



2016 ABC Priorities

Long Term:

- Promote the development of biogas markets, technologies and infrastructure
- Maximize the amount of biogas produced from organic, non-woody waste
- Promote the use of digested material
- Achieve policy parity with other renewables
- Promote the deployment of biogas systems as a best practice to reach environmental, economic and recycling goals.

Near Term:

- Increase the recognition of biogas systems as recycling and energy-generating systems
- Reduce the cost of and barriers to gas and electric interconnection
- Advocate for the creation and protection of favorable net-metering policies
- Develop tools to share best practices with biogas system operators

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Staff:

Patrick Serfass, Executive Director

Caroline Peat, Project Assistant

Maureen Walsh, Lobbyist

Cordelia Pearson, Finance Manager

Additional staff (web, events, graphics, project managers, etc.) from Technology Transition Corp.

A more detailed set of these priorities is available to ABC Members through the members only site.

Federal Legislative and Regulatory Affairs (FLRA)

- Co-Chair: Amy Kessler, Turning Earth
- Co-Chair: John Hanselman, Vanguard Renewables

Four key priorities: climate change, food waste reduction, Renewable Fuel Standard and nutrient recovery

State Legislative and Regulatory Affairs (SLRA)

- Co-Chair: Tony Callendrello, NEO Energy
- Co-Chair: Bill Jorgensen, Vanguard Renewables

Four key priorities: organics recycling plans, net-metering policies, clean power plan implementation, state legislation support/opposition as requested by members

Marketing & Education

- Nora Goldstein, BioCycle
- Lisa McFadden, Water Environment Federation
- Kendall Christiansen, Gaia Strategies

Three key priorities: safety & nuisance materials, ABC Sustainability Seal, regular outreach actions

Membership

- Co-Chair: Paul Greene, Natural Systems Utilities
- Co-Chair: Craig Frear, Regenix

Key goals:

- 75 new members and less than 30 dropped members.
- Less than \$50,000 in lost revenue due to non-paying members
- Increase the conversion of prospective members to active ABC members.
- Attend biogas industry conferences and those serving key industry sectors where ABC membership is weak.
- Ensure new members are welcomed and appropriately initiated with regard to the opportunities available to gain more value out of their ABC membership and contribute to ABC programs.
- Instill the value of member growth in all Board members

Working Groups

For the American Biogas Council, working groups are near-term focused groups aimed usually at one deliverable to accomplish over a couple months. When that deliverable is accomplished, the group decides to move to accomplish a new goal or deactivate. Here are the key priorities as envisioned at the beginning of 2016, by working group:

Co-Products Working Group and Digestate Standard Task Force

- Co-Chair: Amy Kessler, Turning Earth
- Co-Chair: Clarke Pauley, CR&R

- Co-Chair: Melissa VanOrnum, DVO, Inc.

Two key priorities: Finish the ABC's Digestate Standard and Certification Program and organic certification for digestate.

RNG Working Group

- Co-Chair: Sean Mezei, Dekany Consulting
- Co-Chair: Norma McDonald, Organic Waste Systems

Four key priorities: RNG purity recommendation, FERC case to address RNG discrimination, RIN calculator, Project Profiles with RNG pipeline injection

Operators Working Group

- Co-Chair: Paul Greene, Natural Systems Utilities
- Co-Chair: Mark Stoermann, Newtrient

Two key priorities: Operators Best Practices Guide and Biogas Operators University online training

R&D Working Group

- Co-Chair: Christine McKiernan, BIOFerm Energy Systems
- Co-Chair: Craig Frear, Regenis
- Co-Chair: Tony Callendrello, NEO Energy

Two key priorities: Inter-University Communication, Biogas-related R&D Database

Finance Working Group

- Co-Chair: Michael Land, Baker Tilly

Key priorities: California Biogas Finance Program Workshop