



Meeting Logistics & Information

Date	Wednesday – July 15, 2020	Attendees
Time	9:00 – 11:00 AM	Betsy Ames, Mike Browne, Nick Jones, Mike Turns, Rob Salcido, Joe Rando, Chris Mazzola, Dillon Swol
Meeting Type	NEHERS Alliance – Board Meeting	Non-Attendees Kevin Hanlon, Rich Martin
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	To approve minutes from June Board Meeting	Motion by Mike Turns Second by Dillon Swol	5/0/0
2	To Approve Accounts Payable from July 2020 in the amount of \$1,720.50	Motion by Nick Jones Second by Chris M	6/0/0
3	To adjourn	Motion by Mike Turns Second by Joe Rando	6/0/0

- ❖ Roll call:
 - Present (quorum = 5): Mike T, Rob Salcido, Joe Rando, Mike Browne, Dillon Swol, Nick Jones, Chris Mazzola, Betsy
 - Absent: Kevin Hanlon, Rich Martin
- ❖ Administrative Items:
 - Prospective Provider List- reviewed list- any thoughts about approaching the following providers to become NEHERS members for half-off?
 - Start Smart Set Up- they can send check (instead of PayPal)
- ❖ Secretary’s Report (*Mike T.*)
 - Approval of Minutes – Mike T motion to approve, Dillon 2nd, unanimous
- ❖ Treasurer’s Report (*Nick*)
 - Accounts Payable \$1720.5 Nick motion to approve, Chris 2nd, unanimous
 - Bank account separate funds (Nick/Betsy research) – no discussion
- ❖ Standards Committee (*Kevin and Rob*)

- Draft-PDS-01-Adndm-50_HERS-Modeler-Ch-2-Amendment – Rob couldn't attend call, was hoping Kevin would be here. Kevin sent minutes to standards committee. Let Betsy know if you want more info.
- 48F virtual evaluations during pandemic – Rob hasn't read through yet but will before next meeting, so will Mike B.
- Mike B was appointed to the equipment subcommittee of SD300, there's push to get stuff into 380, including guarded testing amendment. Mike got feedback back that it messed with 380 and they'd rather have it be a standalone section. Might be in the 2022 round of updates (not 2019) for 301. Rob – if there are any thoughts/ideas for next round of update, now is a good time to start thinking about it. Mike has concerns about electric cooktop HERS index change by 1 point and outdated appliance standards.

❖ Training Committee (*Joe*)

- Spring 2020 Training
 - Profit Report: -\$682.24 Took a hit because of miscommunication with PSD and NEHERS split the difference (\$7,000 proposed vs \$10,000 actual invoice)
- Fall 2020:
 - Online: September 14– 25
 - Classroom: October 12-16 (starts on Columbus Day)
 - PSD won the bid. Initially awarded to PSD but the BER thought they were getting it, so we issued an RFP. The BER only had a couple sentences about remote training, not comprehensive enough. Liked what PSD did in the spring training. The BER wanted a justification, Joe responded saying it was comprehensiveness in addition to price. Committee will consider getting away from 75% weighting of cost, making comprehensiveness of the proposal more important than 25%. Did a writeup on it but haven't moved forward on new structure. Decision for fall training was based on average sized class, PSD's cost is actually better.
- PHIUS Training
 - Call with Lisa White- PHIUS wants publicity partnership, they coordinate the trainings, we help publicize training, get a flat fee for registrations that come through our website. Lisa was interested in having NEHERS be a publicity partner. NEHERS collects flat fee for anyone who navigates to training through our website. No fee structure yet. May blossom into something more down the road. Mike B – do we put Energy Star training on the calendar. Betsy – shows up in sidebar on website, not calendar. Mike – might be helpful to put them on the calendar, make calendar look fuller. Coordinate with other organizations as well? E.g. ICC, etc.
- Alternative Path for Raters-
 - Andy Buccino is working on edits. Chris – no updates other than sent out latest draft last month. Will be jumping back on it soon.
- Additional Trainings:
 - Energy Star?
 - New HERS® Rating Modeler Certification?
 - Virtual link for NESEA conference.

We've been pretty busy with last training and upcoming training, will have more time to dig into additional trainings soon

❖ Manual (*Dillon*)

- Reviewed feedback from PSD and BER
- Designing survey for membership

Should we keep updating hard copy? Mike had said we should just send links to updated versions. Feedback from Emelie and Ethan, but will be sending a survey to current raters and recent students looking for feedback on how they use the manual. Things need to be added? Anything to remove? Mike B wonders how many people use paper version in training or for help during the test.

