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WHAT WE DO

ADVOCACY

AWEC members have: effective voice in rate cases and effective voice in rate cases and other regulatory proceedings that directly affect energy costs and profitability. Members of AWEC have the ability to help shape policies and outcomes that affect their energy costs. Members set the priorities and principled positions of the association, which results in a bottom-line payback on their investment in AWEC.

MEMBERSHIP VALUE

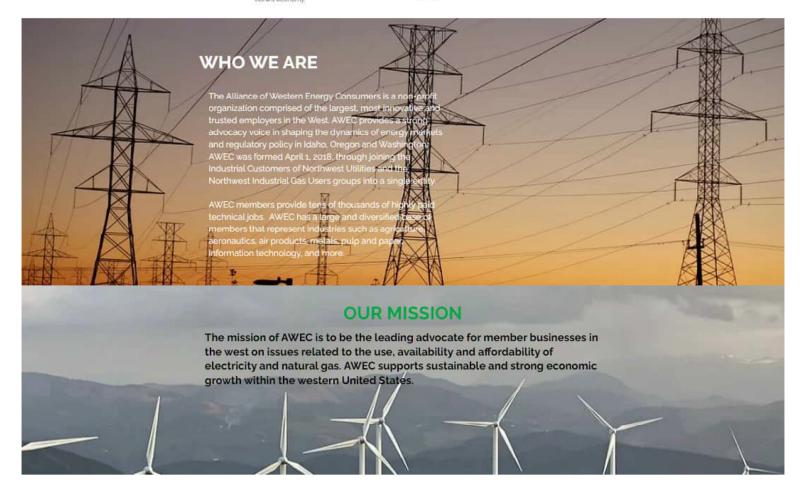
Every day, AWEC works to ensure member businesses are informed and represented through advocating before regulatory agencies smough asvocaung before regulatory agencies, and policymakers at the utifity, state, regional, and federal levels. Our organization centers on the fundamental belief that a healthy, growing business environment promotes a rich and vibrant economy.

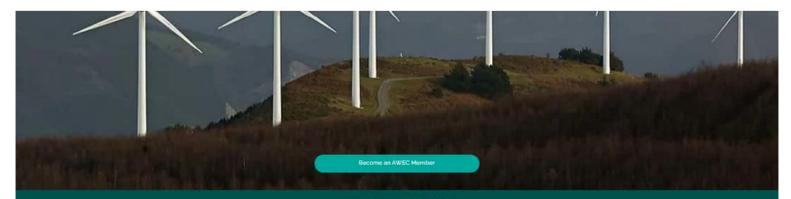
COLLABORATION

AWEC's origins go back to 1981: AWEC is a non-profit orgranization comprised of companies in the West, who work together. We have a large-and divisersified base of over 40 members and five associate members from which to develop and influence generol rollicies in the West. influence energy policies in the West.

INFORMATION

AWEC keeps members up to date on all critical energy issues affecting their operations. This information is timely, comprehensive and understandable. In addition, AWEC experts are on call to answer questions and provide more information or an assue of the proposed or an experience. information on an issue whenever you need it.





Bill Gaines, **Executive Director**

LEADERSHIP



AWEC is led by Executive Director Bill Gaines. Mr. Gaines has broad and deep experience as a leader in the Pacific Northwest energy utility industry. He served for 20 years in senior executive roles at investor owned power and natural gas utility Puget Sound Energy, and at public power entities Seattle City Light and Tacoma Public Utilities. Bill has been an active leader in both regional and national utility industry trade associations, having served as Chair of the Large Public Power Association. His career has emphasized strategic and energy supply planning, public and regulatory policy, wholesale market development, analytics, regulatory and legal proceedings, and commercial transactions. His educational background is in engineering and finance.

2022 AWEC Officers

Officers serve staggered three-year terms.

- Bruce Martin, Westrock Chair
 Phil Zirngibl, Georgia Pacific Vice Chair
 Michael Padgett, Alcoa Treasurer
- Bruce Wittmann, Nippon Dynawave Packaging. Weyerhaeuser NR - Secretary

STAFF

- <u>Energy Strategies</u>, <u>LLC</u> Strategic Management and Administration. Kevin Higgins and Kelly Francone. Energy Strategies is an
 independent energy consulting firm founded in 1986. Its clients include large commercial, industrial and public sector energy
 users and energy project developers. E5 helps large energy users navigate in complex regulatory, market and policy arenas.
- <u>Davison Van Cleve</u> Legal Counsel. Davison Van Cleve specializes in all aspects of energy law, practicing before state and federal administrative entities. DVC provides valuable advocacy and advice to AWEC and other industrial or commercial customers, co-operative utilities and cogeneration facilities. The law firm works with numerous utility commissions, power administrations, regulatory divisions, and business owners to ensure utility regulation is air and systems.
- Cable Huston Cable Huston represents industrial and commercial retail customers of investor-owned utilities in all aspects of Loublic utility law as well as municipal-owned governments and consumer-owned utilities, and independent power
- <u>Public Affairs Counset</u> Salem, Oregon Representative: Public Affairs Counset lobbles on behalf of AWEC at the Oregon Legislature on energy policy.
- Housheeper Public Affairs, LLC Clympia, Washington Representative. Housheeper Public Affairs tobbies on behalf of AWEC before the Washington Legislature on energy policy.
- <u>Ed Finktea</u>- Natural Gas assistance. Ed previously served as AWECs Director of Natural Gas. Mr Finktea has been a regulatory attorney in the energy field for over 35 years. His experience includes serving as a lawyer for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Bonneville Power Administration, and others.

