



Setting the Standards for
Home Energy Efficiency

Meeting Minutes

RESNET Board of Directors Annual 2018 Meeting

Sunday, February 25, 2018
Hilton Lake Buena Vista Resort, Orlando, Florida

Members Present

Jim Amarin
Jacob Atalla
David Beam
Dave Bell
Emelie Cuppernell
Bob Eipert
Philip Fairey
Matt Gingrich
David Goldstein
Nancy St. Hilaire
John Hensley
Roy Honican
Mark Johnson
Cy Kilbourn
Abe Kruger
Paulette McGhie
Chris McTaggart
Curt Rich
Clayton Traylor

Members Absent

Andrew Harris

Staff Present

Steve Baden
Emma Bennett
Valerie Briggs
Scott Doyle
Cardice Howard
Laurel Elam
Ryan Meres
Kathy Spigarelli

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by RESNET Board President Roy Honican at 1:01 p.m. Eastern Time.

Roll Call

On behalf of RESNET Board Secretary/Treasurer Matt Gingrich, Emma Bennett called the roll and a quorum was present.

RESNET Anti-Trust Policy

Curt Rich reviewed the conflict of interest policy for the board, which was printed for all members.

Approve Agenda

Steve Baden proposed amending the agenda that to reflect that Mark Jansen would be listed as the Nominations Committee Chairman that would present the slate of nominees. Philip Fairey stepped down as chair during the previous Committee meeting.

Jim Amorin made a motion to approve the draft agenda as amended. Nancy St. Hilaire seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Approval of Draft December 14, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Matt Gingrich made a motion to approve the December 14, 2017 minutes. David Beam seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

“State of RESNET and the HERS Industry” - 2017 RESNET and HERS Industry Accomplishments

Steve Baden, RESNET Executive Director presented the State of RESNET and the HERS Industry in 2017.

Steve Baden started by thanking Roy Honican for his service as the RESNET board president. Mr. Baden also discussed the new things that RESNET initiated in 2017 and the growth of the organization and the HERS Industry.

Steve Baden discussed the current status of the Appraisal Institute/RESNET portal, HERS_{H20}, marketing, website re-design, RESNET board communication, and other items that RESNET staff is currently working on, and will continue to work on, through 2018.

Report of 2018 RESNET Board Officers Nomination Committee

Mark Jansen, Chairman of RESNET Board Officers Nominations Committee, presented the Committee’s 2018 officer nominations from their meeting on February 20, 2018:

- Nancy St. Hilaire, Board President
- Matt Gingrich, Board Vice President
- Philip Fairey, Board Secretary
- Dave Bell, Board Treasurer

RESNET Board Officers Nominations

Jacob Attalla made a motion to accept the slate of officers. John Hensley seconded the motion. Motion approved by voice vote.

Nominations Taken from Floor

Roy Honican asked if there were any nominations offered from the floor.

There were no nominations from the floor offered.

Election of 2018 RESNET Board Officers

Bob Eipert moved to elect Nancy St. Hilaire as RESNET Board President. Jim Amarin seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote. Nancy St. Hilaire abstained from the vote.

Jim Amarin made the motion to elect Matt Gingrich as RESNET Board Vice President. Chris McTaggart seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

John Hensley made the motion to elect Philip Fairey as RESNET Board Secretary. Jacob Atalla seconded the motion. Motion passed with voice vote. Philip Fairey abstained from the vote.

Bob Eipert made the motion to elect David Bell as RESNET Board Treasurer. Jacob Atalla seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Statement of New RESNET Board President

Nancy St. Hilaire gave a brief statement to the Board as the new president stating that she was excited about the opportunities the next year will offer and that she looked forward to working cooperatively with the RESNET Board and RESNET staff.

Ms. Hilaire took over as chair of the Board meeting.

RESNET 2017 Financial Audit

David Beam, RESNET Financial Audit Committee Chair presented a briefing on RESNET's 2017 Financial Audit, stating that an annual audit will be produced. He expected that a draft audit will be available by the 2018 RESNET Fall Board Meeting.

