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New Board Members and Chair of ASES Named

Boulder, CO, USA – As a result of recent elections, four new members to the American Solar Energy Society (ASES) Board of Directors have been selected. These members will serve three year terms as board members of ASES, the nations' oldest and largest renewable energy society. The volunteer board has seventeen members.

Ascending to the Chair is Tom Starrs, Vice President of Marketing and Sales for the Bonneville Environmental Foundation in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Starrs succeeded Mike Nicklas, FAIA of Innovative Design, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina, who will serve as Immediate Past Chair. Until recently, Dr. Starrs was Executive Vice President for Sales and Marketing for RWE Schott Solar, Inc. in Rockland, California.

Elected as an At-Large Representative was Marion Barritt of Gardnerville, Nevada. Ms. Barritt holds Director positions on the Solar Ratings & Certification Corporation, the Soaring Society of America and SUNRISE Renewable Resources Group. She is the owner of the first net-metered solar home in Nevada and was National Chair of the SOLAR 2002 National Solar Energy Conference.

Elected to represent the Renewable Fuels and Transportation Division was Paul Notari of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Notari is president of SciTech Communications, a specialty technical communications company based in Littleton, Colorado. Mr. Notari is an ASES Fellow and past chair of the ASES board. He served as manager of technical information at SERI (now the National Renewable Energy Laboratory).

Appointed to represent the ASES Policy Committee is Don Osborn of Wilton California. Mr. Osborn is an engineer with more than 25 years professional experience in solar energy and energy management in the utility, academic, government and industrial sectors. Mr. Osborn is an ASES Fellow and principal of Spectrum Energy, Inc., of Elk Grove, California, a photovoltaic (PV) solutions company specializing in large, commercial PV installations. Mr. Osborn is Chair of the ASES Policy Committee.

Appointed to represent the ASES Education Committee is Blanche Sheinkopf, of Indian Harbour Beach, Florida. Ms. Sheinkopf has worked in solar energy education for 14 years. She is the national coordinator of the U.S. Department of Energy's EnergySmart Schools program (Rebuild America Schools), where she works with decision makers at

the national and international level to provide information and technical assistance-about high performance schools— design and energy education for students and teachers.

Continuing their terms on the Board of Directors are: Andy Black, RE Grid Power, Sunnyvale, California; Renate Böer, Solar Knoll, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania; Christopher R. Cook, e3Energy, Arlington, Virginia; Glen Friedman, Evergreen Design Group, West Linn, Oregon; Ronal Larson, retired, Golden, Colorado; Gabriela Martin, Commonwealth Edison, Evanston, Illinois; Michael Nicklas, Innovative Design, Inc. Raleigh, North Carolina; Joe O’Gallagher, University of Chicago, Department of Physics, Chicago, Illinois; Richard Perez, ASRC-University of New York at Albany, Albany, New York; Jane Pulaski, Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Austin, Texas; Michael Totten, Conservation International, Washington, DC; and, Cecile Warner, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, Colorado.

Finally, elected as one of three ASES representatives on the International Solar Energy Society board was Dave Renné, of Boulder, Colorado. Dr. Renné has been working in renewable energy research, development and deployment for nearly 30 years. He has spent the past 12 years at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory where he leads their Resource Assessment program. He works extensively in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

The ASES Nominating Committee will be seeking candidates for consideration for the 2005 elections this summer.

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