

NABCEP Continuing Education CONFERENCE

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NABCEP's 2018 CE Conference resulted in a "Sold-Out" event! Over 525 solar industry professionals got together for three days of intense training and networking at the Niagara Falls Conference Center in Niagara Falls, NY. Keynote speaker Dr. Charles Gay with the U.S. Department of Energy sent an inspiring message of hope to all attendees. There were more than 65 diverse exhibitors, several of whom were able to offer technical training sessions that count toward recertification or qualifying credits to sit for one of NABCEP's certification exams, and 16 panel session discussions featuring top solar industry experts.

NABCEP continued the legacy of one of its first and most compassionate Board Certified PV Professionals, Walt Ratterman, with the Walt Ratterman Award for Creative Community Energy. NABCEP was very lucky to have received so many phenomenal nominees from which to choose. The 2018 winner of the Walt Ratterman Award was Carol Weis of [Remote Energy](#). Carol Weis worked with Walt Ratterman for years and, in many ways, has been the person who carried on in Walt's legacy since his passing in Haiti in 2011. Carol started as a solar electrical installer and then worked as a lead member of Solar Energy International's PV technical team for 15 years. She specializes in developing solar technical curriculum and training solar educators in impoverished countries. As part of Carol's dedication to volunteering her services to the less fortunate, she donated her travel expenses (\$500.00) to [Remote Energy](#) to be used in an upcoming international project. After her moving presentation, members of the audience donated another \$1,500 to Remote Energy in Carol's name, all of which will go toward a PV project in a country that really needs it.

