# Virginia Energy Efficiency Council 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Throughout 2018, the Virginia Energy Efficiency Council continued to play a pivotal role in advancing energy efficiency policy and programs in the Commonwealth. Working with our partners, we developed C-PACE resources and tools for localities to move C-PACE forward in Virginia. We intervened in both Appalachian Power Company and Dominion Energy's proceedings before the State Corporation Commission seeking approval for new energy efficiency programs. The 2015 Uniform State Building Code went into effect on September 4th and includes more energy efficiency measures than ever before. We continued to host premiere events, including our biannual meetings, webinars, networking gatherings, and legislative site tours to keep stakeholders informed. In November, we recognized the inspiring energy efficiency work being done across the Commonwealth during our third annual Virginia Energy Efficiency Leadership Awards ceremony. Together with our members, we continue to create, implement, and share energy efficiency solutions that keep costs down for residents and businesses, while improving the quality of life in our work and home.

# By the Numbers

New Staff Member Hired

Legislative Site Tours

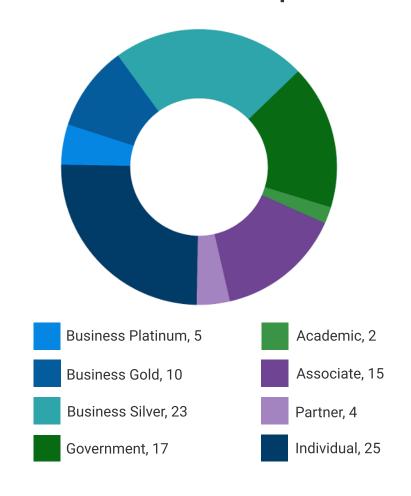
New Board Members

Comments Submitted

Sponsored Events & Webinars

New Members

# 2018 Membership



# **Key Highlights**

### **C-PACE**

We continued our efforts to advance C-PACE across Virginia. We worked with our partners to create resources and tools for localities to use when creating a program, including a Virginia model ordinance and a RFP template. Additionally, we began creating maps of C-PACE eligible buildings in our target localities to show the supply of and potential demand for C-PACE. We also made significant strides in building support for C-PACE from building owners.

### **Policy**

VAEEC participated in negotiations with the Governor's office, the utilities, and other advocates to ensure that strong commitments to energy efficiency were part of the Grid Transformation and Security Act of 2018, and successfully secured a commitment by the electric utilities to propose over \$1B on energy efficiency programs over the next 10 years. This legislation also created a stakeholder process to ensure this \$1B will be spent.

### Membership

VAEEC ended 2018 with 26 new members. The Membership Committee released a number of new member-exclusive benefits, including a Member Directory and Resources page, legislative updates during the General Assembly, Member Networking Table at our events, and member-only Webinars. Staff held one-on-one meetings with our Platinum, Gold, and Local Government members to learn how we can work together to achieve our common goals.

### Regulation

In 2018, VAEEC participated in SCC hearings in support of energy efficiency programs proposed by Dominion Energy and Appalachian Power Company. We also sent a letter to Dominion Energy, on behalf of our program provider members to share feedback and input on current and future program design. VAEEC also worked behind the scenes to provide the SCC and the facilitator with input and research on how an effective stakeholder group should be managed.

### **Building Codes**

Throughout 2017 and 2018, VAEEC worked with our members and partners to adopt rigorous energy building codes for the 2015 Uniform State Building Code (USBC). We successfully negotiated the addition of mandatory duct testing; visual inspection is no longer accepted. We also became a trusted resource to decision-makers on energy measures in the USBC, which went into effect in September.

### **Events**

We hosted our biannual meetings in the spring and fall. The Fall Meeting was held in conjunction with our 3rd annual Virginia Energy Efficiency Leadership Awards. Over 130 people attended and six first place winners were awarded. The Virginia Energy Sense 3rd Grade Curriculum was awarded the first ever Committee's Choice Award. We also held five webinars, two legislative site tours, and one happy hour.

