

Panelist Biographies

Delegate Joe Bouchard

Joe Bouchard was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in November 2007 representing the 83rd District in Virginia Beach. He serves on the Science and Technology Committee, the Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Committee, the Governor's Commission on Climate Change, and the Joint Committee on At-Risk Youth. He is also an advocate for military personnel, their families and veterans. In the private sector he is Director of Government Sales for Cox Communications. He graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1976, earned a Ph.D. from Stanford University, and retired in 2003 as a Captain after 27 years on active duty. Joe commanded the destroyer *USS Oldendorf* and Naval Station Norfolk, the world's largest naval base. He was a specialist in strategic and operational planning, including duty at The White House on the National Security Council. Joe is widely recognized as an expert on national defense and homeland security, and has received several awards for his leadership in port security. He currently serves on the boards or committees of a number of regional business and civic organizations. He lives in Cypress Point with his wife Rita and daughter Ellen.

Glen Besa

Glen Besa is the Director of the Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club, which is the nation's largest grassroots environmental organization with more than 750,000 members nationwide and over 17,000 members in Virginia. Prior to joining the staff of Sierra Club, he was a Club volunteer for ten years. Glen began his volunteer work with the Club in Maryland, his home state, before moving to Richmond in 1998. He has also served as the Regional Director of the Sierra Club for the Appalachian Region serving 8 eight states as well as the District of Columbia. Glen is an attorney and graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law 1978, earning his Juris Doctorate. He has a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County. He is married to Tyla Matteson.

Jim Kibler

Jim Kibler is the Vice President of Government Relations for AGL Resources. AGL resources has been in business for over 150 years. It is the parent company of Virginia Natural Gas and is a Fortune 1000 company that ranks No. 40 in the Fortune gas and utilities sector. He is an attorney and an authority on natural gas. He is also the chair of the Southern States Energy Board Associate Members.