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### **Alison Adams**

Alison studied Environmental Science and Ecology at Oregon State. Alison fell in love with renewables because of the elegant way they address climate change and environmental degradation. To Alison, community is everything. She wants to be involved with a positive, hardworking community that she has come to know at OSSIA. Alison is a new member to OSSIA and is interested in joining the board this year. She sees OSSIA as a gathering of passionate professionals with backgrounds ranging across multiple disciplines. Their combined powers can provide economic growth, job opportunities, and bolster the broader deployment of solar and storage across our state.

Since 2006 Alison has made many connections, ferreted out many opportunities for growth and made many allies in the solar and renewable energy industry. She hopes she can use this as leverage to help the OSSIA board reach their goals.

After college Alison found herself selling roof top solar for a small installer in Colorado, Bella Energy. She enjoyed meeting new people every day, touting the merits of solar energy, seeing her work spring up on residential rooftops, commercial buildings, and nonprofits.

Before settling into her current position working on mega-scale utility projects with SOLV Energy in Bend, she worked for Flux Energy Systems, a woman-owned boutique PV and ESS engineering firm, and in residential equipment distribution at BayWa r.e.. These positions gave her a strong foundation in residential and utility scale energy storage. Her time at BayWa allowed her to work for a national player directly in the Northwest market and get to know residential and commercial installers in Oregon, share in their ups and downs on the solar-coaster and learn more about supply chain than she ever wanted to know.

Now, working for a large EPC and O&M company with a national focus, Alison always takes special interest in Northwest projects that would benefit the Oregon community through the creation of new jobs and revenue streams while benefiting and respecting the communities and ecosystems where we work.



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**Amy Berg Pickett**

Amy is rerunning for the OSSIA board to serve the solar industry and her colleagues in Oregon. Amy has always supported and will continue to support rooftop, distributed, community, off-grid, and Large Scale PV + Storage in Oregon. Amy has been involved with OSSIA (OSEIA) for many years. In her eight-year experience in the industry, she has done everything from extensive stakeholder engagement to micro-siting both at home and in eight other states. Along with that, Amy currently serves as the VP of the OSSIA Board of Directors, and as Chair of the Large Scale PV + Storage Committee. Amy enjoys witnessing and participating in OSSIA's successful policy and agenda pursuits. It is very important to her to volunteer her time to sustain and grow Oregon's burgeoning solar industry, and she believes serving on the board will work to further that aim. Amy currently is the Principal Developer for Sunstone Energy.

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**Jerry Samaniego**

Jerry is the sales manager for Benton Electric. Jerry is interested in rejoining the OSSIA board to give back to the industry that has fed him for the last 45 years. Jerry is a second generation solar guy. His dad started his solar company in Tucson, Arizona in 1977. The first time Jerry can remember being on a roof with his dad was when he was 4 years old. The first time he remembers getting paid for being on a roof with him was when he was 15. Jerry joined the family business fulltime in 1998 after spending about 9 months in Oregon on a post-college adventure. In 2013 Jerry's family was ready for a change, with his then wife and they made the move and bought a house in the McKenzie Valley outside the Eugene/Springfield area. After spending about a year of going back and forth and transitioning himself out of the family business, he joined the solar workforce here in Oregon and has done sales and installations for several companies in the Willamette Valley. Jerry had been the Solar Sales Manager at Benton Electric since May of 2021.



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**Katie Martin**

Katie is currently the Construction Manager for Elemental Energy, a locally owned solar and electrical contractor in Portland, Oregon. Katie has served the past 2 years as Board Secretary and Technical Committee Chair for OSSIA. She enjoys volunteering her time with OSEEF and Twende Solar. Katie has enjoyed representing distributed generation contractors and net metering customers in her last 2 years on the OSSIA board. She is excited to continue work on technical code, rule and regulation improvements that will allow faster deployment of solar across the state. As the sector grows - it is important to build up a workforce that is knowledgeable and committed to the highest of standards. It would be her pleasure to continue working with OSSIA and for the industry at large on these initiatives.

Katie has been working in the construction sector since 2005 - with a focus on sustainable construction methods and energy efficiency. After joining the solar industry in 2012, she found her passion with the blend of the electrical and structural trades. Since 2012 Katie has built an extensive portfolio of installations with a focus on large commercial system design. Her work in project management and operations has often included outreach around workforce development and a significant foundation of technical knowledge.



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**Marshall McGrady**

Marshall is interested in joining the OSSIA board this year. Oregon will see a massive surge in the amount of renewable construction in the next twenty years and Marshall wants to be part of the exciting future. A good portion of that development will be in the Solar Industry. It is imperative that highly qualified, skilled labor does these installations as the state will be relying upon renewable energy for years to come. Marshall will bring a strong background in labor, apprenticeship and politics to the table to ensure that we have the workforce that is ready to meet the challenges here in Oregon.



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**Mike McArthur**

Mike is interested in rejoining the OSSIA board to add a public sector viewpoint. Mike is currently the Executive Director for CREA, the Community Renewable Energy Association. Mike served as Sherman County Judge from 1992-2004. He then took on the Executive Director position for the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), which he held until 2018. He chaired the Governor's Renewable Energy Work Group from 2005-2007 and has been involved with and supportive of CREA since its formation.



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**Ryan Sheehy**

Ryan is the President of Fleet Development LLC. While working with OSSIA Ryan has developed into an important voice shaping the future of the solar+storage industry in Oregon. Ryan would like to continue to be a part of championing the solar industry. Over the last 5-years Ryan has built a company that has enabled over 2.4 MW of rooftop and community solar focused on enabling low-income (Affordable) housing to participate in the clean energy transition. Ryan also spearheaded or participated in stakeholder groups working to modernize policy and provide financing opportunities with regard to renewable energy at the federal, state, and local level.



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**Sara Sayles**

Sara is an attorney at Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt. Sara has enjoyed her time as an OSSIA Board member and is looking to renew her seat. She loves to provide insight and learn what OSSIA is doing as an organization, she is looking forward to continuing to contribute her thoughts and time.

Sara Sayles is an accomplished real estate transactional attorney with a diverse set of skills and experience working in multiple jurisdictions. She advises developers, landowners, and landlords on land use matters, commercial leases, property sales, and community association matters. Her industry knowledge extends to preparing, reviewing, and negotiating real estate documents and contracts. Sara builds relationships with her clients to understand their objectives and strategically meet their goals, using her broad industry background to champion her clients' cause in the field.

In addition to her transactional real estate experience, Sara focuses on utility-scale solar development. Beginning with applications to county planning departments and culminating in arguing her clients' positions before local planning commissions, hearings officers, and the Land Use Board of Appeals, she has assisted developers in obtaining land use entitlements for over 30 Oregon solar projects.

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**Sashwat Roy**

Sashwat is the technology and policy manager at Renewable Northwest. He has always thought of increasing access to solar energy as one of the most democratic forms of energy supply. Sashwat is hoping to renew his seat on the OSSIA board. Sashwat wants to rejoin because it would help him utilize his technical skill sets to engage with OSSIA members to help achieve the vision of the organization.

Sashwat job at Renewable Northwest helps to support research and analysis to propel renewable energy and energy storage resources in the Pacific Northwest

