

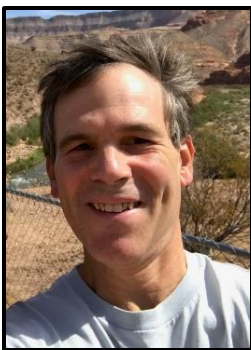
BOARD CANDIDATE LIST

NOTE: Candidates require at least a majority of the votes cast to be elected, so your vote counts, even in an uncontested election like we have this year.

ELECTION to the CO-OP POWER REGIONAL NETWORK BOARD

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Co-op Power is a consumer-owned cooperative with 820 members now and several hundred more joining in the next six months as they sign up for community solar subscriptions in Easthampton and NYC. Co-op Power is a network of community energy cooperatives in New England and New York. Each Community Energy Co-op elects a representative to the Regional Network Board. There are 7 Board Seats reserved for the CEC's and 3-5 additional at-large seats for all of the Members to elect together to the board. Candidates who receive at least 50% of the votes cast are elected to the open board seats and serve a 3-year term. $\frac{1}{3}$ of the board seats are up for election each year.

Members vote for up to two of these at-large candidates:



Eric Broadbent

My professional life has been R&D in imaging and voice recognition, but my true passions have been renewable energy and social justice. Early SJ work centered on anti-KKK and Central America Solidarity movements and now includes supporting BIPOC communities. While on the Town of Harvard's Energy Advisory Committee, I led and saw through fruition efforts to become a Green Community, Solarize Mass and HeatSmart campaigns, Harvard Solar Gardens, Community Choice Aggregation, and a local MVP project. Married with 3 grown children, my wife Susie Macrae and I reside in Florence, MA.

***Why do you want serve on this board?**

I had the privilege to work with several others to establish a community-owned solar garden in central Massachusetts. We overcame many difficult challenges and forged new laws in the process, and while it was a deeply rewarding experience, the benefits of the project were only available to those able to make an up-front investment. I believe that community solar can and must be available to many more people; I believe Coop Power is an organization that can make this happen, and I want to play a role in that.

***What strengths and interests do you bring?**

Some knowledge of renewable energy and regulatory schemes, coupled with a strong desire to ensure that these things benefit the communities that have suffered the most from "free market" policies and a corporate economy.

***What is one thing you hope to accomplish as a board member?**

To learn how I can work with other members and build new collaborations with organizations and leaders in this area, and then use this knowledge to play a role in the creation of a new community solar facility that brings direct benefits and makes a difference in people's lives.



Barbara Pearson

I am a retired university researcher (U Miami and UMass, Amherst) in Linguistics and Research Development. I have lived in Amherst, MA since 1998.

I joined Co-op Power in 2017 and am a member of the 4-household Westhampton Community Shared Solar Garden. It started generating solar credits for us in 2017. I am the unofficial secretary for the group.

***Why do you want serve on this board?**

I appreciate that volunteer power is a large part of the Co-op Power organization. I would like to take my turn at chipping in to make things work and to advance our power.

***What strengths and interests do you bring?**

I like to help get things done, am a team player and value the opinions others.

***What is one thing you hope to accomplish as a board member?**

I would like to make our elected officials and the general public more aware of the good work that Co-op Power does and how they can help us.

COMMUNITY ENERGY CO-OP ELECTION to the CO-OP POWER REGIONAL NETWORK BOARD

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Co-op Power is owned by its 820 owner-members. The Board has one seat for each Community Energy Cooperative in our network elected by the members in those Cooperatives and 3-5 at large seats elected by all Co-op Power Members. Franklin CEC and Hampden CEC each have one seat up for election.



Franklin Community Energy Co-op Members Only - Vote for up to one candidate.

Scott Reed to be elected by Franklin Community Energy Co-op members as their representative on the Co-op Power Regional Network Board

My professional background includes decades of software engineering and years of organic vegetable farming. I have led green jobs trainings for youth in Holyoke and was a home energy auditor. Over the last few years I have been involved with community economic development in the region.

I have been a member of Co-op Power since the beginning and was a founding member of the Products and Services Workgroup. I am most proud of our work in developing the neighbor to neighbor solar hot water installation program. I am re-running for the board of Co-op Power because I think my experience and insights will be useful in navigating our next steps towards a fossil fuel free future. *Scott has been on the Co-op Power Regional board for the last 3 years and is up for re-election at this time.*



Hampden Community Energy Co-op Members Only - Vote for up to one candidate.

Ernesto Cruz, to be elected by Hampden Community Energy Co-op members as their representative on the Co-op Power Regional Network Board

Ernesto Cruz worked on staff at Co-op Power, and he currently serves as Coordinator of the Hampden County Community Energy Co-operative and Secretary for the Regional Board of Directors. He was born in Bronx NY, but as a child moved to Springfield Massachusetts. In 2011, he began his political career volunteering for local elections. From there, doors opened for Ernesto as candidates in his community were interested in having him work on their campaigns. From there, a candidate he helped elect to a Mayoral office asked him to manage his race for State Representative. After winning this seat, Ernesto served as the Representative's Legislative Aide. Ernesto grew experience in writing bills, working on policy, and working directly with members of the community.

Ernesto has been on the Co-op Power Regional board for the last 3 years and is up for re-election at this time. He has also been the Secretary of the Board during his term.

ELECTION to the NORTHEAST BIODIESEL BOARD

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Northeast Biodiesel Company, LLC is 73% owned by Co-op Power; the remainder is owned by local investors and founders. There are a total of 9 Board Seats on the Northeast Biodiesel Board: Co-op Power has 2 seats elected by Co-op Power members and 3 appointed by the Co-op Power board.

Members vote for up to two candidates:



Dan Post to be elected by the Co-op Power members as their representative on the Northeast Biodiesel Company, LLC Board

Dan has been on the Board for 3 years, serving as a representative for Class C shareholders. That term is now up and he is running as Representative of the Co-op Members. He has been involved with fundraising efforts and with keeping investors and lenders informed on Northeast Biodiesel's progress toward launch. He has been interested and involved with environmental issues and alternative energy since 1978, at which time he was part of a college class that researched, designed, and built a passive solar house when such things were not yet well known. He is delighted to be able to be working on a project that will have a much larger beneficial environmental and social impact than that first project.

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Brian Clark to be elected by the Co-op Power members as their representative on the Northeast Biodiesel Company, LLC Board

Brian Clark was born and raised in Ashfield, MA. He has an M.S. in Computer Science and worked at IBM for 30 years as a computer operating system designer. He was appointed as an IBM Fellow in 1996. In 2007, he returned to family's 4th generation apple farm (Clark Brothers Orchards), as a partner. There he oversaw the financing and installation of the farms 40Kw Solar PV system in 2011. Currently Brian is serving in Ashfield's Conservation Commission and Green Communities Committee. He has served on the Board of Northeast Biodiesel for two years. He is a member of the board of directors for the MA/RI State Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation and manages its largest research orchard.