



Meeting Logistics & Information

Date	Wednesday, April 17 th , 2024	Attendees
Time	9:00am-11:00am	Betsy Ames, Cindy Zeis, Keegan Ebbets, Joe Rando, Joel Martell, Jonathan Harrison, Michael Rossi, Mike Browne, Nicole Burger, Kaitlyn Mitchell
		Non-Attendees
Meeting Type	NEHERS Alliance – Board Meeting	
Facilitator	Cindy Zeis	

Meeting Motions			
Motion #	Description	Movement	Favor/Oppose/Abstain
1	To approve March minutes	Motion – Cindy Second – Keegan	8/0/1
2	To approve AP for \$16,280.19	Motion – Joe Second – Nicole	8/0/1
3	To adjourn.	Motion – Cindy Second – Joe	9/0/0

Roll call:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- Welcome Mike Rossi!
- Congratulations to Cindy and Betsy on being in the RESNET 2024 Class of Women Pioneers in the HERS Industry!
 - 4 of the 9 women recognized were affiliated with NEHERS!

- Vote on minutes from March (Kaitlyn)
 - ❖ Cindy motions to vote on minutes from March, Keegan seconds. Michael Rossi abstains. Passes unanimously.
- Vote on AP for March (Joe)
 - Note an adjustment was made on Lindzie's invoice.
 - ❖ Joe motions to approve AP of \$16,280.19. Nicole seconds, Michael Rossi abstains. Passes unanimously.

TRAINING COMMITTEE (Joe)

- Winter 2024 Profit Report: \$12,450. 93
- Spring 2024 Projected Profit: \$6462.00 (includes scholarship hotel and meal expenses)
 - Pass Rates= 5/18 = 27.7% Overall
 - CAZ= 16/17 = 94.11%
 - Practical Simulation= 10/18= 55.56%
 - Rater Exam= 7/18 = 38.88%
 - Course Evaluation Survey – Excellent
 - We will meet with PSD to discuss how the training went.
- Summer 2024 - Site will be Newton MA
 - 3 registered so far.
 - No scholarship on account of running April Pilot and TD Search. More slots will be available in the fall due to the Implementation Funding for students in MA.
- Working on dates for 2025.
- Implementation Grant
 - Budget and Timeline Submitted- awaiting contracts
 - Technical Director Search in process, we can't include costs for TD search until contract is signed.
- April 2024 Mentorship Pilot Project for RFIs and Modelers
 - Currently running with 7 RFI students and 1 self-paced modeler student
 - Two RFI students dropped out. One technology issue, one family issue.
 - Working lining up training employer partners (not obligated to hire them) and "mentors" who are career buddies, not necessarily doing the mentored ratings.
 - Kaitlyn will be the "Mentor to the Mentors"
 - Tons of activity with MassHire and outreach with potential partner organizations. Need TD to fully engage with some of them, like Franklin Cummings Tech.
 - 7 Students who did not have OSHA training took that April 1-5th.
 - Orientation for the full class was on Monday, April 8th.
 - Class runs weeknights 5-7PM for online modules/study halls, plus RFI required 20 hours and Modeler 10 hours on site/ride-alongs.
 - Cindy: The students are great. We could use a bit more engagement from the mentors for being on the calls from 5-7pm. Betsy will send the link to sign up.

STANDARDS (Cindy)

- Meeting canceled for April due to conflict with field week for HERS Rater Training.
- Issue on QA requirements, sounds like they've heard us and have taken some steps. Pat on the back to all of us who participate.



QAD (Jonathan)

- Met on March 29th
 - RESNET sampling protocol: New sampling procedures and new training for software systems.

