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Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association Elects New Board Members and Presents Individual and Industry Awards

The Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association (GLREA), representing 2,500 members, met today to elect GLREA Board Members and honor individual and industry GLREA award recipients at the Webers Inn of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

GLREA Board President, Howard Edelson, welcomed attendees by stating, "We are gathered together today to recognize the GLREA, a leader in advocating for the installation of PV and Wind energy systems in Michigan, and its' awardees. On behalf of our dynamic board, I look forward to continued industry growth in 2010."

Members listened to updates provided by key Federal, State and Local officials. Fox stated "Senator Stabenow appreciates the efforts of GLREA and its members as they work hard to secure Michigan's energy future through renewable energy use and manufacturing jobs."

State Representative, Rebekah Warren-whose district the meeting was in, focused on state legislation and the movement of industry jobs to Michigan. "I appreciate GLREA's efforts to promote and educate on renewable energy technologies as we plan for Michigan's energy future."

Ann Arbor Mayor John Heiftje highlighted local initiatives. "We value GLREA's leadership, training and expertise in Ann Arbor as we strive to reach new renewable energy goals," stated Mayor Heiftje.

Jennifer Alvarado, Executive Director of the GLREA, announced the 2009 GLREA awards. Michigan Public Service Commissioner, Monica Martinez, was awarded the GLREA Leader of the Year Award. "I am honored to be named Leader of the Year by the GLREA," said Commissioner Martinez. "I have championed making renewable energy a crucial and significant part of Michigan's energy portfolio. By reducing imports and harnessing Michigan generation, we are able to better secure our electric system, promote economic development, and decarbonize our fuel mix one kilowatt at a time."

Additional Award recipients were the GLREA Appreciation Award: Jane Vogel; Business Leadership Award; A3C – Ann Arbor based Sustainable Architecture Firm; Exemplary Project Award: Consumers Energy's Experimental Advanced Renewable Program; Individual Commitment Award: Tom Stanton, Michigan Renewable Program Coordinator, MPSC.

The 2010 GLREA Board members are the following

Dr. Soji Adelaja, MSU Land Policy Institute
David Bertram, Michigan Township Association
Liesl Eichler Clark, State of Michigan, DELEG
Irene Dimitry, DTE Energy
Diane Durance, Great Lakes Entrepreneur's Quest
Howard Edelson, Board President, The Edelson Group
Mary Jo Kripowicz, MJ Capitol Consulting
Shane Lahousse, Renobo Power
Andrew McColm, VC
Arcadio Ramirez, Maestro Management Group
Bruce Rasher, Department of DEQ/DNR
Joseph Savanyo, Ford
Doug Selby, Meadowlark Builders
Darryl Tietz, Basic Solar and Renewables Co.
Craig Weed, Cooper Standard Automotive

The GLREA is the leading Renewable Energy organization for the Great Lakes region in advocating and promoting policies, technologies and practices that are environmentally and economically sustainable while partnering with key stakeholders to connect businesses, governments and communities to increase use of renewable energy technologies.

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