

Speakers Biographies



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Brian Howe, is the founder of **JNS Power & Control Systems, Inc.** which is a subsidiary of **JNS Holdings** (OTC:JNSH). He is the Chief Executive Officer and Director of JNS Power, a company that has been in business since January 2002. Brian's company specializes in building automation and design build electrical work. JNS Power currently owns and operates the largest independent EV charging network in the Chicagoland area. This EV network has been designed for public use and these chargers can be found on the Illinois Tollways Oasis, airports, public parking structures, several local malls and retail chains like Whole Foods and Walgreens.

Brian is an expert in construction management, with over 23 years in the industry. He holds a Supervising Electrician License issued by the City of Chicago Department of Buildings and Brian has also taught classes at the IBEW NECA Tech Institute, in Alsip, Illinois.

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Karen Kosky joined **Argonne National Laboratory** in 2013 as Sustainability Program Manager. She administers Argonne's energy management, environmental compliance, conservation, and sustainability programs through the development and management of Argonne's overall sustainability vision and strategic plan. Prior to joining Argonne, Karen managed sustainability and environmental programs for local governments in Michigan and Illinois, developing a strong cross-discipline expertise in water, energy, solid waste, and facility management projects. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master of Science degree in Agricultural and Biological Engineering from Purdue University.

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Jukka Kukkonen is the founder of **PlugInConnect**, a Minnesota based electric vehicle market and technology consulting firm. He helps organizations develop new PEV related programs, and over the last two years he has worked extensively in apartment building, condominium and workplace charging. In 2012 he started the MN PEV Owners Circle that has grown to become one of the largest and most active regional plug-in vehicle owner groups in the nation. The PlugInConnect business portfolio also includes the websites WorkplaceCharging.com and MultiHousingCharging.com. Jukka has served as the president of the Minnesota Electric Auto Association and is one of the founding members of Drive Electric Minnesota. In 2012 Jukka was honored with a Certificate of Recognition from Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton's office for his work with the EV market in Minnesota, and in 2013 he received the Sustainable St Paul Award.

Jukka Kukkonen earned his B.Sc. degree in Automotive Engineering and Production Economics from Turku University of Applied Sciences. Before the electric vehicle era, Jukka worked for Ford Europe in technical training and dealership business management.

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Harry Ohde has been in the electrical field for 32 years. He has been an **IBEW 134** electrician, foreman, and now an instructor for IBEW apprenticeship school. He currently teaches electrical code, print reading, and renewable energy. He holds numerous electrical certifications such as City of Chicago Supervising Electrician license and represents the IBEW as an NEC Panel member and is a member of the Chicago Electrical Code Commission. He has taught electrical code courses such as PV Grounding and Bonding and Case Study for Commercial PV Design for the MREA. He is a member of the curriculum committee of the Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP).

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