



FOCUS MAINE

Schedule

March 9, 2011

- 9:30 am Registration
- 10:00 am Welcome & Opening Remarks
- 10:30 am KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
Governor Angus King
- 11:30 am FEATURED SPEAKER:
Dr. Habib Dagher
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm VIDEO ADDRESS:
Senator Susan Collins
- 1:45 pm PANEL DISCUSSION
Six professionals involved in the alternative energy field will be leading the discussion.
- 3:30 pm Wrap Up Remarks

FOCUS MAINE Committee Members

Benjamin Dutil

Ben will be among the first group of students to graduate from NMCC's wind power technology program in May, 2011. The Winslow native, who currently resides in Ashland, had the opportunity to complete a summer internship with Larkin Enterprises working on the Kibby Mountain wind power project in western Maine.

Gene Martin

Gene is a first-year student in NMCC's business administration program.

Adrian Richardson

Adrian, who is from Mars Hill, is a senior in NMCC's wind power technology program.

Natalie St. Pierre

Originally from Colorado, Natalie now lives in Presque Isle. She is an intern in the NMCC development and college relations office and just completed her degree from the University of Maine at Presque Isle in December, 2010.

Elizabeth Sawyer

Elizabeth is a senior in the art program at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

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A Conference on
Preparing Maine's
Renewable Energy Future

March 9, 2011

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Community College





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Northern Maine Community College is proud to host Maine's first ever student led clean energy initiative. Focus the Nation is a national non-profit organization dedicated to climate change awareness, youth empowerment and the acceleration of a transition to a clean energy economy. The group selected NMCC to host one of the 22 Clean Energy Forums being held nationwide; it is the only forum to be held in the northeastern United States.

Information shared during the forum will identify roadblocks and solutions to moving the renewable energy industry forward in Maine and nationally. Findings will be used to help shape political dialogue around the issues impacting development.

According to materials provided by the organization to the Focus Maine student organizers, the forum is "first and foremost about bringing the community together for a productive discussion about the clean energy future that is relevant to the community and to identify immediate roadblocks and solutions that people can rally around, collaborate on and advocate for."

Following the event, the Focus Maine student team will compile the information and forward an action plan to the Focus the Nation headquarters. The national organization will then review all feedback and customize a support system to help teams keep event participants engaged and updated.

OUR FEATURED SPEAKERS

ANGUS KING

Former Maine Governor Angus King is a leading advocate for alternative energy and a principal with Independence Wind LLC, an energy development company. King earned a B.A. from Dartmouth College, and an L.L.B. from the University of Virginia Law School. Elected as Governor of Maine in 1994 during his first run for public office, King was re-elected in 1998 by one of the largest margins in Maine's history. Prior to being named Governor, King founded Northeast Energy Management Inc. The company developed, installed, and operated large scale electrical energy conservation projects at commercial and industrial facilities throughout south-central Maine. King currently serves as a Distinguished Lecturer for a number of Colleges and Universities in and around New England. He is an active member of the Nature Conservancy Maine Chapter.



DR. HABIB J. DAGHER

As director of the Advanced Structures & Composites Center at the University of Maine, Dr. Dagher is one of the world's leading advocates for developing high-performance and cost-effective composite materials for advanced structural applications. Dr. Dagher is now leading research efforts to deploy deepwater offshore wind farms in the Gulf of Maine. The Center has recently received major funding for its deepwater offshore wind initiative including over \$7 million from the Department of Energy to lead and coordinate the Deep Wind National Research Program, \$12.4 million from National Institute of Standards and Technology and \$10 million from Maine state bond issues for the construction of the Offshore Wind Laboratory. This laboratory, opening in the Spring of 2011, will create a facility unique in the world for its capacities for the design, manufacture and testing of structural hybrid composite and nanocomposite components for deepwater offshore wind structures.



SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS

There will be a videotaped message from U.S. Senator Susan Collins of Maine. She has called for a national effort to achieve energy independence for overall economic and national security. As part of her energy policy, Senator Collins has worked toward creating a national renewable electricity standard which would require utilities to generate at least 15 percent of their electricity from environmentally sound renewable energy sources by 2020.



OUR PANELISTS



JOHN FLANNERY

Owner
John's Electric & Solar Based in Patten, Maine, John's Electric and Solar is a new small business providing electrical, wind and solar services for residential and light commercial applications.

TODD J. GRISET

Attorney
PretiFlaherty
Todd practices with Preti Flaherty's Energy and Telecommunications Group from their Portland, Maine office. He helps his clients make critical decisions on energy and utility matters.



VIRGINIA JOLES

Dir. of Communications & Economic Development
Maine Public Service
Through her work at MPS as well as her involvement with Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development and Aroostook Partners for Progress, Ginny is committed to exploring the alternative energy options for The County.

WAYNE KILCOLLINS

Wind Power Instructor
Northern Maine Community College
Wayne leads New England's first associate degree wind power program. He works closely with industry leaders in the region.



ANDREW PLANT

Assistant Professor
University of Maine
Andrew has been working on alternative crops, farm and home energy conservation, and researching liquid and solid biofuels for farmers.

PAUL WILLIAMSON

Director & Principle Coordinator
Maine Wind Industry Initiative
MWII is a collaborative effort between the wind industry, State entities, and the University of Maine to promote the growth and organization of the wind industry supply chain in Maine.

