



Meeting Logistics & Information

Date	Wednesday, March 21 st , 2024	Attendees
Time	1:00pm-3:00pm	Betsy Ames, Cindy Zeis, Joe Rando, Jonathan Harrison, Nicole Burger, Mike Browne, Kaitlyn Mitchell, Joel Martell (late), and Keegan Ebbets (late)
		Non-Attendees
Meeting Type	NEHERS Alliance – Board Meeting	
Facilitator	Cindy Zeis	

Meeting Motions			
<i>Motion #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Movement</i>	<i>Favor/Oppose/Abstain</i>
1	To approve February minutes	Motion – Jonathan Second – Cindy	6/0/0
2	To approve AP for \$18,131.20.	Motion – Joe Second – Cindy	6/0/0
3	To appoint Michael Rossi to replace Mike Turns on the board.	Motion – Joe Second – Nicole	4/0/2
4	To adjourn.	Motion – Joe Second – Nicole	8/0/0

Roll call:

- Executive Director: Betsy Ames
- 2024 Board: Mike Browne, Nicole Burger, Keegan Ebbets, Jonathan Harrison, Joel Martell, Kaitlyn Mitchell, Joe Rando, Mike Turns, and Cindy Zeis
- New Board Members:
- Present (quorum = 5): Joe Rando, Cindy Zeis, Jonathan Harrison, Mike Browne, Kaitlyn Mitchell, Nicole Burger
- Late: Keegan Ebbets, Joel Martell
- Absent:

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- Vote on minutes from February (Kaitlyn)
- ❖ Jonathan motions to approve February minutes, Cindy second motion passes. 6/6
- Vote on AP for February (Joe)



- ❖ Joe Rando motions to approve AP of \$18,131.20 Cindy seconds, motion passes. 6/6
- Vote on Michael Rossi to replace Mike Turns
- ❖ Joe Rando motions to appoint Mike Rossi to Mike Turns' seat for the remainder of 2024, Nicole seconds, Cindy and Mike B abstain. Motion passes. 4/6
- Start thinking about who wants to shadow Joe as Treasurer.
 - No one stepped forward, people will think about it.
- Suggestion from Chris Mazzola to convene group on "Silver Tsunami"
 - No one stepped forward, it may take care of itself through the workforce development initiatives already underway under the MassCEC grants and the other organizations that are coming together to make this happen.

TRAINING COMMITTEE (Joe)

- Spring 2024
 - Scholarship awarded to woman in ME.
 - Class is full, training site is set.
 - Early Bird Discount worked, we knew we had break even before deciding the scholarship.
- Summer 2024
 - Site will be Newton MA
 - 2 registered so far.
- Implementation Grant Awarded for \$1.2 Million
 - OK to begin search for Technical Director
 - Contracting will take some time, we can't include costs for TD search until contract is signed.
 - Will be doing new approach, instead of milestones and then payment after, will be doing up-front payments and then documenting costs after.
- April 2024 Mentorship Pilot Project for RFIs and Modelers
 - Review of applicants at the end of this meeting
 - Suggestions welcome for mentors and training employer partners
 - Cindy said that the new Krigger book v7 is very different than v6, requested a copy for herself and Ethan, and also a manual for herself.

STANDARDS (Cindy)

- Meeting canceled for March
 - There is a big shift happening with Energy star and we had our meeting with Elliot on that. No further discussion.

QAD (Jonathan)

- Next meeting on March 29th

WEBINARS (Keegan)

- 2023
 - ~~January 24th: Timber HP (Sponsor)~~
 - ~~February 21st: (Skip)~~

○ ~~March 13th: Electrification in MA – the 1,000,000 Home Challenge Revisited – Mike~~
Duclos

○ **April 10th: PHIUS Prescriptive Path** - Isaac Elneccave and Tony Lisanti

○ **May 8th : Your Voice Matters** – Cindy Zeis

○ **June ? : PHIUS Multi-Family** - Isaac Elneccave and Tony Lisanti

○ **July: Scott and Billy QA sampling changes?**

○ **August:** (skip)

○ **September: Retrotec**

○ **October:**

○ **November:**

○ **December:**

- Suggesting taking Stretch HERS 42/45 series out from behind member's only paywall. Question came up from people at NESEA.
 - One of the benefits for NEHERS members is to have access to the webinar recordings. Non-members do not have access to recordings. Unless for the Stretch HERS 42/45 series they paid for it. So is that an issue if we make it free now? No, because paid for access to information during live presentations inf a timely way and to be able to ask questions. OK to post for all.