WEBINARS (Keegan)

- 2023
 - ~~January 24th: Timber HP (Sponsor)~~
 - Registered: 37/ Attended: 18 Overall Satisfaction: 4.78
 - ~~February 21st: (Skip)~~
 - ~~March 13th: Electrification in MA – the 1,000,000 Home Challenge Revisited – Mike Duclos~~
 - Registered: 34/ Attended: 20 Overall Satisfaction: 4.79
 - **April 10th: PHIUS Prescriptive Path** - Isaac Elnecave and Tony Lisanti
 - Registered: 36/ Attended: 19 Overall Satisfaction: 4.71
 - **May 8th: Your Voice Matters** – Cindy Zeis
 - **June ?:**
 - **July: PHIUS Multi-Family** - Isaac Elnecave and Tony Lisanti
 - **August:** (skip)
 - **September: Retrotec**
 - **October:**
 - **November:**
 - **December:**
 - Another stretch series?
 - RESNET sampling protocol webinar for June? (Implemented July 1st)
 - Energy Star next Gen- Asa Foss – ICF is already working on this. Keegan: since we are introducing NextGen as a program requirement for the newly launched new construction program, we were having those conversations with the EPA team
 - Nick Falkoff- Comparison between HERS and Wufi Modeling

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS (Cindy)

- Next up – Half-off membership in July.

ENERGY CODES (Mike R)

- Energy Codes comments submitted.
- April 9th meeting energy code committee submitted [comments](#)

EMBODIED CARBON (Nicole)

- MassCEC Grant Initial Invoice – Submitted
- MOU/ SOWs:
 - Ekotrope: Received - Ekotrope is writing a line of code which they're going to essentially give to Northeast HERS once the pilot or the 100 homes study is over. Will maintain it for 6 months after. Needed to export data from Ekotrope into BEAM
 - Stephens and Company:
 - BEAM: Received – Spreadsheet will receive data from Ekotrope, they will own this. We have included language that any future use of this system will include a percentage to NEHERS.
 - NMR: Received
- DOER EC Adder to Stretch Code- [Comments](#)

- Joel: Issue came up that stuff about concrete belonged in base code not stretch code.
- Mike Browne: No, if they do that then it ends up being a very different party, not a HERS rater who is paying attention to a different part of the code. Much better if HERS raters do it and best thing for integration of embodied carbon with operational carbon is to keep it in the energy code it with that argument. It's best streamlined through one party.
- Joel: if we can find a way to get it integrated in the stretch code you have the argument that it's kind of a voluntary code and it's not mandated or anything like that.
- DOER Invitation to upcoming EC meeting? – Chris Mazzola
 - Concerns that there are other EC tracking methods being developed in MA and that DOER should oversee that things are streamlined.
 - Lt. Driscoll's office? – Ask MassCEC
 - Someone from DOER- who?
- Materials Embodied Carbon Workflow – Status Update – Andy
 - Promotion of the MassCEC initiative thru NEHERS??
 - Scott L. Rodman srodman@8500.org 212.665.8500 in Lincoln, MA wants to connect with Andy and be included in 100-home study. 1st house in MA built with Timber HP. Would also like someone from our team to speak at his group. Has a 31-part series on "The Build Show Boston" on his home.
- RESNET Items:
 - Standard Development Committee 1500 – update (Chris Magwood)
 - Met 3/14/24 – Overview and Intros
 - Technical Sub-Committee – update (Chris Magwood)
 - RESNET Standard Development Committee 1600 – Mike B was appointed.
- HomebuildersCAN (Carbon Action Network) Launch
 - April 3 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ET
 - Adopt and scale profitable, low-embodied carbon building practices
- Embodied Carbon Summit: May 21 – start of Getting to Zero Conference
 - Anyone going?
- Mass Save Embodied Carbon Energy Services Provider Pitch (Nate)
- Speaking Opportunities:
 - 2024:
 - **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**
 - **October 24, 2024 – NESEA – Building Energy NY**
 - [Session proposals are due on April 28](#)
 - **Beyond Compliance: Risks and Rewards**
 - [BuildingEnergy NYC 2024 Call for Proposals | NESEA](#)
 - **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

Other business:

Joel: There's a listening session for the three-year plan. If you have comments regarding new construction reach out if you want to participate.

❖ Cindy motions to adjourn Joe seconds. Passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned.