energy Association.

Wow, the year is ending with a huge bang here. So much solar going on in AZ right now! I'm loving it! Several big stories:

- 1. ACC passes landmark legislation - 15% renewable by 2025**
- 2. Elections Update**
- 3. Solar Tours a huge success**
- 4. Local Events**
- 5. Nominations for ASEA Board Members 2007 & Annual Membership Meeting**

**1.** The Arizona Corporation Commission passed the most important piece of renewable energy legislation in several years on Tuesday, October 31st. The regulated utilities are now required to produce 15% of their energy from renewable sources by the year 2025, not including hydro-electric power. The measure passed 4-1, with Gleason the only dissenter. The plan steps up the required percentage every year until 2025. The regulated utilities include APS, TEP, AEPSCO, SSVEC, and others (not SRP). The idea of 15% by 2025 came to the ACC almost 2 years ago, and today, they finally decided to go ahead with it. Arizona's standard can be compared with other states here: [http://www.eere.energy.gov/states/maps/renewable\\_portfolio\\_states.cfm](http://www.eere.energy.gov/states/maps/renewable_portfolio_states.cfm)

## **2.** Elections update

For solar in AZ, perhaps the most important race is in the corporation commission, where 2 of 5 spots are open. If you don't know why the ACC is so important, see above. Kris Mayes, a strong supporter of renewable energy, is up for reelection, and one seat is open because commissioner Mark Spitzer has been promoted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). There are 5 candidates. ASEA sent all the candidates a questionnaire regarding renewable energy and the ACC, and I'm proud to say that all candidates responded, and we have the answers right here: [http://www.azsolarcenter.com/news/pdf/acc10\\_06.pdf](http://www.azsolarcenter.com/news/pdf/acc10_06.pdf)  
We have also attached the pdf of this file to this email, and have enclosed it as plain text at the bottom of this email underneath my signature. ASEA cannot endorse candidates, so we'll have to leave that up to you. I can say this though, during an ACC candidate debate on energy held a few weeks ago, the first question was whether or not you supported the new 15% renewable by 2025 ruling. Boyer, Manoil, and Mayes all said yes, and Fowlkes said no. Pierce didn't say yes or no explicitly.

No on Prop 207.

ASEA is about solar energy, more broadly, renewable energy, and more broadly, sustainability in general. Prop 207 is a proposition against sustainability in Arizona. So, we are letting everyone know that ASEA is against 207, and we urge everyone to vote no on 207. Below I have enclosed a letter about this from some of our friends of sustainability:

"I'm writing to ask you to help us protect Arizona's lands, water, and wildlife by voting NO on Prop 207.

Arizonans will face many important community issues on Election Day, but none that affects their ability to protect Arizona's fragile lands more than Proposition 207.

More than 90 groups, including Arizona's conservation organizations, oppose Prop 207. Here's why:

- \* Prop 207 would enable developers to demand huge payouts from taxpayers for alleged losses to their property values.
- \* Prop 207 makes it practically impossible for local communities to stop irresponsible development, conserve water, and protect open spaces.
- \* Prop 207 would take money away from essential services, causing Arizona's police and fire departments to face tighter operating budgets.

Proposition 207 would jeopardize:

- \* Requirements that all developments in Arizona have adequate water supplies;
- \* Measures that protect the flows in Arizona's rivers and streams from excessive groundwater pumping;
- \* New wildlife habitat, native plants, and hillside protection ordinances; and
- \* Cultural and archaeological sites, an extremely important part of Arizona's history and culture.

Please vote NO on Prop 207 and ask your friends, family and neighbors to do the same - to defeat Prop 207, we need our grassroots network fully mobilized.

Get involved in the campaign to Stop Prop 207! Go to [www.NoProp207.org](http://www.NoProp207.org) or call (602) 840-1579 to learn more.

Thank you for taking action on this important issue.

Paid for by Protecting Arizona Taxpayers Coalition - No on

Prop 207; major funding from Sonoran Institute, Valley Partnership, and out-of-state donors the Sierra Club-Grand Canyon Chapter and the Partnership Project."

### **3. Solar Tour Roundup**

The tours were a huge success. I've only received feedback from the Sedona and Phoenix area tours. Sedona had roughly 150 attendees, and Phoenix had somewhere around 400. More on this in next month's issue.

### **4. Local Events**

Nov 1. Wed. 7pm Fountain Hills

A discussion with Corporation Commissioner Kris Mayes, and Corporation Commissioner candidate Mark Manoil about the future of Arizona's energy supply at The Fountain Hills High School Lecture Hall - (Golden Eagle and Palisades Blvd).

Nov 11. Sat. 10am Scottsdale

ASEA Statewide board meeting. Tentatively set for 10am at the Senior Center in Scottsdale. 700 N. Granite Reef Scottsdale, AZ 85257 For more info contact me by responding to this email.

Nov 16 Thu. 7pm Scottsdale

The Living with the Sun Lecture Series continues with: Putting Together a Solar and Sustainable Future - part 2 - Oasis Visions Various interpretations toward the common goal. Speakers: TBA Thursday Evening July 20, 7 to 9 p.m. Free. City of Scottsdale Urban Design Studio located at the northeast corner of Indian School Road and 75th St. Questions - daniel peter Aiello arizona solar energy association/arizona solar center - e-mail [j2envarch@aol.com](mailto:j2envarch@aol.com) phone - 602-952-8192

The Sedona lecture series is done for the year. They will have meetings starting in 2007.

### **5. Nominations for ASEA Board Members 2007 & Annual Membership Meeting**

The ASEA Annual Membership Meeting is tentatively scheduled at the Scottsdale Senior Center (see above) for late Jan/early Feb. This meeting will be free and open to the public. This event is also the last day for nominations for board members for 2007. You can start nominating ASEA members for board positions now if you are a board member yourself. Simply respond to this email to nominate. Positions up for election are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Northern Region Director, Central Region Director, Southern Region Director, and 3 at large director positions. Position descriptions below.

The Chairperson will nominally act as Chairman of the Board but will have voting power only in the case of a tie vote of the Board. The Chairperson shall preside at all general meetings of this organization; be ex-officio member of all committees; communicate to the Association such matters and such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the Association; supervise any and all employees and contractors of the Association; and transact business in behalf of the Association or the Association Board, acting at the direction of the Board.

The Vice-Chairperson shall perform such functions as may be delegated by the Chairperson and to act in the place of the Chairperson in the event of his inability to act.

The Secretary shall perform such administrative duties as the Board may delegate and shall be responsible for correspondence and membership maintenance of the Association. The Secretary shall work with the Treasurer to manage the routine business of the Association Headquarters.

The Treasurer shall work with the Secretary to manage and administer the procedures and finances. The Treasurer shall have custody of Association funds and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer may be asked by the Board to furnish a surety bond

The Regional Directors are the direct connection between local membership and the statewide organization.

The At-Large Directors help.

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To become a member of ASEA, fill out our membership form here:

[http://www.azsolarcenter.com/solarorg/asea/memb\\_form.pdf](http://www.azsolarcenter.com/solarorg/asea/memb_form.pdf).

That's all for now. Stay tuned for next month's election issue.

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