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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FORM FOR NHA BOARD ELECTIONS



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Type of Company (independent power producer, investor owned utility, municipal utility, manufacturer, equipment supplier, engineering firm, law firm or other):

Independent Power Producer

- **Please circle appropriate description. Your company is:**

regional

national

state

- **Please circle:**

Northwest

West

Southwest

Midwest

Middle Atlantic

Northeast

Southeast

- **How long have you been with your present company? And do you have their support for you to take on this role and to travel to 3-4 board meetings?**

I have been with Patriot Hydro since March 2025. Yes, I have the company's support to take on this role and travel to 3-4 board meetings.

- **How long have you been in your present position?**

I have been in this role since March 2025.

- **Briefly describe the responsibilities of your position and of your department or division as appropriate.**

As Regulatory Affairs Manager I help lead Patriot's compliance and licensing team as we navigate numerous complicated relicensing/surrender proceedings and ensure ongoing compliance across a fleet of 41 projects nationwide. I have also been leading an effort to actively engage in state and federal legislative initiatives and regulatory comment proceedings to better position our fleet for long-term success.

- **Your work experience has provided you with an opportunity to develop important skills. As an NHA board of director, particular leadership and management skills are necessary to ensure that the Association receives policy direction and that it stays on course in responding to member's needs. Briefly describe the strengths and / or particular skills you would bring to the Board of Directors.**

Operational Foundation: I would bring a cross-functional and ground-level operational understanding of the challenges facing today's independent hydropower fleet, particularly the smaller (<20MW) facilities that represent a meaningful segment of the industry. Through my work at Patriot and previously at Dichotomy Power, I have managed several critical aspects of the business including Relicensing/ Surrender, Compliance, Dam Safety, M&A due diligence, as well as power/REC sales. Through this work, I have developed a comprehensive understanding of the forces driving the small hydro industry and honed the ability to communicate and translate complex issues across disciplines and technical levels.

Leadership and Decision Making: Having built and managed multiple teams, I have learned to actively seek the collaborative discussions that underpin comprehensive strategies. I am a deeply curious person, and I'm unafraid to ask questions to develop informed and balanced perspectives that will support the whole of the hydro industry. Finally, I recognize the importance of balancing the competing priorities across this very diverse industry to ensure the success of all members.

- **Have you been actively involved in NHA over the last several years, served on committees, etc?**

Yes, I am currently Co-Vice Chair of the Regulatory Committee and actively participate in the Legislative Committee and the Deep Dive Policy Team. I regularly attend NHA's various conferences and participate in Advocacy Day during Waterpower Week. This past year, I also moderated the panel discussion: "The Real Cost of Licensing".

- **If you are elected to the board, what are the specific priorities that you would pursue?**

If elected to the board, I would advocate for regulation that fairly weighs hydropower's impact, and work to educate lawmakers and the public on the numerous benefits hydros provide to the grid and to the communities where our facilities operate. I'm particularly focused on the disproportionate regulatory burden pushing many hydro facilities to the verge of surrender without consideration for the broader implications.

- **Is there anything you would like to add?**

I believe hydropower is at an inflection point as concerns about increasing power demand and grid reliability come to the forefront of the public consciousness. I would be honored to help NHA lay the foundation for the next generation of hydropower.

- **Gender Identification**

Female

Male

Other

Prefer not to answer

- **Age**

< 30

30-39

40-49

50-59

60-69

>70

- **Race**

American Indian / Alaskan Native

Asian

Black / African American

Hispanic

Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander

White

Other

Prefer not to answer