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GA Solar Officer Election Results

The October board meeting included elections for officers of GA Solar. Jennette Gayer and Montana Busch were re-elected as Co-Chairs for a second term. Carrie Horrocks was voted into a second term as Treasurer. Thatcher Young has been elected as the new Vice-Chair and Seth Gunning was elected to the officer role of Secretary.

Jason Bodwell completed a 3-year term on the board serving as a Vice-Chair in the final two years. We wish him well and thank him for his service as director of GA Solar.

GA Solar's Board of Directors are all volunteers with a passion for making Georgia the best state it can be through adoption of solar power because it is the cheapest form of electric generation in our state and because it is renewable.

This board has some great things brewing that we look forward to sharing with you all soon!

Solar power is “the new king of electricity”



Your donations - both small and large - to GA Solar supports our efforts to extend the benefits of solar energy to all Georgians and keep our solar industry strong.

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GA Solar supports the development of a robust solar industry in Georgia through advocacy, education and outreach. ***We depend on membership and sponsorship contributions to make our work possible.***

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The International Energy Agency declared solar photovoltaic power “the new king of electricity,” stating in its annual World Energy Outlook that “solar PV is consistently cheaper than new coal- or gas-fired power plants in most countries, and solar projects now offer some of the lowest cost electricity ever seen.”

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Athens, Atlanta shine in new ranking of country’s top cities for solar power



Georgia’s capital city has doubled its solar capacity in the last five years, improving its standing in recent years on [Environment Georgia’s annual ranking](#) of cities. Athens, meanwhile, received an honorable mention in the environmental group’s report as a smaller community that outshines others.

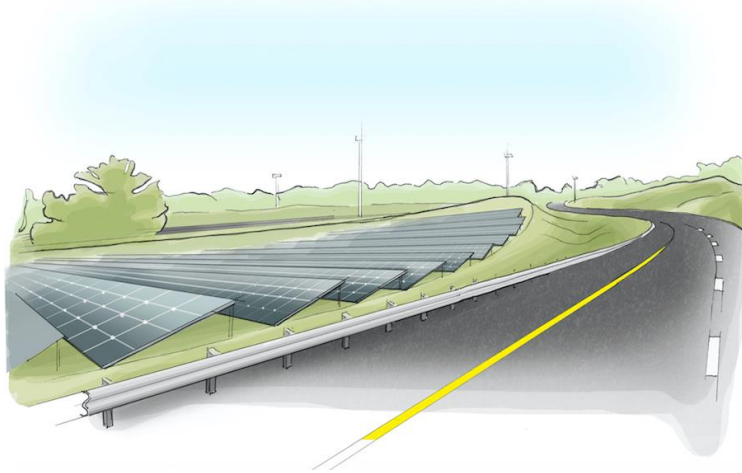
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Georgia is back in the top 10 states for installed solar capacity - 9th overall.



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Georgia is back in the top 10 states for installed solar capacity. Georgia came in at #9 for installed solar capacity. Other Southeastern states in the top 10 are North Carolina at #2 and Florida at #4. Georgia also ranks 15th for the amount of solar per capita.

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Is the Southeast ready to clean up its energy act?



While coal still generates approximately a quarter of the region's electricity, the report found that 92 percent of the Southeast's existing coal plants are uneconomic. This means it is more expensive to operate the coal plants than it would be to build and operate new renewable energy sources.

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US consumption of renewable energy hit record high in 2019



The consumption of renewable energy in the US hit a record high in 2019. Figures also show solar energy accounted for about 9% of US renewable energy consumption and had the largest percentage growth among renewable sources in the last year.

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Solar racking companies are getting acquired in a consolidating market: Who's next?



The solar racking market has quiet revenues of billions of dollars and continues to consolidate — driven by equity firms such as Esdec and Tenex. The market segment has become a small hotbed of M&A. Who's next?

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