



42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF  
New England Governors and  
Eastern Canadian Premiers

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Gouverneurs de la Nouvelle-Angleterre et  
Premiers ministres de l'Est du Canada

Stowe, Vermont, August 12-14, 2018

Stowe, Vermont, du 12 au 14 août, 2018



## Agenda

7412 Mountain Road, Stowe Mountain Lodge

### **SUNDAY AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>**

10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

#### **Conference Registration**

*Location:* Stowe Mountain Lodge 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

#### **Business to Business Meetings**

*Location:* Second Floor, Alpine Club

*Description:* The B2B program provides companies with a unique opportunity to have tailored one-on-one networking meetings to discuss prospective partnerships with regional companies and potential obstacles that will impact their businesses with the changing environmental and political setting while attending the various conference panels. This year, the B2B program will focus on the future of electric and autonomous vehicles, energy storage and transmission, and renewable energy.

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

#### **Companion Activities: See Separate Agenda**

### **SUNDAY AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>**

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

#### **Opening Reception**

*Location:* Courtyard (Spruce Camp if it rains)

*Description:* Please join us as we experience a “Taste of Vermont,” an opening reception to welcome guests to Stowe, Vermont as we enjoy music from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and sample delicious food and beverages that showcase not just the ingredients but the crafting processes that the Green Mountain State is famous for.

### **MONDAY August 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

#### **Conference Registration Continues**

*Location:* Stowe Mountain Lodge 1<sup>st</sup> floor lobby

*Description:* CICS registration desk will be open for ongoing support.

#### **Delegate & Guest Breakfast**

*Location:* Solstice Room & Terrace, Stowe Mountain Lodge

*Description:* A buffet breakfast is provided for all delegates and staff.

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

#### **Companion Activities: See Separate Agenda**

## **MONDAY August 13<sup>th</sup> (cont.)**

### **9:15 AM – 9:45 AM NEG/ECP Meeting Opening**

*Location:* Tamarack Ballroom, Stowe Mountain Lodge

*Description:* Governor Scott as NEG/ECP co-chair and host opens the conference with a welcome and, acknowledges the NEG/ECP co-chair Premier Gallant, and provides a brief overview of the format of the day's events.

### **9:45 AM – 10:45 AM Session 1: The Evolution of Energy Storage**

*Location:* Tamarack Ballroom, Stowe Mountain Lodge

*Description:* The cold snap, during the winter of 2017, affected the entire region and its customers. An estimated two million barrels of oil were burned in order to produce enough electricity for New England alone. The potential use of more fossil fuels during peak times will directly affect the region's GHG emission's goals for 2020. States and provinces have turned to energy storage as a potential solution in order to deliver reliable clean energy to the consumers without tapping into fossil fuel sources. With technology advancing at a rapid pace and energy storage being at the forefront of conversation, what does the future of energy distribution look like and how will this affect energy supply for the region?

#### **Moderator:**

Josh Catanguay, VP/CIO Green Mountain Power

#### **Panelists:**

Adam Knudsen, President, Dynapower

Mary Sprayregen, Policy Director, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation

Jason Aspin, CEO/CTO, Aspin Kemp & Associates

Sue Gander, Division Director, National Governors Association

### **10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Break Sponsored By National Grid**

### **11:00 AM– 12:15 AM Session 2: The Role of Policy to Drive EV Innovation**

*Location:* Tamarack Ballroom, Stowe Mountain Lodge

*Description:* To date, the region as a whole has over 51,600 light duty electric vehicles on the road and over 4,000 charging stations including DC fast chargers and Level II charging stations. With progressive regional and jurisdictional goals and VW settlement money being distributed to states and various organizations, the electric vehicle market and supported infrastructure will have an inevitable increase over the next five-ten years. The discussion now is what will push the region into the next stage of electric vehicle adoption and how can policy drive innovation and what will it take to then drive consumer and corporate buy-in?

