



Setting the Standards for
Home Energy Efficiency

Minutes RESNET Board Executive Committee Meeting May 17, 2018

Members Present

Dave Bell
Philip Fairey
Matt Gingrich
Roy Honican
Nancy St Hilaire

Staff Present

Steve Baden
Emma Bennett
Scott Doyle
Laurel Elam
Cardice Howard
Kathy Spigarelli

Call to Order

RESNET Board President Nancy St Hilaire called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Roll Call

RESNET Board Secretary Philip Fairey called the roll and a quorum was present.

Reminder of RESNET Anti-Trust Policy

Nancy St Hilaire reviewed RESNET's Anti-Trust Policy and it was sent in the Executive Committee briefing materials.

Approval of Agenda

RESNET Executive Director Steve Baden requested that a discussion of the FSEC study on the effects of the ventilation amendment adopted for the 2018 IECC Energy Rating Index option be added to the agenda.

Roy Honican made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Dave Bell seconded the motion. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Develop Recommendation to RESNET Board on Reconsideration of RESNET Board Policy on Addendum 29 QA Agent Training and Financial Separation

Nancy St. Hilaire reviewed the background and reasoning for the Standard Development Committee 900 petition to the RESNET Board for reconsideration of RESNET Board policy on Addendum 29, QA Agent Training and Financial Separation.

Matt Gingrich and Dave Bell both expressed agreement of the reconsideration of the policy.

Philip Fairey addressed some of the issues that may arise due to quality assurance entanglement with financial separation. Steve Baden stated the process for reconsidering the policy. Philip Fairey affirmed that if the policy is reconsidered, the board should create a new policy to replace the existing policy and to serve as policy guidance to SDC 900 standards development work.

Steve Baden discussed RESNET's current QA factors, and new factors that are being implemented to improve QA. Mr. Baden stated that RESENT is considered the "gold standard" due to its dedication of time and resources for quality assurance. Steve Baden agreed with Mr. Fairey that a new policy should be created, and that RESNET staff would draft the alternative policy with Mr. Fairey's assistance.

Matt Gingrich questioned how long the drafting process would take. Steve Baden stated that a board call could first be scheduled and the current information can be reviewed; the draft could be created during the polling period for the board call on the matter.

It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that RESNET staff would set up a Doodle Poll for a RESNET Board meeting. In the poll notice, RESNET staff would include the briefing materials sent to the Executive Committee including the policies that were previously agreed to by the Board. While the online poll was being taken RESNET staff would work with Philip Fairey in drafting a new policy to be considered by the Board. The draft would be distributed to members of the Executive Committee for comment prior being sent to the Board.

Analysis of Differences between 2018 IECC R406 Code Compliance and ANSI/RESNET/ICC Standard 301

Nancy St. Hilaire asked Steve Baden to provide an overview of the issue. Steve reviewed the FSEC study published on DirectorPoint on Joe Lstiburek's amendment that was passed by the IECC, which created a different ventilation rate from the ANSI/RESNET 301 Standard.

Philip Fairey stated that this does not change the provisions of the ANSI/RESNET/ICC Standard 301 but rather only establishes an IECC compliance index.

Steve Baden suggested that, after the discussion on the petition of Addendum 29, there be another RESNET Board meeting to educate and inform board members on the study and its implications. Executive Committee members were in agreement.

Develop Recommendation to RESNET Board on Consideration of Reconfiguring of Provider Representation on the RESNET Board

Nancy St. Hilaire asked Steve Baden to present a briefing on the issue. Steve discussed the two vacancies present on the Board. Mr. Baden stated that the most important seat to fill is the custom builders seat, and he has been working with Nancy and Roy to find a candidate for this seat. Mr. Baden mentioned that the associate member seat can be left vacant or used as another component, one of those being IOU utilities.

Steve also addressed the need to create a balance between the large, mid and small volume Rating Provider representation on the RESNET Board.

Roy Honican moved that RESNET staff create a proposal to be presented to the Executive Committee that address the following: RESNET Board of Directors current vacancies, bylaws of seats on the board, and the portioning of representing providers. Philip Fairey seconded the motion. Motion approved by voice vote.


New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

Roy Honican made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Respectfully Submitted,


Philip Fairey, Secretary