



Meeting Logistics & Information

Date	Wednesday – March 17, 2021	Attendees
Time	9:00 – 11:00 AM	Betsy Ames, Mike Browne, Mike Turns, Joe Rando, Rich Martin, Dillon Swol, Sara DeVico, Andy Buccino, Nick Jones, Chris Mazzola
Meeting Type	NEHERS Alliance – Board Meeting	Non-Attendees
Facilitator	Mike Browne	Special Guests
Web Link	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/122221509	

Meeting Motions			
<i>Motion #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Movement</i>	<i>Favor/Oppose/Abstain</i>
1	Approve February minutes	Mike T moved, Rich second	9/0/0
2	To approve A/P of 4,873.71	Nick moved, Mike T second	9/0/0
3	To adjourn	Mike B moved, Rich second	9/0/0

Roll call:

- Present (quorum = 5): Betsy Ames, Mike Browne, Mike Turns, Joe Rando, Rich Martin, Dillon Swol, Sara DeVico, Andy Buccino, Nick Jones, Chris Mazzola
- Absent:

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- NEHERS Board “Dinner” Zoom Event at RESNET Conference- Debrief

RESNET BOARD DINNER EXPENSES				
Year	Total	Total Guests	Per Person Fee	Notes
2014	\$5,000.00	data not available	data not available	Sponsored by EAM
2015	\$821.02	data not available	data not available	Sponsored by Peter Hubbe
2016	\$1,014.65	data not available	data not available	Sponsored by Peter Hubbe?
2017	\$1,808.62	14	\$129.19	Plus \$384 Transportation

2018	\$2,382.10	23	\$103.57	Transportation Included
2019	\$3,131.88	40	\$78.30	No Transportation
2020	\$2,608.48	35	\$74.00	Estimate
2021	\$1,813.37	46	\$39.42	Sponsored by ABA \$500

- 25 people at the event, it went well, hat thing worked for conversation starting, sent 46 of the 50 gift boxes, boxes were very well-received, Jen Parsons sent a nice note.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (*Mike T.*)

- Approval of Minutes

❖ **Mike Turns motion to approve, Rich Martin second, unanimous**

TREASURER'S REPORT (*Nick*)

- Accounts Payable
- Nick just got schedule of accounts payable yesterday. A/P is correct. SERRA has done the 1099's and will do taxes.

❖ **Nick motion to approve A/P of \$4,873.71. Mike T second, unanimous vote**

MANUAL COMMITTEE (Dillon)

- Pricing Update from GDS for Manual Utility Cost Inputs
 - Switch to annual updates instead of quarterly for \$1500/ year?
 - Split up the states among the board members and do it ourselves?

Nothing to report on the manual, but issue with the GDS contract for updating utility rates. GDS says they're losing money and want to renegotiate, no end date for contract but can either party could terminate, so they're within their rights to pull out. Current cost is \$170 per quarter or \$680 per year. Now they say they need \$1500 per quarter, \$6000 annually. We have ~\$8000 in the manual fund which wouldn't last long. Considering switching to annual instead of quarterly and paying the \$680 to \$1500 per update. Sara thinks it's a pretty hefty fee. Nick said it should be pretty easy to update. No rush to settle it soon if we switch to annually. Mike B. – do we know why we were doing it quarterly? Dillon suggests meeting them in the middle with \$1000 per year for one update. Mike T is good with that, Nick thinks it's fair. Dillon will ask them about their process, Mike B volunteered to be involved too. Will negotiate and come back to it on next month's meeting.

TRAINING COMMITTEE (Joe)

- Winter 2021 training is running now, we have 12 active, 1 transfer. Joe has no info on how the training is going. Betsy hasn't heard anything.
- Committee did not meet in March.
 - Main topic for next meeting: Owning our own curriculum.

Still thinking about diversifying trainer options. Three more quarters to go with the current arrangement, so keep thinking about it.



STANDARDS (Sara)

- RESNET 301-202x
- RESNET 380-202x
- IAP V2 public comment period ends March 17. Details:
<https://www.epa.gov/indoorairplus/indoor-airplus-version-2>

Sara recently submitted comments on IAP v2. We heard during standards committee that we should be hearing back on our comments on 301 and 380. Sara was invited to a meeting to discuss 380, Mike B is on that too.

Mike B – There are 2 conflicting ideas – a single boundary should be tested at 50 Pa vs the building should be tested in its normal configuration, do you open or close doors to various spaces. Board leans toward testing the single pressure boundary. Tony has experience and might have data on how much difference certain things make (e.g., opening the blower panel?)

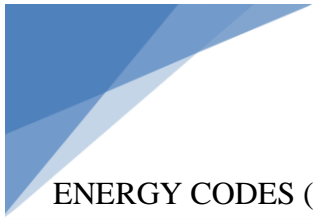
WEBINARS (Rich and Chris)

- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December

Today should be a good one. Andy to send an email to solicit ideas. Mike B – think about interesting articles or presentations you've seen. E.g., Robby Schwartz RESNET presentation. Betsy requested help promoting today's webinar.

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS (Mike B)

- Program membership
 - ICF paperwork is complete, check for \$5000 is being issued
 - Eversource paperwork is complete, check for \$3000 is being issued. Thanks Nick for your help!
- Provider Membership
 - MaGrann check is here- thanks Rich for your help!
- Prospective Providers- (Mike to follow up)
 - Mike is following up with 4
 - Building Performance Solutions- VA (Provider)- Yes
 - Cornerstone Energy Conservation Services- OH (Provider)- no response
 - Tacoma Energy- OH (Provider)- no response
 - Steven Winter (Former Provider)- maybe



ENERGY CODES (Mike T and Rich)

- ICC is making IECC a standard instead of a code.
- Next meeting is March 19th.

Discussed agenda ideas.

- ICC being a standard – call for committee nominees
- Talk about 2021 IECC – identify any problems with it and recommend statements amendments to clean things up, net zero appendix
- 2018 IECC – How do we do infiltration testing? Clarifying that changes to 380 don't impact mandatory code requirement but do impact ratings.

EMBODIED CARBON (Andy and Chris)

- Meeting with Allison Nash, Rachel White, Cy Kilbourn, and Jacob Racusin – Alison and Rachel (Byggmeister) are working on getting embodied carbon language introduced into EZ code for MA. Trying to get a broad perspective of how HERS raters might use the HERS rating system to track embodied carbon. May 1 deadline to implement some language for disclosure of embodied carbon. Longshot but the dialog starts.
- Updates from Andy on RESNET Emerging Leadership Council) developments David Goldstein, ASHRAE SSP2 committee, call next month, can Mike B and Betsy join, want to know how Raters can participate. What are the short term goals of the group and what is the national perspective and it's exciting that we get to participate in where the dialogue is headed.
 - ASHRAE SSP 90.2, Energy Efficient Design of Low-Rise Residential Buildings, is the ASHRAE Low Riseenergy efficiency Standard, but want to incorporate embodied carbon into the language.
- Discussion about using less concrete. Slabs don't need to be as thick. Using less materials costs less. Hard to get people behind it, like with 2x4 framing, that it's not sound, but it is.
- Philip Fairey says there's a of special interest for manufacturers.

❖ **Mike B motion to adjourn, Rich second, unanimous vote**