



Meeting Logistics & Information

Date	Wednesday, August 21 st , 2024	Attendees
Time	9:00am-11:00am	Betsy Ames, Keegan Ebbets, Joe Rando, Jonathan Harrison, Michael Rossi, Mike Browne, Nicole Burger, Kaitlyn Mitchell, Joel Martell
Meeting Type	NEHERS Alliance – Board Meeting	Non-Attendees
Facilitator	Betsy Ames / Nicole Burger	Cindy Zeis

Meeting Motions			
<i>Motion #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Movement</i>	<i>Favor/Oppose/Abstain</i>
1	Motion to approve July minutes	Motion – Jonathan Second – Nicole	7/0/0
2	Motion to extend the offer to Candidate A	Motion – Joe Second – Mike Browne	8/0/0
3	Motions to have the bylaw changes reviewed by our lawyer	Motion – Joe Second – Michael Rossi	8/0/0
4	Vote by email on 8-9-24 to approve the expenditure of \$5326 for continuation of EANE Membership and for option C of Dan McPherson’s proposal for organizational development support	Motion – Mike Browne Second – Keegan	7/0/1
5	Motion to approve AP of \$910	Motion – Joe Second – Nicole	8/0/0
6	Motion 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 Rossi, and Cindy Zeis
- New Board Members:



- Present (quorum = 5): Keegan Ebbets, Joe Rando, Jonathan Harrison, Michael Rossi, Mike Browne, Nicole Burger
- Late: Joel Martell
- Absent:

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- Vote on minutes from July (Kaitlyn)
 - Jonathan motions to approve July minutes. Nicole seconds. All in favor. 7/7
- Email conversion from IMAP to Exchange was done on 8-19-24 so that calendars will synch between Teams and Outlook. Domain is still with Tierra.net, but emails are now hosted by Microsoft.
- Board Retreat Date held for September 27th.
- Case Manager Review
 - Candidate A Vs Candidate B discussion during meeting
 - ❖ Joe motions to extend an offer to Candidate A, second by Mike Browne. Motion passes. 8/8
- Bylaw Updates
 - Discussion of updating Bylaws section 7.2 to allow for a bigger pool of candidates.
 - Composition. The Board of Directors consists of a minimum of nine (9) members, who are representative of the HERS Industry, allowing for a mix of representation of industry perspectives, striving for a diverse board, including members from the Rating Provider, Rater, Training Provider, Independent Trainer, Program, and Associate membership categories.

The majority of nine (9) Board members must be Industry Experts who are representatives of accredited RESNET Provider Categories (Training Provider or Rating Provider). that have home energy ratings, residential energy efficiency or renewable energy as their main business concern. This majority can come from any board membership category.

Each Director serving in a specific membership category shall advocate for the category of members he or she represents. No more than two individuals can run for the Board from the same organization, and no more than one individual from the same organization can run in the same membership category.

The Board of Directors may have a maximum of eleven (11) members, allowing for two “special interest” members that are supportive of the HERS Industry. These seats may or may not be filled.

 - ❖ Joe motions to have the bylaw changes reviewed by our lawyer. Michael Rossi seconds. Motion to approve, passes. 8/8
- Vote on AP for July (Joe)
 - ❖ Vote by email on 8-9-24 to approve the expenditure of \$5326 for continuation of EANE Membership and for option C of Dan McPherson’s proposal for organizational development support. Motion made by Mike Browne. Seconded by Keegan. Cindy, Nicole, Michael Rossi, Jonathan, Kaitlyn, Joel were in favor (Joe abstained).
 - ❖ Joe motions to approve AP of \$910, Nicole seconds. Motion passes 8/8

TRAINING COMMITTEE (Joe)

- Implementation/ Climate Critical Final Contract has been signed.
- Fall 2024 Training



- We have 5 registered, need 12 to break even (up to 5 MassCEC scholarship slots) or 13 to break even with 1 NEHERS scholarship.
- **September 30 is the early bird discount deadline**
- Stretch HERS 42/45 Webinar – later today!
- Mentorship Project- see Mentorship Program Development Committee

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Nicole)

- Ben approved us to push the start date back to the 23rd.
- Meeting Schedule:
 - Schedule Review of Intake Process- Monday, August 26th at 3PM
 - Schedule Review of Candidates – Tuesday September 3rd at 3PM
 - Mondays at 4PM thereafter except 4th of the month at 3PM.
- Program Schedule:
 - Webinar for Employers – August 28th at 4PM
 - Mentor Orientation – week or two before modules
 - Employer Orientation – week or two before modules
 - Include feedback from webinar
 - OSHA- self-paced – release modules to students on September 9th.
 - RFI Modules will begin Sept 23
- Applicant reviews – now scheduling interviews last week of August
 - Math quiz during interview- it's ok if you don't know all of this right now, will learn it and resources that will help that.
 - Asking preferences for mentors
- Do we take any applicants this fall into the HERS Rater Training without having completed the RFI program?
 - Yes- if affiliated with employer can fast track, if not affiliated with employer - Tim's call.
- Tim needs pictures! Good, bad and ugly pictures. Blower door set up, properly. Assemblies of walls, etc.... Grade 2, Grade 3. Old ES 3, gave you binder. Bad vs good. Slab edge right and wrong way. Knee walls. Comical are good too. Disasters. OSHA disasters. Need repository of pictures. Don't include ones with a recognizable person.
- Question of whether manual will be developed this year, alongside the curriculum
- April 2024 Wrap Up
 - Paul – pay for ERM? Eligibility for Fall.
 - Jordi – pay for ERM? Can we find a PT RFI placement for him?
- Employer engagement.
 - Board support for job sites for field trips.
- Manual will be developed this year, alongside the curriculum?
- Engaging with Ben Graham for modeler curriculum.
- Mentor guest appearances in RFI training. (This fall or next spring).

