



# SWITCH

## **SWITCH Kingston's Alternative Energy Cluster 2021 Annual General Meeting**

Friday, March 4th, 2022 – 8:00am by Zoom

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### **Proposed Agenda**

- 1. Acceptance of Agenda**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting (Feb. 5, 2021)**
- 3. Report of the President and Chairperson of the Board of Directors**
- 4. Report of the Treasurer**
- 5. Acceptance of Auditor's Report**
- 6. Resolutions of the Members**
  - a. Election of the Board of Directors**

SWITCH would like to thank the 2021-2022 Board of Directors for their service:

David Hyndman, Chair and President, Director Private Business/Resident  
Darko Matovic, Vice-President, Director Education/Research  
Rosamund Hyde, Treasurer, Director Private Business/Resident  
Ted Hsu, Secretary, Director Private Business/Resident  
Shannon Claggett, Past-President, Director Education/Research  
Kiari Goni Boulama, Director Education/Research  
Paul Maclatchy, Director Government/Utility  
Ian Arthur, Director Government/Utility  
Adam MacPherson, Student Director  
and our administrative assistant, Tatyana Zaremba

The following directors are continuing their three year terms in 2021-2022:

David Hyndman, Director Private Business/Resident  
Rosamund Hyde, Director Private Business/Resident  
Darko Matovic, Director Education/Research  
Kiari Goni Boulama, Director Education/Research  
Paul Maclatchy, Director Government/Utility

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

One Student Director (one year term)

At least one Director Government/Utility

Two more directors from any category

Each member may cast a vote for student director.

Each member may cast three (3) other votes. The Government/Utility candidate with the most votes will be elected. The two remaining Board seats will go to the two candidates from any category who get the highest remaining vote counts.

**Nominations:**

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

*In the category of Government/Utility:*

**Abdul Razak Jendi**, KEDCO

*In the category of Education/Research:*

**Maria (Efrosyni) Skordaki**, RMC and Queen's

**Nicholas Vlachopoulos**, RMC, Geologos

*In the category of Private Business/Resident:*

**Ian Arthur**, MPP

**Tatyana Zaremba**, Zaremba Farms Solar Inc.

*In the category of Student (one year term):*

**no student nominations were received**

**Abdul Razak Jendi is acclaimed as a Government/Utility director.**

**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).*

**d. Change of Fiscal year end**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Any actions of the officers, approved by the board of directors, before the next meeting of the members of the Corporation which are required to effect the change of SWITCH's fiscal year-end from September 30 to December 31, with an extra three months added to the 2020-2021 fiscal year such that it ends on December 31, 2021, be hereby approved.

**7. Termination of Meeting**

## **SWITCH Director candidate statements:**

### **Education/Research:**

**Maria (Efrosyni) Skordaki**, RMC and Queen's

In the last twenty-five years, working across Canada as an environmental scientist - primarily on projects that involve military infrastructure, I have seen how important it is to adopt sustainable energy practices, as these practices help ensure a viable future for our military and the general public from financial, environmental and health aspects. As a Queen's alumna who has been living with my family in Kingston for almost three decades, I would be pleased and honored to participate in the SWITCH Board of Directors. I am interested in supporting the excellent efforts put forth by SWITCH within our local community in terms of promoting sustainable energy usage and informing the public about relevant initiatives. Through this role, I would also be happy to connect my graduate students at Queen's as well as colleagues at the RMC Green Team with SWITCH members and the local sustainable energy community; I believe that several mutual interests will be identified through this marrying-up of various expertises. For more information, please feel free to visit the following websites: Dr. E. Maria Skordaki - Home ([emariaskordaki.com](http://emariaskordaki.com)), RMC Green Team Website: <https://www.rmc-cmr.ca/en/civil-engineering/rmc-green-team>

### **Education/Research:**

**Nicholas Vlachopoulos**, RMC, Geologos

I am currently a Professor of Civil Engineering at the Royal Military College of Canada and Cross-Appointed at Queen's University. I am also the Founder and a Director of the RMC Green Team that addresses Sustainable Infrastructure, Water and Environmental issues within the Canadian Department of National Defence. I believe that this background and efforts align well with the mandate of SWITCH. I've also been privileged to have been invited to present at SWITCH. I am a professional engineer (in Canada and in Europe) with over 25 years of experience in geotechnical / geological engineering, sustainability works and project management on major construction and research projects. I have worked at well over 150 locations nationally and internationally. Another pastime is being an independent consultant in Kingston, as a Director of Geologos Inc. I am also a father of 2 children and would like to leave them with a better planet than we inherited.

Please feel free to visit the following websites:

Professional Website: <https://nicholasvlachopoulos.ca/index.html>

RMC Green Team Website: <https://www.rmc-cmr.ca/en/civil-engineering/rmc-green-team>

### **Government/Utility**

**Abdul Razak Jendi**, KEDCO

I am a seasoned international business development professional with expertise in international trade and FDI in North America, Europe & Asia. Throughout my career, I gained experience working in companies that are publicly traded, privately held, family-owned, and

non-profit.

Before joining the Kingston EcDev team as the Investment Manager for Sustainable Manufacturing, I held the position of Economic Development Manager at ROI, a Montreal based consulting firm, playing a pivotal role in managing and delivering lead generation programs, in-market representation, and industry analysis for domestic and international clients in Canada, the USA, and Europe. In the United Arab Emirates, I managed over 100 contracts worth \$6.5 billion while working with National Central Cooling Co PJSC (DFM:TABREED). Working with Mazlum Steel Pipes I closed several deals including a landmark deal from Turkey to India worth \$14 million to build a chemical processing plant. I also served as the Deputy Director for the Global New York Canada Office assisting companies to expand and grow in the State of New York, as well as supporting New York based companies enter the Canadian market.

I was brought up and raised in the United Arab Emirates and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance with a minor in Economics from the American University of Sharjah. I am currently completing my Master's in Economics at Concordia University. Serving on the SWITCH Board of Directors will allow me to share industry insights in terms of the region's potential to attract global sustainable energy companies and initiate and support programs that would raise Southeastern Ontario's competitiveness in terms of sustainable talent pools, R&D, and favorable conditions for foreign direct investment. I will also be able to guide local alternative energy companies through available private, provincial, and federal funding programs and manage projects involving several layers of stakeholders. Moreover, I will offer support and guidance for local companies seeking to expand beyond the region and serve other export markets.

### **Private Business/Resident**

**Ian Arthur**, current MPP

Since June 2018 Ian has represented Kingston and the Islands in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. He has 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**

**Tatyana Zaremba**, Zaremba Farms Solar Inc.

Tatyana is a lifelong resident and commercial PV Specialist in Kingston and the 1000 Islands now farming in South Frontenac. Joining SWITCH in 2011, Tatyana built Zaremba Farms Solar Inc., a

100kW grid-tied Commercial Solar Generator Facility operating 5 years and offsetting 1million lbs of CO2 with a solar generating system - over 800MWh of PV Energy so far. Sharing expertise with all local members for over 7 years in Solar Design.

Graduating from the University of Western Ontario's first Environmental Sciences program in Biology and Environmental Sciences, Tatyana is focused on sharing information in Commercial Solar Energy. I possess zero political influences to impede sustainable scientific business logic.

Formally a local SWITCH administrative help to 3 years of SWITCH Board of Directors I would bring administrative knowledge to the board forward. I have grown to devotedly respect the other board members presently serving.