

News Release

New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE) Announces New Leadership

BOSTON, MA (October 23, 2024) – New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE), a gender-diverse and inclusive community of more than 1,200 active members dedicated to diversifying the energy and environmental fields, is proud to announce its appointment of [Catherine Finneran](#) as president, [Sarah Adams](#) as vice president, [Kristin Dupre](#) as treasurer and [Kelly Smith](#) as clerk, as well as [Janel Granum](#) and [Laurel Boivin](#) to its Board of Directors.



NEWIEE President Catherine Finneran, Vice President Sarah Adams, Clerk Kelly Smith, and Treasurer Kristin Dupre (clockwise from top left).



Finneran, who serves as vice president of transmission project development, siting and project services for [Eversource Energy](#), leads the development of Eversource’s major projects, delivering important siting outcomes to enable a strong grid that can deliver clean energy, ensure resiliency, and meet regional decarbonization goals. Adams, state policy advisor for the region’s grid operator, [ISO New England](#), is responsible for performing outreach to government officials and other power system stakeholders. Smith, who serves as onshore package manager at [Ocean Winds](#), leads delivery of the onshore transmission to interconnect 1,287 MW of renewable offshore wind energy from the [SouthCoast Wind 1](#) Project. Dupre is vice president of strategy and development for [Adobe Energy Management](#), where she has led the development and growth of electrification and decarbonization programs.

“It’s an honor to lead NEWIEE’s critical mission forward, and to work with this diverse and powerful team of women who are collaborating to build a vibrant future for our industry and the region,” said Finneran. “With the launch of our Vermont Chapter, hiring of our first association manager, and commencement of a strategic planning process to guide our next steps forward, our outgoing President Joey Lee Miranda’s leadership over the past two years has been transformational and I’m looking forward to building upon her success as NEWIEE begins this next phase of the organization’s evolution.”

Together with the organization’s 2025 slate of officers, Granum and Boivin were elected to their new roles on NEWIEE’s Board of Directors at the organization’s annual retreat. Program Director of Student and Young Adult Initiatives for the [Massachusetts Clean Energy Center](#), Granum creates and manages programs aimed at building and upskilling the diverse clean energy workforce the commonwealth will need to meet its ambitious decarbonization goals. She brings more than 15 years of experience in education and the workforce development field to NEWIEE. Boivin, the owner of professional coaching firm [Flux+Flow](#) and a coach, speaker, and podcaster, brings 27 years of experience in energy and environment, as well as expertise in community and economic development.



NEWIEE Board of Directors Members Janel Granum (left) and Lauren Boivin.



“These accomplished women bring decades of experience leading positive change in the energy and environment sectors,” Finneran said. “Their talent and expertise will play an important role in our success driving diversity, equity and inclusion in the energy and environmental fields by fueling career exploration, entry and advancement, and amplifying historically underrepresented voices.”

Meet [NEWIEE’s full Board of Directors](#) and [learn more about the organization](#) and its programs and events.

Founded in 2008, NEWIEE is a professional organization working to drive greater diversity, equity, and inclusion in the energy and environmental fields by fueling career exploration, entry, and advancement among underrepresented communities; taking a leadership role addressing energy and environmental issues in our region; and highlighting the expertise contributions and achievements of those traditionally underrepresented in our fields. Follow NEWIEE on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

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