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2025

**Board of Directors
Elections**

CANDIDATES & VOTING



Voting is now open for the Marine Renewables Canada 2025 Board of Directors Election. Voting will continue until 11:59 pm (AT) Friday, December 13, 2024.

Marine Renewables Canada (MRC) is committed to the Government of Canada's 50-30 Challenge which promotes diversity and inclusion on Canadian boards and in senior management. We're seeking applicants that represent Canada's rich diversity including women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, people who identify as LGBTQ2 and members of visible minority groups. MRC encourages its membership to support this commitment when casting votes.

There were THREE (3) seats available for the 2025 Board of Directors, with each seat designated for female candidates to ensure a gender balanced and diverse board.

Six (6) nominations have been received for these three seats, therefore a vote is required. The nominees are:

- Anne-Marie Belliveau , Owner, **Projectable Consulting**
- Barb Bryden, Stakeholder Manager, **DP Energy**
- Rudee Gaudet, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, **EverWind Fuels**
- Dawn MacDonald, Global Offshore Wind Market Sector Lead, Environment & Energy, **AECOM**
- Maria Pallard, Principal Consultant, **ABL Canada (Part of ABL Group)**
- Marina Winterbottom, Principal, **Bluedot Environmental**

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How to vote

Eligibility.

To vote, you must be an MRC **Full, Marine Energy Leader** or **Marine Energy Champion member** in good standing.

One vote per member company.

Votes are counted by company. This means **each member company will get one ballot and can vote for up to three (3) candidate(s)**.

The first ballot(s) received from your company will be the only ballot accepted. There are no exceptions. Please discuss with your colleagues prior to voting!

How to vote.

To vote, please email amanda@marinerenewables.ca with your choice of candidate(s) by Friday, December 13, 2024.

And now ... meet your candidates!
View the candidates' full biographies below.

ANNE-MARIE BELLIVEAU



PROJECTABLE
CONSULTING

Hello MRC members,

My name is Anne-Marie Belliveau. I am the owner of Projectable Consulting, providing project development, management, and strategic planning services primarily in the marine renewable energy sector. I want to share my professional experience and passion for the marine renewable energy sector and am seeking nomination to MRC's Board of Directors.

I am a Professional Engineer and certified Project Manager with over 17 years of professional experience. I have spent the last decade working in the marine renewable energy sector in Nova Scotia. My current and former clients and professional roles within the sector include:

- Canada's Ocean Supercluster, where I provide project and business development support.
- DP Energy, where I was the early-stage project development lead of the Nova East Wind floating offshore wind project.
- Emera, where I was the Tidal Project Development Manager.
- The Fundy Ocean Research Center for Energy (FORCE), where I held the position of Director of Operations.

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ANNE-MARIE BELLIVEAU



I have long been involved and supportive of MRC's mandate. This includes attending and presenting at MRC conferences over the last ten years and joining trade missions led by MRC. These experiences, in addition to my professional experience, have helped me better understand the many opportunities and challenges of the marine renewable energy sector in Canada, including:

- The incredible potential of offshore wind developments, both for direct grid-tie-in and hydrogen and other green fuel generation.
- The pivotal moment in Canada's tidal energy sector, and how MRC can help drive this sector towards success.
- The need to continue development of wave and river current energies, as these technologies have great potential to help decarbonize the Canadian grid and communities.
- Perhaps the most critical industry members are supply chain businesses, who will make the marine renewables sector in Canada successful.

I have had the pleasure of working with many MRC members, directors and supporters. I look forward to meeting many more and will strive to strengthen MRC's important advocacy work. I am well positioned and passionate about supporting MRC to steer Canada's marine renewables sector into the future.

BARB BRYDEN



Nova East Wind

With over 35 years' experience working in the public and private sectors, including resource and renewable energy, I bring extensive stakeholder engagement, environmental knowledge and strategies supporting the growth of the marine renewable sector. My focus is to advocate, cultivate and encourage strong relationships locally, nationally and globally.

I had a 27-year career with the province of Nova Scotia as an Environmental Engineering Technologist, Inspector Specialist, and Supervisor of the Ambient Air Monitoring Program. The following 7 years as an Environmental Manager in the resource sector, I managed environmental permits and assessments, educational tools, development and delivery of public outreach, along with leading and participating in various teams and committees. In 2023, I joined DP Energy as Stakeholder, Rightsholder and Community Liaison Manager, leading stakeholder, rightsholder and community engagement for all DP Energy projects across Canada. Throughout my career, I have organized and participated in various workshops, conferences, events, open houses and information sessions.