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS (Cindy)

- Next up: Half-off emails July 1

ENERGY CODES (Mike T)

- Any new business?
 - Cindy did talk to Ekotrope staff again about the issue about charging for the premium reports
 - If you print ICC reports and or check the box that you're going to register later, which means you have to pay for the registration sooner and they are definitely not backing down.
 - But they are going to try to maybe realign the point at which the rating credit would come out of the providers credits.
 - The bigger work that they're going to do is to try to help make it more manageable for providers to be able to track it, because there's currently no tracking mechanism for it.

EMBODIED CARBON (Nicole)

- MassCEC Grant Paperwork is signed.
 - Outline of where things stand for Ekotrope/BEAM integration needed for up-front payment.
 - MOU/SOWs Ekotrope, Stephens and Company, BEAM, NMR
 - Still working out alignment of Ekotrope with BEAM MOUs
 - Promotion of the MassCEC initiative thru NEHERS??
 - Materials Embodied Carbon Workflow – Status Update – Andy
 - Looking to start training HERS Raters in workflow in June or July
- RESNET Items:
 - ❖ Standard Development Committee – update (Chris Magwood)
 - Had first meeting.
 - ❖ Technical Sub-Committee – update (Chris Magwood)
 - Expect first draft by June/July
- Mass Save Embodied Carbon Energy Services Provider Pitch
 - ❖ Now meeting as needed.

- Speaking Opportunities:
 - ❖ 2024:
 - **March 19-20-** NESEA- Boston – Accepted, "The Carbon Trifecta: Embracing Equity and the Zero Carbon Community".
 - Team was happy with presentation.
 - Well received good feedback, lots of people stayed to hear Betsy's EJ piece.
 - Presentation was not recorded at the conference, has been submitted and accepted at multiple conferences, and is evolving, so don't want to post it on the website at this point.
 - **May 1-2, 2024** RESNET Policy Forum in DC
 - <https://www.resnet.us/2024-policy-forum/>
 - **May 21-23, 2024** Getting to Zero Forum in Charlotte - Andy
 - <https://gettingtozeroforum.org/about-the-forum/>
 - Proposal Accepted
 - **June 20-21, 2024** CLF Boston, EC Summit, (tentatively)
 - **October 1-3, 2024** EBBA – Utah- Magwood is going.
 - **Proposal Submitted March 15, 2024**
 - [Call for Presentations || EEBA Summit 2024](#)
 - **November 12-15, 2024** Greenbuild, – **Philly PA**
 - **Proposal submitted**
 - Boston Society of Architects (BSA) – (Chris- Fall 2023 or 2024)
 - Synonymous with CLF-Boston.
 - Building Performance Association Session – Andy?
 - Boston Architectural College- Nicole
 - MF Peer-To-Peer Network (monthly)- Nicole

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION:

- Cindy- How can broaden our scope of Board members? How to plant seed? Start on committees?
- Include membership slide for webinars, maybe also board.
- Energy around mentorship pilot may draw new organizational members and new board members.
 - Still need change in bylaws to allow different configuration of seats, while retain working board.
- Concerns with software recertification credits for HERS Rating Credentials. Sharla's got something for it. New plans and take offs, but can't use Bluebeam and Sketch-Up. Posed question to Scott about developing curriculum like modeler light. Came up about doing something at GDS. Training committee, maybe NEHERS can offer on demand. Once per quarter. Another option for credits.
 - Ben Graham- EnergyLogic- Invite to Training Committee. Share copy of manual with NDA. Has some free time, might help fill gaps.
- Last QAD meeting RESNET trying to see what the requirements will be for raters and modelers CEU specific to software that they use.
 - At first, needed curriculum approved by software providers, but software providers push back, not want it.
 - Requirement is that for each cycle for certification the rater/modeler would need 3 credits for software that they are using.
 - PSD includes it in their webinars, with CEUs.
 - Similarly could do NEHERS. Some people are taking modeler course to get these credits, modeler course is very comprehensive, test is model is secure. Complex logistics for the test.
 - Easier to incorporate with regular CEU cycles. Need 3 hours of CEUs based on software. Ask Scott how apply for RESNET Credits. Provider tracks that.



- Can record webinars, GDS having this issue, others likely also having same issue.
- Good way to track changes coming up for modeling software, always changing. Could be ongoing webinar series.

❖ Joe motions to adjourn, Nicole seconds. Motion passes.

REVIEW OF MENTORSHIP RFI AND HERS MODELER APPLICANTS