

## VAEEC's February e-Newsletter

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**VAEEC Members Register Now:  
Building Codes Comment Period  
Webinar, April 20**

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development is currently considering upgrades to building codes. The public comment period has been extended to May 26 with a public hearing scheduled for May 15 in Richmond.

VAEEC member representatives are invited to join VAEEC Executive Director Chelsea Harnish for a webinar on Thursday, April 20 at 12pm that will include:

- Key messaging points to consider for your comments
- Overview of VAEEC's draft comments
- Q&A and on-the-spot feedback

Members should email [jessica@vaeec.org](mailto:jessica@vaeec.org) for the registration link.

**Spring Meeting Registration is Open!**

Reserve your spot now for the May 19 Spring Meeting to be held 11am-3pm at the Belmont Recreation Center in Henrico.

The theme is "Opportunities in the Midst of Change," a timely topic.

**Register now.**

The agenda will feature:

- Release of industry census results
- Member success stories via round robin
- Breakout sessions on PACE, Residential EE Messaging, New Technologies for Commercial EE, and Building Codes
- Update on federal policy implications for Virginia

[Learn more and register.](#)



**PACE Primer and Events**

VAEEC is active in efforts to bring Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing to commercial properties in Virginia. Our [recent blog post](#) gives a run-down on the PACE value proposition for property owners, contractors, lenders and localities. [Read it now.](#) Or join us at one of these upcoming events:

[Loudoun County area PACE Lunch + Learn](#) April 18

[Charlottesville area PACE Lunch + Learn](#) April 27



### **Successful events are made by sponsors. Be one!**

Registration is now open for our May 19 meeting, and we still need sponsors to ensure it is successful.

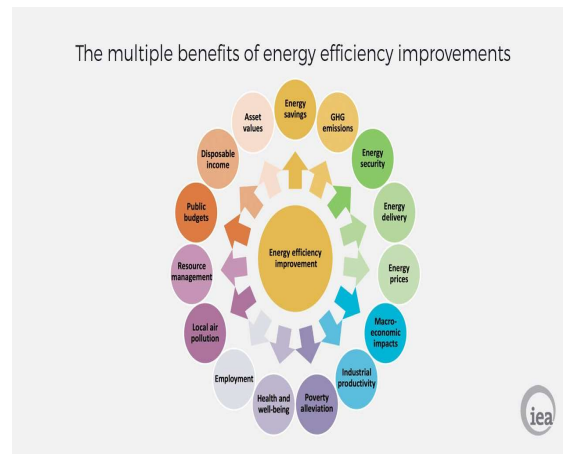
Thank you to our venue sponsor Henrico County and to Friend of VAEEC sponsors Schneider Electric and Trane.

We still have 2 Partner of VAEEC (\$500) and 2 Friend of VAEEC (\$250) sponsorship spots available. If you're interested, please contact [chelsea@vaeec.org](mailto:chelsea@vaeec.org).

**Public Comment Period Open through April 30 on Executive Order 57**

### **Featured Member: Rappahannock Electric Cooperative**

Our April Featured Member is Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, whose "members are served using advanced technology and have access to a wealth of information to help them make the best decisions about how much electricity they use on a monthly basis." [Read more about REC and their innovative customer engagement initiatives.](#)



### **What's Happening to Energy Efficiency at the Federal Level?**

The news coming out of Washington, D.C., related to energy policy is disturbing -- and dizzying. You can count on VAEEC to keep you updated with the latest news, analysis and opportunities for engagement. Starting with this ["Word from Washington" blog post](#).

### **Welcome back to our renewing members!**

It's time to check on your VAEEC membership status and contact us about renewing for another year. Thank you to the following members for joining VAEEC for another year!

2rw Consultants

Chesterfield County

Clean Energy Solutions

The public comment period is now open for Governor McAuliffe's [Executive Order 57](#) on the Development of Carbon Reduction Strategies for Electric Power Generation Facilities. At one of the workgroup sessions, VAEEC made a presentation in favor of considering model building codes as a carbon reduction tool. [Read more about our presentation in this blog post.](#)

### Join the VAEEC Board

Looking for ways to develop a deeper connection with VAEEC and our programs? Now is your chance.

We have one spot available on our [Board of Directors](#) and are seeking nominations.

Board members' membership must be in good-standing in order to qualify. Our executive committee will review candidate resumes and reach out directly. The new board member, as well as some of our current board members, will be elected to the board by the membership at our spring meeting on May 19th.

If you are interested in this board seat, please email your resume to [info@vaeec.org](mailto:info@vaeec.org).

Loudoun County Public Schools

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VEPGA

Virginia Housing Alliance

Virginia Natural Gas

Viridian

### Time to Toot Your Own Horns!

VAEEC Executive Director was honored to be part of a "Construction Design and Sustainability" panel last week at the VMI Environment Virginia Symposium alongside VAEEC members Clark Nexsen and Loudoun County Public Schools. Loudoun discussed some of their work to bring energy efficiency into their buildings and classrooms. We [highlighted their achievements](#) last fall as part of our success story series.

We would love to do the same for your energy efficiency work. Use our [simple online form](#) to send us your success story. Members who attend our [May 19 meeting](#) will have the opportunity to grab the microphone and share these stories in person during our Member Round Robin.

### News and Resources

*Find the latest news on the Trump administration and federal energy efficiency policy in our [recent blog post](#).*

[Will energy efficiency be bigger than rooftop solar in the Southeast?](#) (Clean Energy)

[Why rate design matters for energy efficiency](#) (ACEEE)

[Companies join green advocates in push to save efficiency program](#) (The Hill)

[State of the energy efficiency industry: the utility story](#) (Natural Resources Defense Council, based on the Consortium for Energy Efficiency's [Annual Industry Report](#))

The Virginia Energy Efficiency Council seeks to provide a forum for stakeholder interaction and to assess an support programs, innovation, best practices, and policies that advance energy efficiency in Virginia.



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