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## February Featured Member



Our Business Platinum Member of the Month is **Sigora Solar**. Founded in 2011 and headquartered in Charlottesville, VA, Sigora Solar is the largest residential solar provider in Virginia. With its proprietary Produce and Reduce package, Sigora marries in-depth energy efficiency with solar power to create a completely unique product offering in the industry.

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## BIG NEWS From the VAEEC



The Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA) - HB 1526 and SB 851 - passed both the House and the Senate last Tuesday, marking an unprecedented shift in energy policy. VAEEC has been at the forefront of the literal hundreds of hours of negotiations alongside clean energy business organizations and environmental advocates to get the landmark legislation passed. Delegate Sullivan, the bill's patron in the House, said the VCEA will propel Virginia "into the future and into the top tier of states in terms of climate and energy policy."

"To say this is monumental is an understatement," said our Executive Director, Chelsea Harnish. "There are still hurdles ahead, but the passage of the VCEA through both chambers is a massive and critical step for energy efficiency. We're incredibly excited to be part of that success."

The House of Delegates also passed a stand-alone energy efficiency resource standard (EERS) bill - HB 1450 - 75 to 24, with strong bipartisan support. The language in this bill mirrors the EERS component of the VCEA and would establish a mandatory standard for total energy savings for the investor owned utilities.

The VCEA has garnered national media attention, having been featured in the [New York Times](#), the [Washington Post](#), the [Virginian-Pilot](#), and [Utility Dive](#). In our 2020-2022 Strategic Plan, we say that Virginia is poised for revolutionary change. This incredible progress shows how true that is, and how far we have come as both a state and an organization.

## Upcoming Events and More



### Webinar Opportunity

Join the Mid-Atlantic PACE Alliance (MAPA) for their upcoming webinar on **March 18th**, featuring two community-based lenders with experience in closing Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing for new construction and retrofit projects.

Find out why local/regional banks and lending institutions are jumping into C-PACE financing as a promising new line of business to enhance customer

relationships and drive environmentally-friendly economic development in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Register  
Today

## Members Hiring!

VAEEC Member 2RW Consulting is seeking an Electrical Engineer who is passionate about designing energy efficient building systems and combating climate change to join their Charlottesville team.

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## Mark Your Calendars

Don't miss these important dates for energy efficiency.

- **February 3rd - April 6th:** [Public Comment period](#) on the updated draft Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code
- **February 25th:** Public Comments on Appalachian Power Company's DSM SCC filing due
- **March 7th:** [GA Session Ends](#)
- **March 13th:** [MAPA webinar](#)
- **March 30th - April 1:** [PACENation Summit](#), Columbus, OH
- **April 6th - 9th:** [Electrification 2020](#), Charlotte, NC
- **April 23rd - 24th:** Viridiant [Building Sustainability Conference and Building Sustainability Tour](#)
- **Save the Date - May 14th:** VAEEC Spring Forum and Trade Show



Do you have an event or deadline you'd like to include on our upcoming Community Calendar? [Let us know!](#)

## Updates From Around the Industry





## Fairfax County Launches C-PACE Program

Fairfax County officials announced the launch of a **Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency (C-PACE)** program. This is the first program in Virginia to include provisions for resiliency improvements to buildings, which would address risks due to flooding, high winds or extreme heat. The program also accommodates projects designed to address stormwater issues. VAEEC member **Virginia PACE Authority** was awarded the administrator contract in November.

[Learn More](#)



## Energy Sustainability and Efficiency Podcast

Henrico County Public Schools Career and Technical Education program has a podcast exploring the benefits and importance of technical education. Hear from VAEEC members Carrie Webster, the Energy Manager for **Henrico County**, Chase Counts, Director of Utility Programs for **Community Housing Partners**, and KC Bleile, Executive Director of **Viridian**, as they talk about energy sustainability and efficiency in last week's episode.

[Click to Listen](#)

## Get Involved



### The Membership Committee Needs YOU!

The VAEEC Membership Committee is seeking passionate members to help us grow. The



### Apply for our Board of Directors

Are you interested in serving on the VAEEC Board of Directors? There are currently a few open

committee is responsible for expanding membership as well as evaluating and improving benefits.

If you are excited about the work VAEEC does and want to spread the word to your network, please email [info@vaeec.org](mailto:info@vaeec.org) and join the Membership Committee today. We rely on our committees to help guide our direction and growth.

seats that members will elect at our upcoming Spring Forum on May 14th.

We are seeking VAEEC members who are passionately interested in developing our organization to become the premier voice and leader on energy efficiency in Virginia. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to [info@vaeec.org](mailto:info@vaeec.org). Resumes are due by **April 1**.

## New Members

**The VAEEC Board and staff welcome our newest members!**



## Upgraded Members

**BIG THANKS to our members who upgrade their membership!**



*Did you know that there is a discount for upgrading your membership? Email [info@vaeec.org](mailto:info@vaeec.org) to learn more.*

## Renewing Members

**Our work would not be successful without the continued support from our members!**



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## News and Resources

[Virginia Legislators Pass Major Climate Legislation](#) (Associated Press)  
[Viridian Wins NAHB Multifamily Pillars of the Industry Award](#) (Viridian.org)  
[NVRC Releases Interactive Map of LEED Buildings](#) (NVRC)



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