I hold a Master of Environmental Management and Restoration, Bachelor of Technology Environmental Science, Bachelor of Environmental Studies, and Environmental Engineering Technology Diploma and am a member of TechNova. I volunteer as a Catalyste+ Advisor with Global Affairs Canada offering mentorship, stakeholder and environmental knowledge fostering diversity, equity and inclusion strengthening economies across Canada and beyond.

I am passionate about sustainability and environmental responsibility and can provide a wealth of experience, governance and oversight to the Marine Renewables Canada 2025 Board of Directors. You can learn more about me [here](#).

RUDEE GAUDET



I am the Director of Communications and Public Affairs at EverWind Fuels, a leading green hydrogen developer headquartered in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In this role, I oversee strategic communications, public relations, and stakeholder engagement, championing EverWind's mission to advance sustainable practices and transform the sustainable fuels landscape in Atlantic Canada and beyond. I strive for a thoughtful and credible approach to communications and am committed to fostering transparency and building solid and meaningful relationships with partners, communities, and stakeholders across the maritime industry.

Before joining EverWind Fuels, I built a distinguished career in the Canadian Armed Forces, where they served for over 13 years, initially as a Naval Warfare Office and, more recently, as a Public Affairs Officer with the Royal Canadian Navy. Specializing in gray hull diplomacy, I developed crucial international connections with allied nations and honed crisis communications and public affairs skills through assignments with NATO operations and senior Command advisory roles. My military experience fostered an exceptional ability to manage complex situations, adapt to challenging environments, and uphold the highest standards of accountability and trust.

I continue my service as a Reservist with the Canadian Armed Forces, which enables me to leverage my communications and public service expertise, bringing a unique, mission-driven perspective to their work at EverWind Fuels. I am deeply rooted in Atlantic Canada and passionate about contributing to its community and advancing sustainable, resilient solutions for the maritime sector.

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RUDEE GAUDET



I am eager to join the Board of Directors for Marine Renewables Canada to actively contribute to advancing Canada's leadership in sustainable marine energy. My work with EverWind Fuels, combined with over a decade of service in the Canadian Armed Forces, has given me a unique perspective on the strategic and operational challenges facing the maritime and renewable energy sectors. As a dedicated Atlantic Canadian, I am deeply invested in the region's economic growth and environmental resilience. Marine Renewables Canada is pivotal in fostering innovation and collaboration to support these goals. I am motivated by the opportunity to work alongside industry leaders and stakeholders, leveraging my experience in public affairs, communications, and community engagement to help amplify Marine Renewables Canada's mission and expand awareness of the potential for marine energy solutions across Canada and beyond.

For your consideration,

Rudee Gaudet

DAWN MACDONALD



AECOM

My name is Dawn MacDonald, and I am the Global Offshore Wind Market Sector lead for AECOM, a global infrastructure consulting firm that provides environmental, engineering and advisory services to clients around the world. In my current role, I work closely with our teams and clients in Europe, Asia, Australia, the US and Latin America, which gives me a very broad view of the global offshore wind market, the key players, emerging technologies, and issues facing the industry. AECOM provides services across the OSW sector to clients who include developers, regional utilities and transmission system operators, ports, regulators and original equipment manufacturers. This unique role offers me exposure to the issues and concerns facing many of the key players who may be evaluating investments in the Canadian marine energy market.

Prior to joining AECOM, I spent 5 years based in Europe providing oversight to projects from early development through to operations for a Canadian investor in European offshore wind. In that role, I was able to get first-hand understanding of the different regulations and policies regimes put in place by different European nations and the resulting impact on the investment approach and project strategies adopted by OSW developers and other players in the market. I also had the opportunity to work very closely with project teams as they advanced projects from their very earliest stages through to the start of operations, giving me a deep familiarity with the complexities of balancing environmental & regulatory constraints, local investment goals, stakeholder commitments and technical & engineering challenges against the requirements for favourable project economics. I acted as a board member for an operating offshore wind project in the UK, giving me insights into the contractual, stakeholder relations, general operations and maintenance challenges of the operations phase of an offshore wind project.

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DAWN MACDONALD



I've worked in the energy industry for nearly twenty years, and I began transitioning my career towards renewables over a decade ago. Once I got involved in offshore wind, I was hooked on this dynamic sector, and I'm thrilled that Canada is now looking at leveraging its world-class wind resources to develop a new green energy sector. As someone who grew up in the East Coast and who retains close family ties to the region, I'm passionate about developing this sector in a manner that is sustainable, which provides long term economic and social benefits to local communities and First Nations, and importantly is profitable and bankable for prospective developers and investors.

I believe Marine Renewables Canada plays a critical role in representing industry as the regulatory framework for this new sector is developed. As a board member, I believe I could bring a broad, global perspective to the MRC team based on my ongoing work with market players across the value chain, my exposure to emerging environmental, social and technological trends & best practices, and my experience with the benefits and challenges of different market structures and policies. I'm passionate about the emerging Canadian offshore wind sector and eager to participate in building a long-term successful marine energy industry.

