

Meeting Logistics & Information

Date	Wednesday – April 17, 2019	Attendees
Time	9:00 – 11:00 AM	Frank Swol, Joe Rando, Nick Jones, Rob Salcido, Doug McCleery, Betsy Ames, Mike Turns
		Non-Attendees
Meeting Type	NEHERS Alliance – Board Meeting	Mike Browne, Chris Mazzola, Kevin Hanlon
Facilitator	Frank Swol	Special Guests
		None
Web Link	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/122221509	

Meeting Motions

Motion #	Description	Movement	Favor/Oppose/Abstain
1	To approve minutes from March Board Meeting	Motion by Frank Second by Doug	7/0/0
2	To approve current accounts payable of \$1643.08	Motion by Nick Second by Frank	7/0/0
3	To adjourn	Motion by Frank Second by Mike	7/0/0

Discussion

Board retreat

- Date has been set (October 18th)
- Working on location
- Discussion on how to best create our agenda between now and the retreat
- No discussion

EPA Energy Star items

- VOO Comments are due by May 17. Frank – noted deadline if anyone wants to comment
- Congrats on POY Awards. Frank congratulated Joe on award.

NEHERS Presentation proposal for 2020 RESNET Conference

- Need to brainstorm general topic points for the outline submittal to RESNET
- Full presentation to be planned at Board Retreat
 - Frank noted that we can flesh this out at the board retreat but asked for general topics. Mike asked if point is benefits to HERS industry from associations. Doug – talk about challenges, especially financial, trainings, benefits to industry and local raters (members). Frank – discuss manual and technical issues (examples). Mike – who we are, what we do, benefits to industry and raters, challenges, conclusion. Frank asked Mike and Doug to review his draft, they agreed.

Obstacles to Raters

- Start with Betsy doing a Member poll?
 - Frank asked if we want to do a member poll – open-ended or multiple choice. Mike recommended open-ended. Doug/Frank – we could send a second round with a ranking question based on responses. Frank will write a preamble and we will send it out in 2-3 weeks to space it out from energy code survey.

Questions for Mike Turns from last meeting

- Which state besides NJ is open for comment and might be impacted if we issue a comment?
- CT – 2018 call for code change proposals – due April 30 – they will probably carry over weakening amendments for ACH50.
 - Mike T. reach out to Peter Harding about CT and what we might want to blast out to raters. Doug – provide links to how to take action.
- NJ comments due by May 3rd – Current proposal also carrying over weakened amendments for blower door testing
 - Frank will write his part this afternoon and send to Mike and Betsy

Secretary's Report (*Mike*)

- Approval of Minutes - Mike was absent in March, so Betsy wrote the minutes. Highlights: Approved Feb minutes. Approved accounts payable. BER to modify language about how long training modules take.
- ❖ **Motion 1 – Motion to approve minutes, as amended, was made by Frank and seconded by Doug. Vote was unanimous.**

- Nick – what works well for secretary report is to send minutes a week prior and open it up for comments, then it can be quicker during the meeting. Mike agreed to send a week out.

Treasurer's Report (*Nick*)

- Financial update – we're at a pretty good spot for income vs. expenses. Training YTD up \$4500 compared to last year – training about the same but more quiz revenue this year. Net income a little more than \$5000 more than last year. Betsy thinks we were overcharged for RESNET board dinner, she is following up. Betsy also noted we are behind on dues but it's because we're waiting for JMC, once they pay we will be ahead of last year.
- Accounts Payable – Baseline expenses are pretty consistent month to month. Nick is caught up on checks \$1643.08 current slate of accounts payable for March 2019. N
- Compilation Report –
- ❖ **Motion 2 - Motion to approve current accounts payable of \$1643.08 was made by Nick and seconded by Frank. Vote was unanimous**

Membership & Communications

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Standards Committee (*Rob Salcido*)

- HERE IS A CHART OF ITEMS OPEN FOR COMMENT

<http://www.resnet.us/blog/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/RESNET-Pending-Standard-Amendments-3-28-18-Completed.pdf>

