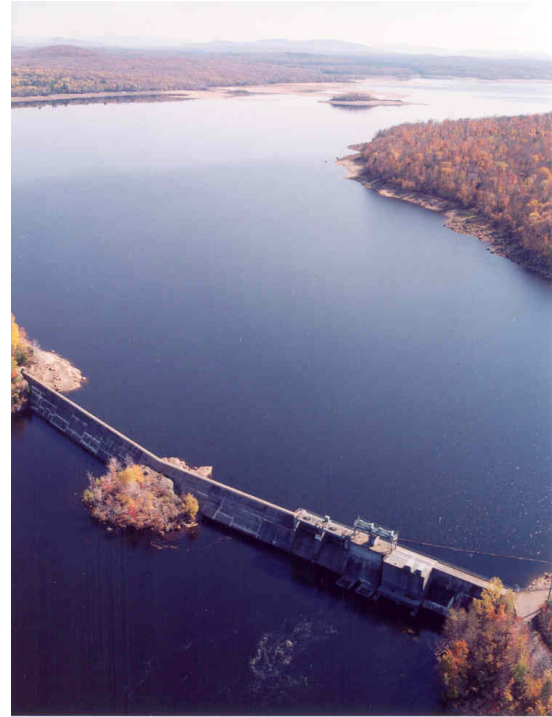


## Happy New Year First Certification of the Year

We are proud to announce the first certification of the year (actually a re-certification but just as exciting): the Upper Raquette River Project. This project, located in beautiful St. Lawrence County New York was first certified in 2004.

As 2023 gets underway, we look forward to working with you to build on past accomplishments while exploring new opportunities to celebrate hydropower that prioritizes people and the environment.

Happy New Year ☐ from the LIHI Team



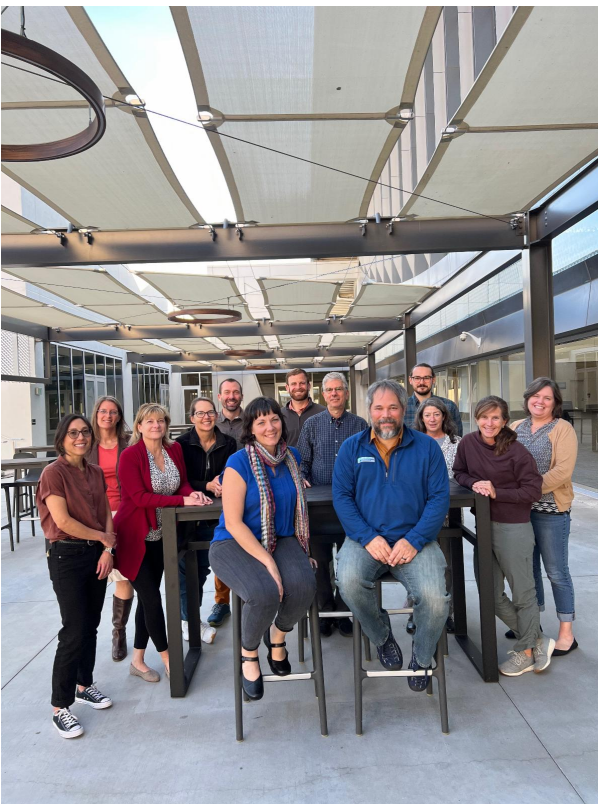
Brookfield Renewable Energy Group's Upper Raquette River Project was recertified on January 3, 2023.

## Just Released Video: How Low Impact certified hydropower and green buyer interests intersect on the Blackstone River

LIHI has just released this short video to highlight how offering Low Impact certified hydropower made a difference when a consortium of schools in Rhode Island was looking to purchase power that they could be assured would both electrify their classrooms and contribute to a healthy local environment. Gravity Renewables' Pawtucket Project, first certified by LIHI in 2009, offered everything the schools were looking for. Watch (and share!) the video to learn more and be sure to follow the LIHI YouTube Channel for similar content.



## Announcing New Governing Board Members and Leadership



### LIHI Governing board, advisors and staff at Sacramento Annual Meeting, October 2022.

Back row: Julie Gantenbein, Kelly Catlett, Lisa Zarek, Shannon Ames, T.J. Heibel, Mark Zakutansky, Philip Raphals, Whitman Constantineau, Maryalice Fischer, Sarah Hill-Nelson, Julie Smith-Galvin; Seated are incoming Chair, Brenda Pracheil, and former Chair, Shawn Seaman.

LIHI held its annual meeting in October in coordination with Clean Currents 2022. We are pleased to welcome new Board member Kelly Catlett of American Rivers and announce our 2023 Executive Committee. We also wish to sincerely thank outgoing Board members Shawn Seaman and Jack Palmer for their tireless service to the organization and time spent serving on the executive committee, Shawn as Chair and Jack as Treasurer. Our 2022-2023 Governing Board is comprised of:

**Chair** - Brenda Pracheil, Oak Ridge National Lab ([Read more about Brenda](#))

**Vice Chair** - Julie McNamara, Union of Concerned Scientists

**Treasurer** - Lisa Zarek, Brookfield Renewables (retired)

**Secretary** - Rick Glick, Davis Wright Tremaine (retired)

**Chair, Technical Committee** - Mark Zakutansky, Appalachian Mountain Club

## Inspiring the Next Generation Scholarships Available

Do you know any undergraduate or graduate students who could use their skills, vision, and energy to build a better hydropower industry? There are several scholarships now open.

- The Julie A. Keil Women in Hydro Scholarship, named for a long-time friend, advisor, and board member of LIHI, is open now through April 15th.
- The National Hydropower Association's Past Chairs' Legacy Scholarship is open now through February 15th. [Learn more here.](#)
- Additional hydropower resources are also [available here.](#)

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## ICYMI: LIHI in the News

- **Long Stretches of the Mississippi River Have Run Dry. What's Next?** [The New York Times](#)
- **Is building more dams the way to save rivers?** [National Geographic](#)
- **A Hidden Gem of Renewable Energy, Flatland** (profile of [Bowersock Mills Project](#), first certified in 2004)
- **Rye Development advancing three hydropower projects in the Pittsburgh Region:** [Water Power & Dam Construction](#)

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### Our Vision:

We envision a world where hydropower puts people and the environment first.

### Our Mission:

We recognize and support hydropower that prioritizes environmental, recreational, historical, and cultural resource protection.

We do this by defining and certifying Low Impact Hydropower using rigorous science-based criteria and public input; providing education and outreach; and structuring our organization to integrate and evolve with community, conservation, and hydropower interests.

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