MARIA PALLARD



ABL is a leading global independent energy and marine consultant working in energy and oceans to de-risk and drive the energy transition across the renewables, maritime and oil and gas sectors. Maria, a Principal Consultant at ABL Canada's Halifax office, is responsible for Marine Warranty Surveying and business development for the emerging offshore wind and renewables industry in Atlantic Canada. Her passion for clean energy technology and sustainability has driven her career, and she is eager to contribute to the industry as part of MRC's Board of Directors.

Maria is a Naval Architect with diverse experience in engineering, surveying, and business development. She joined ABL Canada in 2024, bringing her expertise to the forefront of the offshore renewables industry in Atlantic Canada. Her career began at Lengkeek Vessel Engineering, where she worked on many clean energy projects, particularly tidal projects in Atlantic Canada, including OpenHydro's Cape Sharp Tidal and SME's Pempa'q projects. She later transitioned to the role of Engineering Manager with Lengkeek, where she led continued advancement of marine renewable projects through robust design and de-risking of operations in Canada. At ABL, Maria has gained experience with on site operations for renewable projects, which lends her a unique perspective on how these projects are realized from the ground up.

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MARIA PALLARD



Joining the MRC Board of Directors presents an exciting opportunity for Maria to actively contribute to and advocate for the marine renewables industry in Canada. She is passionate about shaping projects that harness the power of offshore renewable energy, making significant strides towards a greener and more sustainable future. Serving on the board would allow her to apply her knowledge of marine renewable energy industry operations in a meaningful way and contribute to the development of robust, low-risk strategies for the industry's further advancement and to the betterment of our planet and those who live on it.

Maria holds a diploma in Naval Architecture from the Marine Institute in St. John's, NL and a M.Sc in Applied Mathematics from Irkutsk State University in Russia. Her educational background has provided her with a strong foundation in both theoretical and practical aspects of marine engineering and renewable energy.

Having lived and worked in Atlantic Canada for over 10 years, she enjoys all things nature and has been actively volunteering with Halifax Regional Search and Rescue for several years.

MARINA WINTERBOTTOM



BLUEDOT
ENVIRONMENTAL

Hello MRC community! My name is Marina Winterbottom and I live in Gibsons, just outside Vancouver on BC's Sunshine Coast, with my partner, dog, and two sassy young children. I am a mountain biker, backcountry skier, SCUBA diver, wannabe gardener, board game enthusiast, and coffee snob. I am also a registered professional biologist with over fifteen years of experience working on marine assessment and permitting projects along the Arctic, Atlantic, and Pacific coastlines. I've worked on some of Canada's most complex proposed marine developments requiring extensive innovation, technical expertise, collaboration, and process knowledge. I hold a BSc in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology from the University of British Columbia and a Master's in Marine Management from Dalhousie University.

After years of working at mid-to large firms, I co-founded Bluedot Environmental in 2023 with the intention of infusing more heart-centred leadership, better science communication, and meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples into the environmental consulting industry. Feeling the urgency of the climate crisis, I've shifted my priority focus to marine renewables, particularly tidal energy. For the past three years, Bluedot has been working with Yourbrook Energy Systems to permit and develop a tidal demonstration project on Haida Gwaii, with the full support of the Haida Nation, to support the transition off diesel.

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MARINA WINTERBOTTOM



I want to join MRC's Board for three main reasons. First, I wholeheartedly believe in the transformative power of decarbonization in general, and marine renewables in particular, as well as in MRC's mission to champion and accelerate the sector.

I also believe the Pacific Coast is lagging behind the Atlantic in the energy transition, and that increasing MRC's regional presence on the west coast can help to bridge the gap. Second, as a parent, I want my children to know that I fought hard for their future and played an active role in advancing both climate action and climate justice.

Third, I believe my skills and experience will add value to the Board. I have strong relationships with First Nations, regulators, and industry; in-depth knowledge of both provincial and federal policy and legislative landscapes; deep technical expertise and field experience in Pacific Northwest marine ecosystems; and, considerable experience (and success) in getting projects permitted. I also have previous Board experience (QMUNITY, BC's queer resource centre) so I understand how boards operate as well as the fiduciary duties that come with such a role. I am a strategic thinker, fierce advocate, and inclusive community-builder and would be honoured to serve on this Board and help propel the marine renewables sector forward in ways that uplift us all. Really appreciate the nomination and thank you for considering me for this position.

VOTE FOR OUR **2025** BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To vote, please email
amanda@marinerenewables.ca
with your choice of candidate(s)
by **Friday, December 13th,**
2024.



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