



2021 ACP Safety Campaign Webinar Speaker Bios



Kevin Alewine
Director of Technical Sales
Shermco

Kevin Alewine is Shermco's Director of Technical Sales focusing on renewable energy. Kevin has been involved directly and peripherally with the electrical power industry for many years. He was previously a vice-president and senior applications specialist for the leading manufacturer of electrical insulation and conductors and was responsible for the marketing and application engineering of American manufactured products worldwide. He assisted global clients in optimizing the cost/performance value of their motor and generator designs with the development of electrical insulation materials, systems and manufacturing processes. Kevin is a senior member of the IEEE and is serving on the Dielectrics and Electrical Insulation Society AdCom. He was the general chair for the international 2019 IEEE Electrical Insulation Conference. Kevin is also a past chair of the ACP O&M Working Group focused on improving the reliability and profitability of wind energy projects and was the technical program chair for the AWEA Windpower 2014 conference. He currently serves on the ACP EHS Steering Committee and several related working groups concerning both safety and operational excellence. He was one of the authors of the CanREA Electrical Safety Guide and the soon to be published ACP guide for developing Qualified Electrical Worker programs.



Christopher M. Daniels
Safety Director, Wind Energy
Mortenson

Chris Daniels is the Director of Environmental Health and Safety for Mortenson Construction's Wind Energy Operating Group. He is responsible for assuring the successful execution of Mortenson's Zero Injury Program on US Wind Energy Projects. He works to eliminate injuries through the use of Mortenson's Zero injury manual and site-specific safety program. He provides leadership and direction to the project Safety Engineers and Craft Safety Professionals, who in turn oversee the performance of each project's Safety Program. Chris applies a wealth of safety performance experience and knowledge to our projects every day.



Dwayne Kitchen
Director, Health Safety & Environmental
World Wind & Solar

Dwayne has been a safety professional for the past 20 years. During this time, he has 15+ years of experience working with oil companies, cellular communication construction companies, and electrical contractors developing and implementing safe work systems. Dwayne started with World Wind and Solar (WWS) in February of 2017. He brings with him a diverse background of experience and a fresh set of eyes with a new prospective to WWS's operations and the renewable energy market.



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Krys M. Rootham
Vice President of Operations
Acciona Energy USA Global

Krys Rootham is Vice President of Operations at Acciona Energy. He is responsible for overseeing the operations and maintenance of Acciona's renewable portfolio consisting of 12 Wind Projects and one Concentrated Solar facilities that produce a combined total of 1044 MW of electricity. Mr. Rootham also serves as the Regulatory Compliance Officer for all Acciona North America operations. Before joining Acciona Energy in 2014, Rootham served as Managing Director of Wind Generation for NRG/Edison Mission Group and as Operations and Maintenance Director for BP Wind Energy. Prior to those assignments he was Wind Service Director for Siemens Energy in the Americas. Rootham began his career in 1987 at Westinghouse Electric Corp, first as a field service engineer and then a generator design engineer. He has more than 30 years in the energy industry on a global scale overseeing nuclear, coal, hydro, gas turbine and heavy industrial activities.



Tom Sutton
Director of Wind Energy and Technical Services
Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Tom Sutton is in charge of technical and safety workforce development for Kalamazoo Valley Community College where he guides an ISO 9001 certified team developing custom training in safety, compliance, industrial automation, and energy production. Tom was a key member developing the Wind Turbine Technician Academy in 2009 which focuses on competency-based assessment and validation from the industry. Since that time, Tom has led the development of other workforce programs for the College, consulted for companies developing internal training programs, participated in many committees within AWEA, and continues his involvement with the ACP, currently participating in standards creation and serving as Vice-Chair of the ACP EHS Steering group. Tom brings a diverse background of safety management, quality assurance, training development, and technical skills developed throughout his previous careers in automotive, aviation and the fire service.



Grayling A. Vander Velde
EHS Consultant
Leeward Renewable Energy

Grayling Vander Velde is the EHS Manager for Leeward Energy. He has more than fifteen years working in the wind industry. Prior to his current position, he was the EHS regional manager for GE/Fieldcore, managed the EHS programs for NextEra wind and Duke Energy Wind. He has an extensive and diverse background in environmental, health, and safety. In thirty-one years with Duke Energy, where he worked in Radiation Protection, Fossil/Hydro, and Power Delivery, he served as a spokesperson for nuclear safety, worked with regulators on regulations, developed an oil spill remediation program, and implemented a behavioral safety program. His experience is supported with Navy Nuclear Power education and a bachelor's degree in biology. He is active in ACP, participating in subcommittees and is the chairman of the Electrical Safety Working group.