



MINUTES
RESNET Board of Directors Meeting
February 27, 2011
2:00 – 5:00 PM
Crystal Room – Hilton Disney Hotel
Lake Buena Vista, FL

Members Present:

Dave Bell
Steve Byers
Dennis Creech
Lance DeLaura
Brett Dillon
Charles Eley
Philip Fairey
David Goldstein
Andy Gordon
Mark Jansen
Lee O'Neal
Bill Prindle
Eurihea Speciale
Orlo Stitt
Greg Thomas
Daran Wastchak
Barb Yankie

Members Absent:

Ben Adams (excused absence).
Javier Ruiz

Staff Present:

Steve Baden
Faye Berriman
Laurel Elam
Clinton Heyn
Kathy Spigarelli

Call to Order

David Goldstein called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. following an executive session of the Board.

Roll Call

Daran Wastchak conducted the roll call and there was a quorum. Ben Adams was granted an excused absence because he was in New Zealand assisting his family with recovering from the earthquake the previous week.

Approval of Agenda

David Goldstein reported two changes that were made to the agenda. The RESNET Marketing Update (Steve Baden & Kathy Spigarelli) and RESNET Strategic Positioning Task Force Report (Daran Wastchak) were both moved to the end of the meeting.

The amended agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of October 25 & 26 Board Meeting Minutes

Daran Wastchak made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 25 & 26 meeting. Mark Jansen seconded the motion. Eurihea Speciale abstained from the vote because he was not present at the meeting. The motion passed.

2010 RESNET Financial Compilation

Lee O'Neal presented the RESNET 2010 Financial Compilation produced by RESNET's accountant Faye Berriman. He then moved that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Compilation. Orlo Stitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of 2011 RESNET Board Officers Nomination Committee

Philip Fairey gave the report of the Board Nomination Committee. Barb Yankie made a motion putting forth the current slate of Board Officers for nomination for 2011-2012:

David Goldstein (President)
Mark Jansen (Vice President)
Lee O'Neal (Treasurer)
Daran Wastchak (Secretary)

Andy Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of 2011-2012 RESNET Board Officers

David Goldstein asked if there were any nominations from the floor for any of the Board Officer positions. There were no nominations from the floor. Philip Fairey moved that the slate of Board Officers nominated by the Nomination Committee be accepted by acclamation. Steve Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed. The 2011-2012 RESNET Board Officers were elected.

Statement of 2011 RESNET Board President

David Goldstein gave a report on the accomplishments of the organization in 2010.

Memorandum of Understanding with Meritage Homes

Steve Baden announced that he concluded negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Meritage Homes in which Meritage committed to have all of their homes rated and market the HERS Index of their homes. The MOU has the same format and language as the MOU's previously approved by the Board for KB and Pulte Homes.

Steve Byers moved to authorize the RESNET Executive Director to enter into the MOU with Meritage. Mark Jansen seconded the motion.

Philip Fairey opposed the motion since the MOU was not provided to the Board for review prior to the meeting.

The question was called and the motion passed with Philip Fairey opposing and Lance DeLaura and Charles Eley abstaining.

COMNET Committee Report

Charles Eley gave the COMNET Report and discussed milestones. Charles stated that COMNET's foundation funding will last through mid-2012.

Technical Committee Report

Brett Dillon gave the Technical Committee Report, discussing 2010 accomplishments and listing the Committee's goals for 2011, including dates.

Quality Assurance and Ethics Committee Report

Daran Wastchak gave the Quality Assurance and Ethics Committee Report and discussed changes to the quality assurance standards.

Chapter Nine of the RESNET Standards created a new standing committee for RESNET, the Ethics and Appeals Committee.

Daran Wastchak made a motion to nominate Lee O'Neal as the Chair of the new Ethics and Appeals Committee. Brett Dillon seconded the motion. Daran noted in discussion that the Committee Chair will submit to the Board for approval the names of additional members of the Committee. Philip Fairey proposed a friendly amendment to add alternate committee members who would stand in for members if they were required to recuse themselves from participation in a case before the Committee. It was determined that it would be up to the Committee Chair to determine if or how alternate

members would be used for the Committee. The motion passed with Lee O'Neal abstaining.

Training and Education Committee Report

Mark Jansen gave the Training and Education Committee Report. The Committee now has subcommittees which will be used for the creation of test questions for the existing and new exams. The subcommittees include IR, HESP, BPA, Rater, & QA/Trainer. Mark also reported that the Committee will rewrite chapter 2 in 2011.

RESNET Industry Advisory Council Report

David Kaiserman of LENNAR Homes and chairman of the RESNET Industry Advisory Council provided a report of the Council. He stated that the time was now to re-orient RESNET to focus on the market place. The organization has a valuable asset, the HERS Index, and needs to exert its energy in raising awareness and consumer branding of the HERS Index by partnering with the private sector.

EPA ENERGY STAR Homes Update

Sam Rashkin gave the ENERGY STAR Homes version 3 update. He announced that EPA had denied RESNET's request that the effective date for Version 3 be moved to 12 months after the effective date of version 2.5. January 1, 2012 will still be the effective launch date for Version 3.

U.S. Department of Energy Update

David Lee gave the US Department of Energy update. There are several staff changes within DOE. The primary focus for DOE is existing homes and the new Home Energy Score. David encouraged RESNET to continue working on existing homes. He announced that the National Builders Challenge Program in the future will be closely aligned with version 4 of the ENERGY STAR Homes program. There was a lively discussion about the merits of DOE's Home Energy Score Program.

International Energy Agency Update

Jens Lausten gave an update from the International Energy Agency, including background and priority areas. The IEA is focusing on the following priority areas: policy, certification of buildings, implementation, evaluation, and recommendations.

European Union Energy Performance of Buildings Directive Update

Eduardo Maldonado gave the European Union Energy Performance of Buildings Directive update, including energy performance certificates, qualified experts, training of experts, new directive, advertising energy label and lessons learned. He stated that

the European Union found its dialog with RESNET to be invaluable and that the dialog would continue.

RESNET Strategic Positioning Task Force Report

Daran Wastchak gave the Strategic Positioning Task Force report including completed tasks and next steps. He stated that RESNET must revise the current bylaws for several reasons including necessary updating to reflect RESNET's current operating policies and procedures, changing the incorporation of RESNET from Arkansas to the state of California, and ensuring that RESNET is properly set-up to be an ANSI Standard Development Organization. With the changing of the bylaws, Daran stated that RESENT would also be able to consider how best to take advantage of the emerging opportunities that have been presented to the organization, including RESNET's new private sector alliances, COMNET, and the need to restructure RESNET to ensure there are seats at the table for new major stakeholders. Daran presented his concept that the RESNET Board would be focused on big picture policy issues and that the more day-to-day issues would be addressed by the RESNET Executive Committee. He stated that he envisioned the creation of a residential and commercial council which would focus on overseeing the work of the existing Committees. Daran concluded that the RESNET Strategic Positioning Task Force will be considering the issue of restructuring using an open deliberative process followed by a recommendation to the Board in 2011.

RESNET Marketing Update

Due to time limitations, it was decided that the RESNET Marketing update would be provided to the Board via email.

Philip Fairey made a motion to adjourn. Barb Yankie seconded the motion.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:23 PM.