STANDARDS (Cindy)

- [Key Proposals for ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes \(SFNH\) Revision 14 and Multifamily New Construction \(MFNC\) Revision 05](#)
- [Resources Available During First Comment Period \(07/18/2024 - 08/15/2024\)](#)
- For the September 11th meeting:
 - [Draft PDS-01, ICC/RESNET 1450-202x Remote Virtual Inspections \(Comment opens August 16, 2024\)](#) – closes Sept 30
 - [Draft PDS-01, RESNET/ACCA/ICC 310-202x Update \(Comment opens August 16, 2024\)](#) – closes Sept 30
 - [Draft PDS-01, RESNET/ICC 301-202x Update \(Opens August 2nd, 2024\)](#) – closes Sept 16
 - [Draft PDS-01, RESNET/ICC 301-2022 Addendum D-202x \(Opens TBD\)](#) – not yet open

QAD (Jonathan)

- Met briefly July 25th, no one attended, next meeting is August 22nd at 9:00 AM.
 - Meeting in August is cancelled

WEBINARS (Keegan)

- 2023
 - ~~January 24th: Timber HP (Sponsor)~~
 - Registered: 37/ Attended: 18 Overall Satisfaction: 4.78/5
 - ~~February 21st: (Skip)~~
 - ~~March 13th: Electrification in MA – the 1,000,000 Home Challenge Revisited – Mike Duclos~~
 - Registered: 34/ Attended: 20 Overall Satisfaction: 4.79/5
 - ~~April 10th: PHIUS Prescriptive Path – Isaac Elneccave and Tony Lisanti~~
 - Registered: 36/ Attended: 19 Overall Satisfaction: 4.71/5
 - ~~May 8th: Your Voice Matters – Cindy Zeis~~
 - Registered: 12/ Attended: 4 Overall Satisfaction: 5/5
 - ~~June: None~~
 - ~~July 17: PHIUS Multi-Family Part I – Isaac Elneccave and Tony Lisanti~~
 - Registered: 29/ Attended: 19 Overall Satisfaction: 4.96/5
 - **August 21:** Case Studies for the New MA Stretch Code Changes (HERS 42/45)
 - **August 28:** Training RFI's that Fit Your Needs: Become an Employer Partner for the NEHERS Mentorship Program
 - **September:** PHIUS Multi-Family Part II - Isaac Elneccave and Tony Lisanti
 - **October 9:** Energy Codes – Michael Rossi
 - **November: Ventilation Measurements and Central Ventilation Duct Leakage for ENERGY STAR-** Mike Browne
 - **December: RESNET Recap?**
 - **Pending:**
 - Retrotec
 - Eversource
 - Indoor AirPlus Version 2 webinar

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS (Cindy)



- Please be thinking about who we want to invite to become members in relation to Nominations for the board election.
- If you know someone who you would like to run for the board but they are not a member then this would be a great time to get them signed up.
- Prorated fee if they sign up at the end of the year

ENERGY CODES (Michael R.)

- Reminder that the HERS Index limits decreased in Massachusetts to 42 or 45 depending on if it's mixed fuel or all-electric as of July 1st, 2024, for projects permitted after this date.
- It's expected that the Department of Energy is likely to announce the first-round awards for Energy Codes funding under the Inflation Reduction Act in Section 50131 in August, so we should keep an eye on that.
- The redlined version of the 2024 IECC is available for purchase.

EMBODIED CARBON (Nicole)

- No committee meeting in August, workflow team meets weekly on Thursday afternoon.
- A proposal has been approved by National Grid and Eversource for \$30,531 to add MEP to the 100-Home Study.
- EC team presented "Trifecta" at EEBA
- Three proposals were submitted for the RESNET Conference by our team:
 - CAR-13 **RESNET 1550: Unlocking Embodied Carbon for Raters** with Chris Magwood of RMI and Matthew Cooper of PEG
 - CAR-16 **Embodied Carbon Workflow, from HERS to EC** with Patrick Nachlas of Ekotrope
 - CAR-17 **New Horizons for RESNET: The Carbon Trifecta** with Andy Buccino of Stephens and Company, Jacob Racusin of New Frameworks, and Nicole Burger of Innova Building Advisors
- Joel: As we transition to all electric, they are thinking about the idea of putting on a summit targeting raters and builders to put on an educational summit instead of just policy makers and engineers. Afternoon evening sessions in person. Focusing on gas builders who are concerned to go all electric. Joel and Keegan are looking for Spring 2025 for it.
 - ❖ Joe motions to end meeting, Nicole seconds. Passes unanimously.