



Kelly Speakes-Backman

Kelly Speakes-Backman is CEO of the Energy Storage Association. Kelly has spent more than 20 years working in energy and energy efficiency, sustainability, renewables, and environmental business strategies. Her direct technology experience includes power generation from solar, wind, biogas and biomass, distributed generation, natural gas, smart grid and fuel cells.

The Energy Storage Association is the leading national voice which advocates and advances the energy storage industry. Its goal is to take advantage of the emerging opportunities to drive the deployment of more than 35 GW of new energy storage systems in the U.S. by 2025 and, in turn, move the U.S. toward a disruption-proof grid.

Kelly was formerly Senior Vice President of Policy and Research at the Alliance to Save Energy. From 2011 to 2015, she was Commissioner of the Maryland Public Service Commission. Kelly was chair of the Board of Directors of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a co-vice chair of the NARUC Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, a co-chair to the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership's EM&V Forum, and a member of the EPRI Energy Efficiency & Grid Modernization Public Advisory Group.

She joined the public service sector in 2010 as the Clean Energy Director at the Maryland Energy Administration, where she led a team of policy experts and grant administrators to implement programs to meet the Administration's goal of increasing Maryland's renewable energy portfolio to 20 percent by 2022.

Kelly has testified in Congressional Committees on energy issues, presented regularly at energy industry events and has authored several articles published in energy trade magazines. She also has served on several energy-related steering committees, including the GridWise Alliance (GWA) Grid Modernization Index (GMI) Steering Committee.

Kelly Speakes-Backman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Boston University.