

Tom Kiernan

Tom Kiernan began as CEO of the American Wind Energy Association on May 28, 2013.

Kiernan, a native and long-time resident of Arlington, VA, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1981 with a degree in Environmental Computer Modeling. He began his career with the Nantahala and Rocky Mountain Outdoor Centers, and in 1984, joined Arthur Andersen & Co. as a Management Consultant. Tom left the firm after three years to pursue his MBA at Stanford Graduate School of Business. While at Stanford, he also served as Assistant to the Director of Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality.

Upon completing his degree, Kiernan moved to Washington, D.C., to join the Environmental Protection Agency as Special Assistant to the Assistant Administrator. A year later, he was promoted to Chief of Staff of the Office of Air and Radiation, and then in 1991 was appointed Deputy Assistant Administrator.

At the conclusion of the Bush Administration, Kiernan co-founded the environmental consulting firm E3 Ventures. In 1994, he was hired as Executive Vice President and a year later was named President of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire.

From 1998 until 2013, Kiernan was President of National Parks Conservation Association.