



Mike Christianson



Justin Fallstrom



Pete Segall



Poppy Storm

New Board Members

Northwest Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC)

The NEEC Board of Directors welcomed four new members ([Mike Christianson](#), [Justin Fallstrom](#), [Pete Segall](#), [Poppy Storm](#))



Lucy Gedney



Marcus Thomas

New Board Members

Smart Buildings Center – Education Program (SBCEP)

The SBCEP Board welcomed two new members ([Lucy Gedney](#) and [Marcus Thomas](#)).



New Partner

Smart Buildings Center – Education Program (SBCEP)

SBCEP is excited to welcome **O'Brien360** as a new partner beginning in 2021. O'Brien360 works alongside clients to ensure that new and existing buildings reach the highest possible level of sustainability, providing comprehensive services including consulting, certification, building performance and commissioning. From project conception to occupancy, they bring sustainable building expertise, thoughtful analysis, and technical skills to every project, delivering performance and value for clients in the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

New NEEC Members

NEEC welcomed the following new members during 2020:



June 2020

'Why Smart Buildings?' Executive Forum

In June 2020, SBC hosted *Navigating the New World, How the COVID-19 Crisis Has Strengthened the Case for Smart Buildings Practices and Technologies* as part of the 'Why Smart Buildings?' Executive Forum series. Panelists discussed how the pandemic has strengthened the case for smart buildings technologies and practices to help mitigate unforeseen crises, better manage building operations, and meet the needs of tenants, occupants and other stakeholders in the built environment. The recording is available on the [SBC YouTube channel](#).



September 2020

Smart Buildings Week

In place of the planned in-person Smart Buildings Exchange 2020 event, SBC hosted a virtual [Smart Buildings Week](#) September 14-18, 2020. Each day during the lunch hour, a virtual session crafted from key topics and speaker commitments for the planned in-person event featured a compelling and interactive panel discussion covering smart buildings topics including Using Data and Analytics to Improve Performance, Grid Enabled Efficient Buildings, Achieving Persistent Operational Performance, and Creating Intelligent Spaces. The session recordings are available on the [Smart Buildings Center YouTube channel](#). Thank you to the speakers and event sponsors who made the series possible!

New Online Industry Resource Remote Learning Calendar & Library

With support from Puget Sound Energy, SBC launched a **Remote Learning Calendar** and **Library** to provide access to a clearinghouse for remote education and training opportunities. The calendar and resources are curated for commercial energy managers, trade allies, facility managers, and those with a general interest in energy efficiency and smart buildings technologies and provide details and links to upcoming live and previously recorded remote learning events covering a wide range of topics. Industry stakeholders are encouraged to submit events and recordings using the links below.

[Submit calendar event](#) | [Submit recording](#)

Washington State Controls Apprenticeship

The Washington State Controls Specialist Apprenticeship Committee launched two [Controls Specialist Apprenticeship programs](#) aimed at developing professional expertise in the application, programming and management of building controls and automation systems. The high-demand, high-tech Controls Technology industry needs a “talent river” that benefits both employers and organized trades that build, operate, maintain and/or optimize the built environment. The youth and adult apprenticeship programs provide career pathways into facility operations, engineering and controls contracting occupations.

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Tool Lending Library (TLL)

After a brief closure due to COVID-19 precautions, SBC shared [Tool Lending Library \(TLL\) reopening guidelines](#) and resumed filling tool loan requests using COVID-19 safety protocols. An April 2020 SBC [blog post](#) summarized best practices to reduce the spread of the virus in buildings, focusing on airborne transmission, and highlighted tools in the TLL that can support efforts to effectively prepare and maintain buildings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Building Operator Certification (BOC)

The BOC program responded quickly to the need to pivot to online training in the face of COVID-19 and delivered trainings with little interruption to schedules. All 2020 NEEC BOC courses were delivered virtually, offering students the opportunity to attend live classes remotely with engagement with instructors and peers in an online platform. More about the BOC's response can be [found here](#). Via 40 BOC courses, BOC trained 661 professionals across 22 states.

Spring 2021 courses and the 2021 technical webinar series are open for registration at www.theboc.info

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NEEC Personal

During the unprecedented times of COVID-19 global pandemic, we are grateful that NEEC staff members stayed safe and healthy. NEEC staff transitioned to working from home adhering to WA State pandemic guidelines.

NEEC also welcomed 2 new babies –

- Brittany Quigley welcomed her daughter Isla Virginia Quigley on 12/20/2019



- Harneet Kaur welcomed her daughter Arzoe Kaur Grover on 07/04/2020

