



2015 Board of Director Candidate Bios

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James Dice, CEM, BEAP, CMVP – Energy Systems Group

James is a Performance Engineer for Energy Systems Group, an energy service company. He has extensive experience addressing energy efficiency in a wide variety of existing buildings, including healthcare, K-12, higher education, municipal, and commercial office. James' passion and expertise within existing buildings include: commissioning, data analytics, deep energy retrofits, and energy modeling.

As a member of USGBC-Missouri Gateway since 2010, James is the co-chair Emerging Professionals task force. He has also served on the Growing Green Awards committee, as a Green Schools Quest mentor and a LEED

Community Project volunteer, and presented an in-depth seminar on Building Energy Data Analytics.

James will bring a perspective of emerging and young professionals as well as the insight of professionals working to green our existing buildings.



Kim Eilerts – Thompson Coburn LLP

As a Partner in Thompson Coburn, LLP's Corporate and Securities Practice Area, Kim has spent fifteen years providing corporate legal advice to public and private companies and boards of directors. Her practice involves counseling clients in a broad range of corporate transactions. Through this experience, Kim has gained an understanding of the duties and decision making processes for boards of both non-profit and for-profit companies.

Although Kim's legal expertise is not specifically in green building, she has a strong interest in sustainability. She was a founding board member of Heartland Renewable Energy Society and she assisted USGBC-Missouri Gateway Chapter obtain its 501(c)(3) status. Kim has provided volunteer

legal services to the Chapter for many years. As a member of the Board of Directors of the USGBC-Missouri Gateway Chapter, Kim believes she can offer a new and different perspective to the organization's decision-making process.

In 2012, Kim was selected as an Up & Coming attorney by Missouri Lawyers Weekly. She also serves on the Development Board at Epworth Children & Family Services.



Tim Gaidis, LEED AP BD+C – HOK Group

Tim Gaidis is the Sustainable Design Leader for HOK’s St Louis office where he leads the integration of sustainable strategies in the office’s project work, and is directly involved in the design and planning of sustainable facilities and infrastructure, many of which are pending LEED Gold, Platinum and Net Zero status. He brings more than twenty-five years of industry experience in green building as well as a perspective on developing trends and applications both in the commercial, higher education, and regional planning sectors.

Tim’s leadership experience on sustainable project work and firmwide initiatives for HOK and his engagement in local sustainability initiatives and like-minded organizations will bring a valuable perspective, context, and opportunity for extending engagements and networks to the USGBC-Missouri Gateway Chapter. He also brings a desire to engage multi-disciplinary relationships to foster innovative approaches to the challenges USGBC-Missouri Gateway seeks to address as an organization. Tim is a frequent public speaker on various green building topics and has served on the Chapter Marketing and Higher Education Committees and volunteers for the annual ECORIDE.

Tim teaches two multi-disciplinary classes based on advancing Healthy Urban Ecosystems (HUE) at Washington University in St. Louis and he is the Vice Chair of Sustainable St Louis where he leads the Zero-Hero initiative.



Jennifer Kissinger, LEED AP BD+C – PARIC Corporation

Jen is a Project Manager and Director of Corporate Sustainability at PARIC Corporation. She holds a B.S. degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of Kansas. In her 12 years at PARIC Corporation, Jen has participated in a range of markets including historic renovation, municipal, commercial, educational, retail, healthcare, and correctional. Recently, in her role as Project Manager, she completed the construction of an \$80 million student housing complex for Washington University that has been submitted for LEED Platinum certification.

Jen sincerely enjoys volunteering and USGBC-Missouri Gateway’s mission is close to her heart, allowing her to combine career and hobbies. Jen has served on the Growing Green Awards planning committee for several years, including two years as co-chair. Jen has strong organizational skills and knowledge of green industry and building. Her budgetary and scheduling traits, leadership capacity and strong relationships in the contractor and design industry will benefit the USGBC-Missouri Gateway Chapter.

Jen is also a Lector at St. Joseph Neier Parish in Union, MO, a current member and past officer of the Daughters of Isabella Union Circle, a little league soccer coach for five – six year old girls and a member of the Union Jaycees. She has served as a commissioner for Franklin County Planning and Zoning Commission and has volunteered for Junior Achievement and Franklin County Habitat for Humanity.