Recommendation to Change RESNET's State of Incorporation

Cardice Howard, RESNET Operations Manager, presented on RESNET staff's recommendation to change the organization's state of incorporation. Ms. Howard reviewed the analysis that was done by RESNET staff to compare and contrast the process of incorporating into a new state.

After viewing the states suggested by Board members at the Charleston meeting RESNET staff narrowed down to four states: Arizona, Delaware, Nevada and New Jersey, From the list Ms. Howard recommended that the Board would approve moving RESNET's incorporation from California to the state of Delaware.

The board discussed the logistics of business implications that would be involved in moving its state of incorporation to Delaware. David Beam answered the questions posed and clarified that moving RESNET's state of incorporation was his recommendation, and RESNET staff only investigated the process at the RESNET Board's request.

Kathy Spigarelli and Steve Baden explained the process of being incorporating in California, and the extra staff time and costs it requires.

Clayton Taylor stated that he has heard three main issues concerning being incorporated in California, which are the interference of internal operation of RESNET, potential that the enforcement action due to the complicated bureaucracy process in California, and cost of compliance. He stated that it seems like a "cut and dry" decision for him.

Chris McTaggart commented that, as a new Board member, there was insufficient information regarding the range of impacts that this change could create, including impacts regarding Board governance and member rights.

David Goldstein clarified that even though the state would not require particular bylaw compliance, RESNET is in no way inhibited from creating by-laws that would be best for RESNET.

Cy Kilbourn stated that it also seems cut and dry for him. Mr. Kilbourn recommended that for future presentations, RESNET staff's analysis should focus on the most important factors that should be considered by the Board when making a decision rather than fees that total to less than \$1,000.

Clayton Traylor makes a motion to change RESNET's state of incorporation from California to Delaware per the recommendation. Roy Honican seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote with Chris McTaggart voting in opposition.

Clayton Traylor suggested that the board review the process of reviewing and enacting bylaws at the next board meeting.

Recruiting Youth to Become HERS Raters & Adoption of RESNET Emerging Leadership Council Charter

Valerie Briggs, RESNET Communications Director & Matt Gingrich, Chairman of the RESNET Emerging Leadership Council presented a proposed charter for the Emerging Leadership Council, which was posted on the DIRECTORPOINT platform for members.

Philip Fairey asked how the membership is established; Matt and Valerie explained that it is currently a volunteer basis and all applicants are accepted.

Jacob Attalla suggested recruiting young builders as being part of the Council, Valerie and Matt agreed to recruit in this segment of the industry.

Emelie Cuppernell ask how many members there are currently, Matt Gingrich stated there are currently 12 members.

Jacob Atalla inquired if membership will be broken into age brackets. Valerie Briggs advised that it may be problematic to group the council by age brackets and that it may be more appropriate for the council to welcome all persons that are new to the industry.

Matt Gingrich moved that the Emerging Leadership Council Charter be adopted by the RESNET Board. Roy Honican seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Report of RESNET Board HERS Software Harmonization Task Group

Nancy St. Hilaire, Chairwoman of the HERS Software Harmonization Task Group, introduced the subcommittee chairs of the Task Group, Philip Fairey and Cy Kilbourn, to give updates on the current work.

Report of Common Schema Subcommittee

Philip Fairey, Chairman of Common Schema Subcommittee, gives a report on the Common Schema's Subcommittee's work.

Roy Honican asked what the cost of maintaining the schema would be. Philip Fairey projected that ongoing maintenance would not have a large cost.

Clayton Taylor thanked Philip for his work and recommended working the term 'accuracy' into the process. Philip Fairey explains that going toward consistency would also lead towards greater accuracy.

Abe Kruger asked it would duplicate efforts to create a common engine, which had previously been discussed by the board. Philip Fairey responded that in order to have a common engine, a common schema would first need to be developed.

Report of Collaborative Subcommittee

Cy Kilbourn, Chairman of the Collaborative Modeling Subcommittee, gave a report on the Collaborative Modeling Subcommittees work. Cy suggested RESNET create a committee that included an Energy Modeling Director (EMD), unassociated with any software program, who would chair a Software Consistency Committee (SCC). Members of this committee would be Accredited Software Provider representatives.