- Draft PDS-02 of proposed Addendum 30: Quality Assurance: Submitted Comment
 - **Comment:** Submitted QA comments, clarified language about field QA requirements.
- Discussion of Mike Browne's proposal for guarded testing
 - **Comment:** Rob - Mike Browne's proposal for guarded testing, Emelie provide feedback. Now cleaning up for submittal as an amendment to allow guarded testing, change to 380 and small editorial change to 301. Should be submitting soon.
- RESNET Standards in Public Comment
 - Draft PDS-02, BSR/RESNET/ICC 1101-201xB, Standard for the Calculation and Labeling of the Water Efficiency Performance of Low-Rise Residential Buildings Using the WER Index")
 - **Comment:** Tony and Rob agreed that we don't know enough to even comment, we'll just keep track of how it's working once it comes out. Frank agrees – no interest in commenting.
 - RESNET/ACCA/ANSI Standard 310 Standard for Grading the Installation of HVAC Systems
 - **Comment:** Rob - Will this give credit or be more punitive? Meeting next week to discuss in more detail. About 2 months to comment. Meeting April 25th at 1 pm to discuss. Mike – will this also impact energy savings, not just HERS Index? Frank – this is intended to be a carrot approach.
- RESNET 301-2019
 - **Comment:** Rob - 301-2019 has been approved, but not sure when it goes into effect. No one know what the impact on HER Index will be. Ekotrope hoping to have in July. Think many January will be allowed and then required sometime after that.

Training Management (*Joe Rando*)

- Spring 2019 Training:
 - Online (BER): April 29- May 10
 - Classroom (BER- Manchester, NH): May 20-24
 - We have 7 registered, 6 paid and 1 transfer student. Class will be running
 - **Comment:** Joe - Spring training going forward, reached break even, potentially 1-2 more people interested
- Fall 2019 Training
 - Online (BER): September 3-17
 - Classroom (PSD): September 23-27
 - Location, Eversource, Berlin CT.
- Winter 2020 Training- RFP for classroom is due April 26th.
 - **Comment:** 2020 RFP has gone out.
- Competition Pricing- Free RI Training.
 - **Comment:** CLEAResult training – Frank – we don't think this will have a big impact on our training. Joe – yeah, we should just keep track of it
- Update from call with the BER on their independent training.
 - **Comment:** Frank/Betsy/Joe/Uriah call – very brief, we expressed concern, Uriah doesn't think there is need for concern as they heavily promote NEHERS trainings, other training is just for people who can't make Spring/Fall trainings, did about 12 last year, some in the South and Pacific Northwest, maybe lose 1-2 people per year, so not worth making a stink, but we will keep our eye on it. NC potential participant in NEHERS training – didn't want to work with Uriah. Frank – Uriah may have overstated how many people they drive to NEHERS trainings (50%), but it is significant. Betsy – we haven't been tracking where people come from but the BER only lands 16% of raters from trainings.
- Multi-Family Energy Star Training
 - Slides are coming from the EPA
 - If you had not been previously trained for Energy Star 3 verification, you'll get the 18 credits.
 - If it's just a refresher or add-on you get 3 credits
 - We had initially thought that it might be a good opportunity for providers to do this for their raters. You'd have to be a training provider, so maybe NEHERS can put something together depending on how complex the slides are and what type of approach may be needed.

Manual (*Mike Browne*)

- No discussion

Professional Development (*Chris*) **Chris not present. Frank provided update**

- Frank – we are looking pretty good on the webinar schedule. April will be first sponsored webinar in a while, Frank would like to see a good turnout for them. Rob – I don't remember an announcement. Betsy - we send out a link to register and it's on the website. There will be one more reminder.
- Frank – Joe, do you need help with a topic for June webinar? Joe – will follow up.

Additional Possibilities:

- Jim Bashford- Spacepak
- 301-2019 Multi-Family
- Program Updates from each state
- Anna Walter- international codes
- National Water Rating System Standard- Ed Osann- Chris has an inquiry out with him.

- FEMA to possibly do one on disaster recovery and rebuilding communities- Chris
- HELIX would like to do an update in the fall of 2019
- New ASHRAE Course: Benchmarking and Assessment of Building Energy Performance
 - [https://www.ashrae.org/File Library/Communities/Student Zone/Educational Resources/Building-EQ-course-flyer.pdf](https://www.ashrae.org/File%20Library/Communities/Student%20Zone/Educational%20Resources/Building-EQ-course-flyer.pdf) from Chris
- SCN Webinar-Sian Martins sian.martins@autocase.com from Chris
- Autocase models the environmental and social dollar values of designs and, together with financial costs, evaluates their net, Triple Bottom Line (TBL CBA) benefit over the life of a project using a rigorous cost-benefit analysis (CBA) framework, enabling design teams to make the most informed decisions. – From Chris

Energy Code Committee (*Mike Turns*)

- Survey to go out in next couple days
- Send blurbs to members about states with open comment periods
 - Frank – NJ
 - Peter(?) - CT

Other business

- JMC sponsor, Peter Hubbe – PAs have given the go ahead

❖ **Motion 3 – Motion to adjourn was made by Frank at 10:19 and Seconded by Mike. Vote was unanimous.**