



Welcome!

I am thrilled to have this exciting opportunity to welcome AFCEA International, AFCEA Germantown and new AFCEA Energy chapter members to AFCEA Energy. Knowing that so many of you are as passionately involved in the Energy mission as I am, it is an honor to be serving this community as the new AFCEA Energy President.

Historically, AFCEA Germantown was well-positioned as an established foundation as we now stand up AFCEA Energy. We will continue to represent the values and charter of AFCEA International, and now we are emerging to reflect those values and support the entire Energy community. We are building an organization that is truly common ground for industry and government without geographic bounds. AFCEA Energy will provide the opportunity to build relationships, identify needs and challenges, and explore technology solutions that will help support the diverse mission needs of the Energy community. We cannot do this alone or with a single voice. With that, I am asking for your support by volunteering to help make a difference.

Why The Name Change?

We all know that while important work for Energy is accomplished every day in the D.C. area, this work only accounts for a fraction of the Federal Energy community. Given the geographic, academic and multi-market topology of Energy, we will be creating a framework which allows the establishment of a collaborative environment through technology. This environment will embrace the direction of a more open and transparent government by leveraging technologies such as Web 2.0, and other tools. This technology-based approach will reduce traditional barriers and enable us to reach across the Energy community in way that was previously inaccessible.

The Energy mission has multiple facets and diversity is common. Our efforts will embrace those diversities and spectrum, from the science of developing renewable energy to technology that supports the much needed innovation for the future, in areas such as Nuclear Stewardship, Infrastructure and Innovation, including National and International Security to Solar, Wind, Hydro, and Organics, among others.

What's Next?

As a path forward, we will begin activities to create and execute the transformation of AFCEA Germantown to AFCEA Energy. Mike O'Neil will remain involved as a member of the AFCEA Energy Leadership Team. Martha Przysucha will re-join the AFCEA Energy Leadership Team as part of the Past Presidents Committee. Martha and Mike will bring their talent and experience to help with this exciting new chapter transformation.

I am pleased to announce the following appointments to the AFCEA Energy Leadership Team:

Juli Ballesteros, Director of Communications for Northrop Grumman's Civil Systems Division, will lead all marketing, public and media relations, event coordination, membership, and other communications activities as Executive Vice President and Chief Communications Officer for AFCEA Energy. The AFCEA Energy V.P. of Marketing Communications and V.P. of Memberships positions will report to Juli.

Leonie Rael, Senior Account Manager for Global Network Systems, Inc. (GNS), has been appointed Vice President, Marketing Communications, reporting to Juli. Leonie will coordinate marketing activities, events, and member outreach for AFCEA Energy.

Judson Johnson, Vice President of Business Development for Intercom Consulting and Federal Systems, will serve as Executive Vice President of Operations for AFCEA Energy, which comprises all business operations, including finance. He will ensure that the fiscal resources and needs are balanced with the goals of the organization and its future. The AFCEA Energy VP of Finance and Secretary positions will report to Judson.

Claudine Conway, Manager of Federal Science for the Department of Energy and NRC with responsibilities for National Atmospheric and Space Administration, for Dell, will serve as Vice President of Finance and Treasurer, reporting to Judson.

Brian Chaney, President and CEO of i-VisioNET Incorporated, has accepted the role of AFCEA Energy Chief Technology Officer and Executive Vice President of Media Technology. Brian will work closely with Juli to ensure the effective deployment of the AFCEA Energy website and other Web 2.0 communications tools.

Kathryn Woodward, Director of Business Development, Federal Systems, for Unisys Corporation, will serve as Executive Vice President of Special Programs, and will manage the chapter's Young AFCEAN program.

If you are interested in volunteering your support and time to continue to foster collaboration and encourage greater government and industry partnerships in the Energy community, please email me at president@afceaenergy.org.

I hope that you will join us in continuing the next generation of innovation. It is an exciting time as we push forward to bring the true value and collaboration of industry and government in ways that benefit all involved and set the tone for how government and industry can work together to solve some of the greatest challenges of our time and for the future. If you have any questions, ideas, suggestions, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you and making AFCEA Energy the leader in industry for the next generation of collaboration, leadership and innovation.

Kind Regards,



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