The board discussed the structure and process of the proposed committee.

Cy Kilbourn said that there are not specific provisions for a committee charter at this time but that a charter can be addressed in the future. Mr. Kilbourn said he will send a document to the board to be reviewed over a two-week period, followed by a teleconference for discussion and Q&A. Afterwards, an electronic ballot could be used to vote on the establishment of an SCC charter.

Nancy St. Hilaire requested all board members read the document prior to the meeting so that when the webinar takes place all members are prepared for the call.

Formation of RESNET Board Quality Assurance Oversight of Certified HERS Rater Verification of Energy Codes and Utility Incentive Programs

Chris McTaggart, RESNET Board Member, presented a proposal on RESNET energy code and utility program quality assurance.

Chris McTaggart explained the conflicts with the current RESNET QA process and the risk that RESNET's reputation may be challenged. Mr. McTaggart presented potential options and benefits associated with the action options RESNET may take in this matter.

Chris McTaggart proposed that a task group composed of raters, QA providers, software providers, the codes community, and utility efficiency representatives be created to come up with a solution for the issue.

Philip Fairey questions how ICC and their certification process might fit within the activity. Chris McTaggart stated that the discussion has not happened yet but is welcomed and would need to happen to strengthen the partnership.

Mark Johnson, Executive Vice President and Director of Business Development at the ICC, stated that collaboration between code coalition and RESNET is becoming deeper and should be further pursued and offers a great opportunity for all members involved.

Steve Baden attested that this is an issue seen previously and needs to be addressed and credits Chris McTaggart's work to spearhead this movement. David Goldstein seconded Steve's comment, stating that being proactive is the best option in this circumstance.

Chris McTaggart made a motion for the formation of RESNET Board Quality Assurance Oversight of Certified HERS Rater Verification of Energy Codes and Utility Incentive Programs Task Group. Emelie Cuppernell seconded the motion. Motion was approved by voice vote.

HERS Ratings and Green Bonds and New Analysis of Mortgage Performance of HERS Rated Homes

Mike Italiano, Chief Executive Officer of Capital Markets Partnership, presented on the HERS Ratings and Green Bonds and New Analysis of Mortgage Performance of HERS Rated Homes.

DOE HERS Variability Study

Jeremy Williams, with the U.S. Department of Energy, presented on DOE HERS Variability Study.

Steve Baden proposes that the board utilize this information, create a staff analysis and provide a webinar to follow up and continue the discussion. Mr. Baden recommended that the board review the staff analysis following the board meeting.

Abe Kruger questioned what percentage of the issue was based on software and data variations, Jeremy Williams stated that it was a combination of both.

David Goldstein recommended that for future studies they find what the correct answer for variation would be in order to know if the variations are more concerning than the median value.

Chris McTaggart said that, having worked with one of the participating REEOs on this study, there are a lot of meaningful takeaways from this but that the Board needs to know the information would be more accurate if the houses were finished and to not take the statistics out of context.

Steve Baden stated that after a RESNET staff review, the board will receive the report along with the analysis from the RESNET staff.

RESNET Suppliers Advisory Board Report

Curt Rich, Chairman of RESNET Suppliers Advisory Board (SAB), reported that the SAB will meet tomorrow and reported on the current work. Two of the current projects are completing more cursory RESNET Associate certification, along with a five-year registry data.

Update from Appraisal Institute

Jim Murrett, President of the Appraisal Institute Board of Directors, updated the Board on the Appraisal Institute's partnership with RESNET and continued alliance.

“Tool Kit” for Jurisdictions Adopting or Considering Adopting HERS and/or ERI for Code Compliance

Abe Kruger, RESNET Board Member, presented a concept of developing a “Tool Kit” for Jurisdictions Adopting or Considering Adopting HERS and/or ERI for Code Compliance.

Steve Baden suggested that Abe lead this program, Mark Johnson expressed a willingness to help. It was agreed that Abe would create a proposal to present to staff who will then send to the RESNET Board for consideration.


New Business

There was no new business proposed by the board.

Meeting Adjourns

Roy Honican made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 Eastern Time.

Respectfully Submitted,


Philip Fairey, Secretary