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ANCA Executive Director Kate Fish joins NYSERDA's Board of Directors

Nonprofit leader brings North Country's clean energy goals to the table

Saranac Lake, NY - The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) recently announced that Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) Executive Director Kate Fish has joined its Board of Directors. Fish will serve six years on the NYSERDA board. Her new role coincides with the appointment of Alicia Barton as NYSERDA's president and chief executive officer.

"It is a huge honor to have been selected to join the board of NYSERDA, and testament to the work of ANCA's board and staff on deepening our knowledge and understanding of the approaches that work in the northern part of the state to move the clean energy economy forward," said Fish. "We have built our clean energy program recognizing that clean energy adoption drives a resilient and localized energy economy and results in high quality jobs, cost savings for communities and a cleaner environment. I look forward to working with Alicia Barton and NYSERDA's skilled team to advance New York State's leadership role in protecting the environment for future generations while supporting the 21st century economy."

Kate Fish has served as Executive Director of ANCA since 2010. Early in her tenure with the regional economic development nonprofit, she identified renewable energy as a critical path to more resilient local economies and focused ANCA's strategies on creating stronger local economies, including a clean energy economy.

Prior to taking on her role at ANCA, Fish served as the managing director of Business for Social Responsibility in Europe, a global nonprofit that works to develop sustainable business strategies and solutions. She also served as Vice President of Public Policy for a Fortune 500 company, where she developed key policy platforms, including climate change; and developed and managed their global stakeholder engagement program. Fish currently serves on the executive committee of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council and on the Community Advisory Group of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

“Kate has much to offer the NYSERDA Board of Directors including ANCA’s innovative approach to clean energy that emphasizes the cultivation of private-public partnerships,” said Amanda Lavigne, ANCA’s Clean Energy Program Director. “We believe that investment in clean energy research, development and deployment are critical to building a resilient regional economy and work to advance strategies that benefit local residents and businesses.”

ANCA’s 14-county Adirondack North Country territory hosts over 60 percent of New York State’s existing renewable capacity (excluding New York Power Authority generation), including almost 80 percent of all small-scale hydropower and nearly 60 percent of the wind power sector. These renewable energy facilities are responsible for an estimated 3,200 direct and indirect jobs in their 14 counties. A [May 2016 report](#) by a group of clean energy stakeholders indicated that New York State was anticipating a steady six percent growth rate in clean energy jobs through the year, with over 85,000 New Yorkers employed by more than 7,500 clean energy businesses when the report was released.

“In addition to quality jobs, clean energy initiatives can provide significant savings on energy and safeguard valuable natural resources,” said Lavigne. “Kate recognizes these benefits and is skilled at framing them within the bigger picture of economic development for our region.”

For a complete list of [NYSERDA’s board members](#), visit the [NYSERDA website](#).

[ANCA](#) is an independent nonprofit organization working to build dynamic local economies that sustain thriving communities in Northern New York. Since 1955, ANCA has leveraged the investment of hundreds of millions of dollars into the region in sectors that drive sustainable local economic development.

[NYSERDA](#), a public benefit corporation, offers objective information and analysis, innovative programs, technical expertise and support to help New Yorkers increase energy efficiency, save money, use renewable energy and reduce their reliance on fossil fuels. NYSERDA professionals work to protect our environment and create clean energy jobs. NYSERDA has been developing partnerships to advance innovative energy solutions in New York since 1975.

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