



# 2021 Annual Meeting Notice

Clean Air Coalition of Western New York

February 12, 2021

This past year hasn't been easy, but we're really proud of the work that we have collectively accomplished. In 2020, we came together to care for one another through hard times and build a more beautiful and clear vision for the world that we all deserve. We voted on our values, and we continued to push for racial justice and denounce white supremacy. Because of our members' work, there is a broad and powerful coalition ensuring accountability in the cleanup of the Tonawanda Coke and American Axle sites. Seneca Babcock residents are reimagining the polluted Battaglia Demolition site as a "carbon sink" with habitat restoration and green infrastructure. And former Tesla workers, in their fight for dignity and justice, are showing the world that climate justice cannot be divorced from racial and economic justice.

Let's celebrate our wins and start looking ahead at what we can accomplish in 2021. **Join us for our 2021 Annual Meeting!** To help our membership continue to stay safe during this global pandemic, we will be meeting online. Our membership from across the region will virtually come together to learn from each other, and share their successes and challenges. We will discuss our vision for 2021; to organize to create jobs through projects that strengthen our climate resilience, reclaim and rehabilitate toxic land, and continue to grow a base of power that places communities at the forefront of decision making. We will also vote to elect our new slate of board members who will guide our organization in the coming year.

**Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18th, 2021 from 5:30-7:00pm online and by phone via Zoom.** Register online at <http://bit.ly/ca2021meeting> or by calling (716) 852-3813. Please return your ballot (included for current members) by mail to our office at 52 Linwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209, or complete your ballot online at <http://bit.ly/ca2021meeting>.

Our Annual Meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend, however, *only* members of Clean Air can vote. Please note, members must have paid their annual membership dues on March 18th, 2020, or more recently to be considered current. Not sure what your membership status is? Call our office at (716) 852-3813 or email [info@cacwny.org](mailto:info@cacwny.org) to verify with our staff! You can also become a member or renew your membership online at [www.cacwny.org/become-a-member](http://www.cacwny.org/become-a-member).

We look forward to seeing you there!

In Peace and Justice,

Jennifer Carman  
Chair, Clean Air Board of Directors

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# 2021 SLATE OF BOARD CANDIDATES

The Board of Directors supports the mission of Clean Air and the work of its staff and members to make our communities healthier and just through grassroots organizing. All board members serve three-year terms.

Board members fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Determines how the organization will carry out its mission through long and short-term planning and evaluation
- Adopts an annual budget and provides fiscal oversight
- Hires and evaluates the performance of the Executive Director
- Recruits members and fundraises
- Decides what campaigns, research projects, and fiscal sponsorships Clean Air engages in
- Recruits, orients, and develops board members

**New Board Candidate** (the following board candidate is up for their first three-year term)

**Joel Bernosky** is an active Clean Air member from Kenmore, NY, and has been advising and working with the organization on environmental and pollution issues for the past few years. Joel graduated from Buffalo State College with degrees in Earth Science and Geography & Planning where he published research on the effects of air pollution in developing nations. Currently employed at the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, Joel develops pollution reduction and control plans for communities across the State. As a former employee of Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, he worked on environmental policy and legislation, pollution remediation, and public engagement, where he worked to give black, brown, and immigrant communities affected by pollution a voice in local remediation and restoration processes. If he's not testing out new pizza dough recipes in his kitchen, you'll find Joel in a local park throwing a ball for his black lab, Willow.

**Returning Board Candidate** (the following board candidate is up for a second three-year term)

**Nick Reed** has been a member of Clean Air since 2015. Nick has played an active role working for a Just Transition in Tonawanda in the wake of the Huntley coal plant closure and has supported members organizing in Seneca Babcock for the enforcement of Battaglia Recycling. An active member of the Labor movement for 14 years, Nick has a background in health, safety and chemistry and wants to bring his expertise to affect positive changes in the communities that both he and our membership live and work. Nick formally worked at Honeywell as a Research Technician and currently works as Occupational Safety and Health Epidemiologist at the Civil Service Employees Union (CSEA). Nick is a resident of Grand Island where he lives with his wife and two children.

## BALLOT: 2021 SLATE OF BOARD CANDIDATES

Your Name (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one (required):

I vote for the slate of candidates presented above.

I reject the slate of candidates presented above.

Membership Certification (required):

I am a due paying member of Clean Air.

I am not currently a member but will contact Clean Air to become one *before March 18th*.

I do not know what my membership status is... I'll contact Clean Air at (716) 852-3813 or [info@cacwny.org](mailto:info@cacwny.org).

Thank you for your vote! Please detach and mail back to:  
The Clean Air Coalition, 52 Linwood Avenue. Buffalo, NY 14209  
OR Complete your ballot online at <http://bit.ly/ca2021meeting>