❖ Professional Development (*Rich*)

Webinar Registrations vs Attendance Chart (attached)

Average attendance: 36

- ~~January 8th - PACENation~~
- ~~February 19th - HERS Index Consistency Issue - Rob Salcido~~
- ~~March - Energy Codes Webinar - Mike Turns~~
- ~~April 10th - Covid-19 Panel Discussion: Challenges and Opportunities~~
- ~~May 27th - Exploring Ductless Splits & Heat Pumps - Emerson Swan & Eversource~~
- ~~June 10th - Beyond Energy Efficiency: Why Embodied Carbon in Buildings Matters~~

————— NOW ————— Jacob Racusin and Chris Magwood

- July 15th- House Rater (promotional)
- August- 26th- Aerobarrier- Jason Taylor- air sealer/deck spray foam. Russ McPhearson
- September-9th- Ventilation and Covid-19- Barry Stephens
- October
- November
- December- meet the board candidates/ something else

● Current list:

- Educational (for CEUS):
 - High level Passive House- interest in different levels (Joe's suggestion- Lisa agreed but we did not set up a date.)
 - ASHRAE recommendations Covid and HVAC- airborne- Ian Walker? Derry! (Mike B's suggestion)
 - Introducing a Better Building Code (MA Net Zero Stretch Code) it may be a good fill in if needed, a good pairing with the July 7th Mass code change and new green communities coming on line 7/1 and 1/21. (Chris suggestion- ask them to become a member?)
 - Kevin Hanlon working on ventilation, balancing and commissioning- Bruce Harley or David Keefe- no takers.
 - Multi-Family webinar- 1 topic- get people interested. (Frank declined) Mike?
 - Ekotrope working on how to include on site energy storage in modeling software- Cy or Jacob
 - Understanding of 301-2019 Multi-Family RESNET Standards and relation to ERI scores from IECC. And 308, someone who can explain it to the world. Scott Doyle or Billy Giblin or both.
 - HELIX
 - Billy Giblin present again at end of year, do yearly follow up.
 - Manual J and sizing- can do it in a pinch.
 - Matching systems AC and heating- Kevin- can lead but not too soon.
 - Additional company to make it educational?
 - Peter/ Will Demarco/ Mark Pignatelli
- Promotional (not for CEUS):
 - Researching canceled expo lists for possible paid sponsors.

Betsy – We’re doing really well with the lineup coming into the fall. Webinar today, arosealed next, COVID/ventilation after that. Last time someone asked about patterns in attendance (e.g. seasonal differences). Betsy made a graph and there is no apparent pattern. Average attendance is 36 people. Data goes back to 2012. Joe – Betsy White/PHIUS might be a good candidate for a webinar. She had asked how many people attend. This is good to share. Do we do social media posts? Yes, but we don’t have a big following. Can share links. Board members should share posts.

Expo lists – 2 responses, but no takers yet. Might take people multiple contacts

❖ ENERGY CODES (*Mike T*)

- RESNET Webinar?
- Next Mtg? **September 18 at 11 am**
 - **Mike B suggestions...**
 - Share podcast with committee and talk about it next time.
 - Mike Duclow reached out about Mass net zero stretch. He might have ideas.
 - Opportunities in 2021 requires air leakage tests in all buildings – Is there capacity in the industry to do this? Finding pushback from people about testing comm buildings (e.g. schools)

❖ MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS (*Mike B*)

- Membership Report (attached- as of 6-30-20)
 - Raters=388
 - Providers=11
 - Trainers= 3
 - Independent Trainers=0
 - Programs=3
 - Associate:
 - Independent=37
 - Sponsor=11
- Programs:
 - Paperwork for JMC- approved- awaiting check
- Prospective Sponsors (not half-off): 219 emails sent/ 1 response
- Half-Off Emails:
 - Former Raters= 317 email sent
 - Former Individual Associates= 187 emails sent
 - Prospective Raters/Associates (webinar lists)= 60 emails sent
 - Prospective Providers: (for about 100 raters/ 20 companies have raters in Northeast)= in process

Half off is not for sponsors. Provider emails will probably go out today. Moving toward sending emails directly to potential members to avoid confusion with current members instead of sending half-off email blasts to our listserv.

No later than September – nominations committee starts. Do we want to meet in August? Joe – nothing urgent for training committee, would appreciate getting 2 hours back. Board will not meet but executive committee will.

❖ Other business?

○ Betsy

- Will be circling back to draft of board handbook
- Start thinking about retreat. What we want to do and when. Mike B. – let's talk about it on next exec comm meeting. Would like annual report on finances

❖ **Mike T move to adjourn, Joe 2nd, unanimous**