

**Florida Renewable Energy Association**  
**October 29, 2008**

Dave Bessette, President of FREA for the 2007/08 term, resigned his position during the October, 3, 2008, Annual Meeting, so as to become the new President of FLASEIA, the advocacy organization for Florida's solar industry. We congratulate Dave and wish him every success and hope to see evidence of his efforts on every rooftop in our state.

On October 17, 2008, Colleen Kettles resigned her Board position to focus on the very important work of FLASEREF (the Florida Solar Energy Research and Education Foundation). Colleen served as Treasurer for the past year and was active in the steering committee for our upcoming renewable energy expo. We are grateful to Colleen for her service to our organization and look forward to the mutual support that FLASEREF and FREA can give to one another.

On October 3, Dr. Robert Stonerock, who has served as Vice-president under Dave, moved up to the office of President until the upcoming organizational meeting. Dr. Stonerock---Bob---believes strongly that a healthy mix of existing and emerging renewable technologies when mated with efficiency and wise use can make coal and nuclear power plants unnecessary.

Bob also believes that FREA needs to have lots of members in order to maximize its effectiveness. Bob is quick to point out that "there is strength in numbers". If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so. Magic happens in this nation when many people work together for a common purpose.

At the recent Annual Meeting at FSEC (Oct. 3), our members created a set of goals---things we would like to accomplish. These can be viewed at our website, and we encourage you to review them.

On October 25, 2008, the annual organizational meeting of the Board of Directors of FREA took place in Cocoa. During that meeting, two members were appointed by the Board per the Bylaws to fill two vacant positions on the Board - Sam Kendall and Alaina Bernard. Sam is a founding member of the organization (the Central Florida Renewable Energy Society) that subsequently became FREA. Alaina is Assistant Director of UCF's Environmental Initiative and coordinator of their Campus and Community Sustainability Conference.

Also on October 25, the Board elected new officers to serve for the next 12 months. Bob Stonerock is President, Frank Leslie is Vice-president, Jennifer Szaro remains Secretary, and Sam Kendall is Treasurer. Congratulations to our new officers!

The most pressing task is to obtain 501(c)(3) status. Job #2 will be a membership campaign. We shall issue progress reports in the days and weeks to come.

There are many things to write about to keep you informed. Look for more messages on an ongoing basis, both by e-mail and on the website.

Until then, may your days be energized with plenty of sunshine!

FREA Board of Directors