



Setting the Standards for
Home Energy Efficiency



Draft
Minutes of RESNET Board Meeting
July 22, 2016

Members Present

Jacob Atalla
David Beam
Dave Bell
Steve Byers
Philip Fairey
Matt Gingrich
Andy Gordon
Roy Honican
Cardice Howard
Jim Petersen
Lee O'Neal
Nancy St. Hilaire
Kelly Stephens
Daran Wastchak
Barb Yankie

Members Absent

Ben Adams
Brett Dillon
David Goldstein
Mark Jansen
Frank O'Brien-Bernini

Staff Present

Steve Baden
Laurel Elam
Kathy Spigarelli

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by RESNET Board President Roy Honican at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Roll Call

The roll was called and a quorum was present.

Approval of June 16, 2016 RESNET Board Minutes

Daran Wastchak moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2016 RESNET Board Meetings. Dave Bell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Discussion of Presentation by Dave Roberts and Rob Salcido – Follow-up Questions from Board

Roy Honican began by stating that this meeting is an opportunity to formulate questions and not come to a final decision. It was noted that EnergyPlus will be put through Philip Fairey's software evaluation tool and those results should be available by the end of the month.

It was decided that Steve Baden would contact Eric Wierling of DOE for the following information:

- Clearly defined phases with cost for each phase and deliverables.

The following questions would also need to be answered by DOE:

- What is DOE going to do if we do not go forward?
- What is DOE going to do if we do go forward?
- Is there a timeframe on the matching funding from DOE?
- If there is a change in administration does the funding change?
- If RESNET decides to go in a different direction will the funding from DOE remain?

Discussion of Process of Coming Up with Board Decision on Work Plan – Roy Honican

Other questions developed by the Board:

- What are the pros and cons for approving or disapproving the work plan?
- What is it going to take to support and maintain HIPI in the future including changes and support for users, staffing and cost for making changes?
- What other options could be explored? And what are the pros and cons?
- What else could RESNET do with the \$675,000?
- What are the skills and abilities needed for staffing and maintenance when it is passed off? Someone will need to be involved before it is passed off and that will need to be included in the budget

- What are the clearly defined for phases with go/ no-go including budget numbers?
- At any those points is RESNET getting anything that is actually useful?
- Is Rob Salcido too close to the project and should the board should seek another outside contractor that would be a devil's advocate to analyze the proposal?
- What are the cons/impacts if RESNET does not go forward?
- How to get new technologies into software? Can that happen with current accredited software companies?
- Do we want to have the best solution on the market or leave an opportunity from someone else to develop?

It was decided that the pros and cons will not be developed by Rob Salcido or Dave Roberts. It is up to the RESNET Board to make the final determination on approval.

RESNET Board President stated that to answer the above questions, he would appoint a task force of board members that will develop pros and cons as well as write an issue paper. The committee can start with the minutes from this meeting to develop a list of questions. Steve Baden noted that support can be provided if needed and that the subject matter experts could also be used as a resource.

Board members who are interesting in joining the committee to develop questions and answer the pros/cons should contact Roy or Steve by next week. .

This will be discussed at the Fall board meeting when the budget is being considered.

Adjournment

Barb Yankie made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m. Eastern.