#### **Moderator:**

Vicki Arroyo, Executive Director, Georgetown Climate Center

#### **Panelists:**

Marcy Reed, President, Massachusetts and EVP Policy and Social Impact, National Grid

Dave Farnsworth, Senior Associate, the Regulatory Assistance Project

## **MONDAY August 13<sup>th</sup> (cont.)**

### **11:00 AM– 12:15 AM Session 2: The Role of Policy to Drive EV Innovation**

#### **Panelists (cont.):**

June Tierney, Commissioner, Vermont Public Service Department  
John Gilbrook, Director of Sales, Chargepoint

### **12:30 AM – 1:45 PM Delegate Lunch with Keynote Speaker, Jason Grumet**

*Location:* Spruce Camp

*Description:* All delegates and staff are welcome to lunch with speaker, Jason Grumet, president of the Bipartisan Policy Center. BPC has combined the best ideas from both parties to promote health, security, and opportunity for all Americans. While conversations at the NEG/ECP focus on energy, environment, and trade; it is an important reminder that civility and collaboration is essential for the region as a whole no matter one's political party.

### **2:00 PM – 3:15 PM Session 3: NAFTA and Trade**

*Location:* Tamarack Ballroom, Stowe Mountain Lodge

*Description:* New England and Eastern Canada's trade relationship is intertwined boasting the world's largest bilateral economic relationship with billions of dollars' worth of imports and exports between the two. With NAFTA negotiations still underway and changing political environment between the United States and Canada-New England and Eastern Canada have a lot to lose if a compromise is not made. Discussions will include the importance of trade between the region, projections for New England/Eastern Canadian relations with NAFTA, and how the states and provinces can shape the future of trade for the region.

#### **Moderator:**

Jon Sorenson, President, New England Canadian Business Council

#### **Panelists:**

Raymond Bachand, President, Institut du Québec  
James Knott Jr, CEO, Riverdale Mills  
Dr. Robert Letovsky, Business Administration Professor, St. Michael's College  
Maryscott Greenwood, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian American Business Council

### **3:15 PM – 3:30 PM Closing Business and Resolutions**

*Location:* Tamarack Ballroom, Stowe Mountain Lodge

*Description:* Governor Scott chairs final business session of the conference – Co-chairs sign resolutions

### **3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Break**

### **3:45 PM-4:00 PM Governors and Premiers Press Conference Prep**

*Location:* Mountain Birch Room, Junior Ballroom

## **MONDAY August 13<sup>th</sup> (cont.)**

4:00 PM -4:45 PM **Concluding Press Conference**  
*Location:* Tamarack Ballroom, Stowe Mountain Lodge

3:00 PM – 5:30 PM **B2B Meetings Continue**  
*Location:* Second Floor, Alpine Club

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM **Dinner & Entertainment**  
*Location:* Spruce Camp

*Description:* For the final night of the conference we invite all delegates and guests to join us for dinner located at Spruce Camp. This spectacular Great Room offers a rotunda of floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking Spruce Peak and the base village. Bask in the true Vermont setting while enjoying the local entertainment of the Starline Rhythm Boys.

## **TUESDAY August 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Delegate & Guest Breakfast**  
*Location:* Tamarack Ballroom & Terrace, Stowe Mountain Lodge

*Description:* A buffet breakfast is provided for all delegates and staff.

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Regional Coordinators Breakfast Meeting**  
*Location:* Oak Room, Junior Ballroom, Stowe Mountain Lodge

*Description:* The Regional Coordinators convene to de-brief the conference Outcome and discuss priority topics and activities in the coming year for the Coordinators and joint committees.

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Morning Hike with Green Mountain Club**  
*Location:* All participants meeting in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Main Lobby at 8:45 a.m.

*Description:* Join the Green Mountain Club on a hike through the Smuggler's Notch area of Vermont. Participants will meet in the First Floor Main Lobby at 8:45am in order to attend the hike. As a reminder, please make sure to sign up for the hike prior to the conference and wear appropriate clothing. The hike is approximately 1.5 miles with limited elevation changes.

