



Meeting Logistics & Information

Date	Wednesday, February 19, 2025	Attendees
Time	9:00am- 11:00am	Cindy Zeis, Nicole Burger, Mike Browne, Keegan Ebbets, Michael Rossi, Kaitlyn Mitchell
		Non-Attendees
Meeting Type	NEHERS Alliance – Board Meeting	Jonathan Harrison, Joel Martell
Facilitator	Betsy Ames/ Cindy Zeis	

Meeting Motions			
<i>Motion #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Movement</i>	<i>Favor/Oppose/Abstain</i>
1	Motion to approve January minutes	Motion – Kaitlyn Second – Cindy	6/0/0
2	Motion to approve AP of \$242.50	Motion – Keegan Second – Nicole	6/0/0
3	Motion to make a provisional motion for Sean Barfield to invite him to the board if we get New Ecology adjusted membership category.	Motion – Cindy Second – Keegan	6/0/0
4	Motion to adjourn	Motion –Michael Rossi Second – Cindy	6/0/0

Roll call:

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



ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- Jonathan is away.
- Vote on minutes from January (Kaitlyn)
 - ❖ Kaitlyn motions to approve January minutes, Cindy seconds. All in favor.
- Vote on AP for January (Jonathan)
 - ❖ Keegan motions to approve January AP of \$242.50, Nicole seconds. All in favor.
- Vote for Open Seat - Sean Barfield – New Ecology
 - Sean joined New Ecology in 2016 as an intern after receiving his Associate of Science in Environmental Studies at North Shore Community College. Sean currently serves as a HERS Rater as well as a Phius Verifier. Sean brings extensive mechanical background to the team with nearly 20 years' experience in the auto industry. Sean is passionate about sustainable building and is excited to be a part of New Ecology's growth.
 - ❖ New ecology is not a Rating Provider. May need to rewrite bylaws. Need to push this to the Executive Committee maybe. We have exhausted all providers.
 - ❖ Looked at bylaws- we can appoint Sean in rater category until end of this year.
 - ❖ Cindy makes a provisional motion for Sean Barfield to invite him to the board if we get New Ecology adjusted membership category. Keegan Seconds. 6/6

TRAINING COMMITTEE (Joe).

- Winter 2025: Online: January 6-17, 2025 & Field: February 3-7, 2025
- Spring 2025: Online: March 3 - 14, 2025 & Field: March 24 - 28, 2025
 - Under-enrolled, at 9 as of 2-18-25, need 12 to break even
- Issued RFP for Manual Utility Cost Inputs
- Issuing RFP for Modeler CEU Trainings for Existing Raters
 - This is not part of Tim's curriculum. This is for existing raters, not new modelers/raters.
- We need to develop fee-based training revenue over long-term RFI, Modeler, EC, Modeler CEUs. Etc... to support the organization in addition to grant funding. This committee could oversee the development of those fee-based trainings.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Nicole)

- Grants:
 - Strand C Implementation Grant- Submitted on 2/7 requesting \$117,628.85
 - We had 14 letters of support from employers
 - Next up: Planning and Capacity for additional staff – due February 28th
- Question about NEHERS becoming a small HERS Rating Company.
 - Tim contacting builders to see if interested
- Onboarding Abdul Gabriel- one of the two new Success Coaches. Going well.
- Transition Coaching for job-seeking/recently placed students is going well.
- Publicity/outreach for Spring program is happening now, please amplify our posts/emails within your network.
 - Presentation 2/7 for LISC – by Nicole in Boston

- **We should consider including a drone license for trainees.**
 - Presentation 2/13 for MassAbility – went well, 62 attended
 - Presentation 2/21 for Community Colleges
 - Presentation 2/25 5-8PM in “Brown WF in Green Sector” Springfield
- First round of student interviews is happening now, second round of student interviews will be the weeks of February 23rd and March 3rd.

STANDARDS (Cindy)

Meeting postponed until 2/19: All amendments out for public commenting have end dates in March so we'll be okay with moving the meeting. Currently out for public commenting:

- <https://www.resnet.us/about/standards/minhers/draft-pds-02-resnet-icc-850-202x-update/> - closes 3/3
- <https://www.resnet.us/about/standards/minhers/draft-pds-02-minhers-addendum-75-update-chapter-9-qa/> - closes 3/13
- <https://www.resnet.us/about/standards/minhers/draft-pds-01-minhers-addendum-81-adoption-of-ansi-resnet-icc-301-2022-supplement/> - closes 3/13

QAD (Jonathan)

- Met January 22nd to discuss ventilation and commissioning ventilation.

WEBINARS (Keegan)

- 2025
 - **January 15th: Retrotec** (Paid Sponsor Webinar)
 - Registered 47/ Attended 19
 - Average satisfaction level: 4.83/5:00
 - **February : skip**
 - **March 19th: Delta Electronics (Americas) Ltd.** (Paid Sponsor Webinar)
 - **April 16th – Cindy – QA/Standards**
 - **May – Joel – Embodied Carbon?**
 - **June - Kaitlyn**
 - **July – Committee Updates (chairs) -**
 - **August: (skip)**
 - **September**
 - **October**
 - **November**
 - **December**
 - **Pending**
 - Eversource
 - **Topic: Indoor AirPlus Version 2-** Gayathri Vijayakumar and Nicholas Hurst- there is some question as to whether we can get RESNET credits approved for that. There won't be a lot of Q&A for the training itself, so they might want to do a webinar after the webinar comes out.
 - **Tim-** about mentorship program.
 - **Milestones Standards and Codes?** Quarterly webinar, what's coming changes. Know about key things coming up. Value in that. Committee update.
 - **2027 IECC process-** have to figure out who... Michael.
 - **Keep an eye out at RESNET.**



- We will back-burner webinars some for the time being given the current workload in other areas.

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS (Cindy)

- Next up: Half-off membership renewals in July

ENERGY CODES (Michael R.)

- Energy Codes Committee met on January 14th, and the updates to the Massachusetts Stretch Code are now active with no concurrency period. This update includes less stringent HERS Targets for Existing Buildings, and a new embodied carbon credit, among other changes.

EMBODIED CARBON (Nicole)

- RESNET presentation update
 - Poly-ISO people debated their findings in contrast to Nicole's embodied carbon presentation. Overall it went well, good conversation on MA new embodied carbon codes.
- We are now analyzing the 100-homes.
 - Doing QA right now. May need to get potential additional money for the 100 homes study. MASS CEC cannot but we are looking. Will ask Joel if utilities can contribute any more.
- We are beginning to process payments to raters.

❖ Michael Rossi Motion to adjourn, Cindy seconds. All in favor.