



SWITCH

SWITCH Kingston's Alternative Energy Cluster 2022 Annual General Meeting

Friday, Feb 3rd, 2023 – 8:00am by Zoom

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Proposed Agenda

- 1. Acceptance of Agenda**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting (March 4, 2022)**
- 3. Report of the President and Chairperson of the Board of Directors**
- 4. Report of the Treasurer**
- 5. Acceptance of Accountant's Report**
- 6. Resolutions of the Members**
 - a. Election of the Board of Directors**

SWITCH would like to thank the 2022 Board of Directors for their service:

David Hyndman, Chair and President, Director Private Business/Resident
Darko Matovic, Vice-President, Director Education/Research
Abdul Jendi, Treasurer, Director Government/Utility
Ian Arthur, Co-Secretary, Director Private Business/Resident
Paul Maclatchy, Co-Secretary, Director, Government/Utility
Rosamund Hyde, , Director Private Business/Resident
Kiari Goni Boulama, Director Education/Research
Maria Skordaki, Director Education/Research
Maame Addai, Student Director

The following directors are continuing their three year terms in 2023:

David Hyndman, Director Private Business/Resident
Abdul Jendi, Director Government/Utility
Rosamund Hyde, Director Private Business/Resident
Kiari Goni Boulama, Director Education/Research
Paul Maclatchy, Director Government/Utility
Maria Skordaki, Director Education/Research

There are, according to the bylaws, three seats available:

One Student Director (one year term)

Two more directors from any category

There was only one (1) nomination for Student Director, so Maame Addai is acclaimed.

Each member may cast two (2) other votes. The two remaining Board seats will go to the two candidates from any category who get the highest vote counts.

Nominations:

The following persons have been nominated as candidates for a three-year term on the Board of Directors of SWITCH Ontario, Kingston's Alternative Energy Cluster:

In the category of Education/Research:

Brant Peppley, Queen's

In the category of Private Business/Resident:

Ian Arthur, nidus3D

Darko Matovic, private citizen

Chad Joshi, Advonex International

Tony de la Concha, Green Point Engineering

Each member shall cast two votes. The two candidates with the highest and second highest vote counts will be elected.

b. Engagement of Accountants

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Secker, Ross & Perry Chartered Accountants are hereby approved as the accountants of the Corporation until the close of the next annual meeting of the members of the Corporation and that the directors are hereby authorized to fix the remuneration of the accountants for such period.

c. Confirmation of Proceedings

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(i) All by-laws, appointments, resolutions, contracts, acts and proceedings of the board of directors of the Corporation enacted, passed, made, done or taken since the last meeting of the members of the Corporation as set forth or referred to in the minutes of the meetings and resolutions of the board of directors in the minute and record book of the Corporation or in the financial statements of the Corporation hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

(Note: the relevant items are the appointments of new staff members, contracts related to fulfilling the conditions of grants that SWITCH has received, any conditions of physical tenancy for a mailing address, document storage or holding open meetings).

7. Termination of Meeting

SWITCH Director candidate statements:

Education/Research:

Brant Peppley, Queen's

I have been working in the field of hydrogen and fuel cells for 37 years. I have been an advocate for clean energy and carbon emissions reduction for most of my life. I have been the director of the Collaborative Masters in Applied Sustainability at Queen's University for the past 8 years. I also created a new course in Clean Electrochemical Energy Systems for 4th year Engineering Chemistry students. I am currently winding down my research activities and approaching retirement. This seems to be a good time to become involved in SWITCH. I was one of the founding members of SWITCH when I was the director of the Fuel Cell Research Centre. SWITCH meetings used to be held at the Fuel Cell Research Centre. I feel a strong connection with SWITCH and hope that I would be able to make a contribution to the future of SWITCH.

Private Business/Resident

Ian Arthur, nidus3D

Ian is currently the President and Founder of nidus3D, a 3D house printing company. Ian represented Kingston and the Islands in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario until the 2022 provincial election. He served as the critic for environment and sustainability, the critic for small business, and Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

Prior to entering politics he was the executive chef at Kingston restaurant Chez Piggy and coached rowing for Queen's University. Ian has been attending SWITCH meetings for over 10 years.

Arthur grew up on a small farm northeast of Kingston. He attended Sydenham High School before studying International Development and Political Studies at Trent University. While completing his undergraduate degree, Arthur studied abroad at the University of Accra in Accra, Ghana and worked in Iceland.

Private Business/Resident

Darko Matovic, Private citizen

Current Board Vice-Chair, with experience in sustainable energy resources and longtime SWITCH member.

Private Business/Resident

Chad Joshi, Advonex International

Chad Joshi is President & CEO of Advonex International Corp. – a developer of sustainable alternatives to chemicals traditionally derived from petroleum. The company did its proof-of-concept experiments at GreenCentre Canada in Kingston. Within a year, the company outgrew its GreenCentre space and moved into Innovation Park and then to a 12,000 sq. ft. pilot facility in Brockville, ON. He is a seasoned executive who specializes in building technology companies through collaboration and strategic partnerships. He has led privately-held and venture-backed companies from pre-revenue through market and product development to significant revenues. Chad holds a Sc.D. from MIT and has over 60 patents and peer-reviewed publications to his credit.

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/chadjoshi/>

Private Business/Resident

Tony de la Concha, Green Point Engineering

Tony is a P.Eng. specializing in structural engineering with over 25 years of experience in this field. He is also a proud member of CaGBC as well as OSPE and CPCI.

Being a climate change believer, he is combining his many years of experience in the construction industry with current science and innovation to support the goal of net zero carbon. He is fully aware that embodied carbon is crucial to be aware of in the process towards a greener economy and sustainable living however, unfortunately often overlooked or not yet well understood by many.

Supporting the enormous change that needs to take place in every sector of our society, especially in the construction business, his company Green Point Engineering provides life cycle assessment (LCA) services and sustainable solutions to help achieve this.

Tony was born and raised in Mexico where he obtained his civil engineering degree with a major in structural engineering. With his academic knowledge and scientific approach, he strives to educate and encourage our community towards a more sustainable society, not only through services his company provides, but also by example in his personal day to day life. Not wanting to just "talk the talk" but also "walk the walk", he proudly uses his e-bike to shop at the refilleries and second-hand stores and is also in the process of updating his home with heat pump, solar and more.

The transition to a net zero carbon future can seem daunting to many but Tony believes all changes, big and small, can take us there.