

Joint Meeting with Virginia Section of ASME



Marshall Cohen



"Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium - Advancing Nuclear Energy in Virginia"

Marshall Cohen, Executive Director VNEC

December 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

At Virginia [Center for Advanced Engineering and Research](#), Lynchburg, VA

Our Topic - The Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium:

In 2013, VNEC was created under law passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor. The consortium represents stakeholders invested in development and support of nuclear energy including the Commonwealth, institutions of higher education, nuclear energy companies, suppliers, and local organizations.

Virginia has a long and rich history as the origin of many important projects and developments in the production and use of nuclear energy. This includes commercial and defense power generation applications and the research and education infrastructure that supports the companies that do this work. VNEC will build on this history by fostering innovative partnerships and relationships among the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth's public institutions of higher education, private companies, federal laboratories, and not-for-profit organizations. VNEC seeks to foster the Commonwealth's role as a global leader in nuclear energy, science, and technology.

Our speaker will review the brief history of VNEC and, more importantly, discuss recent progress toward specific actions, initiatives, and projects designed to satisfy the mission of VNEC. There is the engineering and business aspect to the VNEC mission but, in light of the EPA's Clean Power Plan and the push for other green energy programs, there is the policy aspect that must be considered. Our speaker's career places him in a unique position to speak to the policy side of nuclear energy as well as the technical and business aspects.

What does the future in nuclear energy hold for Virginians? Join us for this event and find out.

Speaker Biography:

Marshall Cohen, Executive Director VNEC

Marshall Cohen has served since July 2015 as the Executive Director of the Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium through his consulting firm Public Affairs Strategies LLC. He has extensive experience in strategic government relations, policy and communications, as well as knowledge of the energy, defense and government services industries.

Marshall recently retired as Vice President, Government Affairs and Communications, for The Babcock & Wilcox Co. (B&W) where he was responsible for B&W's strategic government affairs, communications and public relations efforts. He worked to articulate B&W's position on issues that impact the commercial nuclear industry, the fossil power industry, environmental regulations, national defense and government services.

He served as Senior Director, State and Local Government Affairs, for the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) in Washington, D.C., where he developed and managed the organization's political and outreach strategies for nuclear energy policy at state and local levels across the United States.

Marshall served as Vice President, Communications and Government Affairs, for Louisiana Energy Services, a multinational consortium (URENCO) that received the first new build nuclear license in the US in 30 years for a uranium enrichment facility that has been built in New Mexico. Mr. Cohen developed a public and political program that produced what the Chief NRC Licensing Judge called the "best public and political support for a nuclear facility we have ever seen."

More recently he served as the first Chairman of the Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority (to which he was appointed by the Governor of Virginia) and as a member of the North Carolina Energy Policy Council, appointed by the President of the North Carolina Senate.

Mr. Cohen holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in Journalism from the University of California at Los Angeles

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Special Offer - CAER Facility Tours:

Open tours of the CAER facilities will be offered starting at 4:30 PM. These approximately 20 minute tours include the BWXT mPower Integrated System Test Facility and the CAER Nuclear Power Plant Main Control Room Simulator and other features of the CAER.

Schedule:

- Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.
- Dinner - 6:15 p.m.
- Presentation - 7:00 p.m.
- Adjourn - 8:00 p.m.
- Directions to the [Center for Advanced Engineering and Research](#)

COST: \$30 (\$20 for students) includes dinner and social refreshments.

Reservations for the meeting must be made as of 11 a.m. on Monday, December 7, 2015. Registration is limited to 70. Please address any questions to [Steve Clark](#).