

Meeting Logistics & Information

Date	Wednesday – September 25, 2019	Attendees
Time	3:00 – 5:00 PM	Doug McCleery, Betsy Ames, Mike Turns, Frank Swol, Chris Mazzola, Rob Salcido, Nick Jones, Mike Browne
		Non-Attendees
Meeting Type	NEHERS Alliance – Board Meeting	Nick Jones, Kevin Hanlon, Joe Rando,
Facilitator	Frank Swol	Special Guests
		None
Web Link	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/122221509	

Meeting Motions			
<i>Motion #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Movement</i>	<i>Favor/Oppose/Abstain</i>
1	To approve minutes from July Board Meeting	Motion by Mike T Second by Chris	7/0/0
2	To approve current accounts payable of \$\$2819.66 as presented, plus \$100 for erroneous duplicate testing fees	Motion by Frank Second by Mike T	7/0/0
3	To purchase a RESNET Conference Tier 6 sponsorship for \$1500 using Manual funds	Motion by Frank Second by Joe	6/0/1
4	To adjourn	Motion by Mike T Second by Frank	7/0/0

Discussion

Administrative Items:

NEHERS Presentation at the 2020 RESNET Conference

- Frank spoke with Laurel at Energy Star Partner Meeting, selected presentations should be announced in October

Frank – he will try to determine if NEHERS is presenting before the Board Retreat so we don't spend time developing a presentation unnecessarily.

Membership Poll Responses on Industry Challenges

- Rankings requested. No end date requested. Board retreat will be real deadline. 28 responses to date.

Additional discussion at Board Retreat

Nominations Committee

- Betsy sent out open candidates call email to membership – no response to date.
- Magrann and EAM providing Rating Provider representative replacements

NEHERS RESNET Training Provider Renewal

- Due by Oct 31st. Coordination with outside trainers is required. Need curriculum and certification by individual trainers.
- Requires coordination with PSD, BER, and ERM

Ohio HB6 Passed

- EE funding was cut. Hope for inclusion as a ballot referendum.
- Talking about doing a webinar on this issue, for future awareness across Northeast. Focus on engagement more than the specific issue (cautionary tale). Potential for 2020 topic.

Betsy Performance Evaluation

- As was done previously the board will discuss this item at the October retreat.
- Frank to supply Betsy with evaluation questions in advance of retreat.

RESNET Conference Sponsorship

- When will RESNET need NEHERS graphics that includes manual? Deadline being requested.

RESNET Board Dinner Options

- Frank has done some research and will circulate the following links for discussion next month at the board retreat. (see below)

Octane Raceway <https://www.octaneraceway.com/>

Topgolf <https://topgolf.com/us/riverwalk/>

Culinary Dropoff at the Yard Tempe <https://www.culinarydropout.com/locations/tempe-az/>

Brat Haus <https://www.brathausaz.com/>

Secretary's Report (Mike T.)

- Approval of July Minutes
- No August Minutes to approve
- ❖ **Motion 1: Mike T motion to approve. Chris Mazzolla second. Unanimously approved.**

Treasurer's Report (Frank in Nick's absence)

- Accounts Payable
- Will do a quarterly report in November
- ❖ **Motion 2: Motion to approve current slate of accounts payable of \$2819.66 as presented, plus \$100 for erroneous duplicate testing fees for Frank Swol made by Frank, Mike T second, unanimously approved**

Standards Committee (Kevin Hanlon, Rob Salcido)

- Discussion of QA Mentorship (Chris Mazzola) – as an optional pathway for certifying new HERS Raters by mentoring first and test second. A continuous maintenance proposal or revision to the standards is anticipated by Chris with assistance by Rob for review by board. This should be ready for discussion at the retreat.
- Discussion of RESNET board vote to include standard 310 for HVAC quality installation of MINHERS instead of standard 301 (Rob Salcido) – this changes the HERS index away from the ERI index even more. Per Emily, this was intended by board to provide additional copyright (turf) protection for HERS index. EPA expressed disappointment in this approach at EPA partner meeting (per Frank). Should NEHERS draft a letter in opposition to this decision? We could provide this to Emily for her to present at the next board meeting. Rob will take the lead at a first draft for review.
- Mike Brown presented to SDC 300 committee on guarded testing. Well received. Gayathri left time for discussion and questions.

TRAINING COMMITTEE (Frank Presented in Joe Rando's absence)

- Alternative Path for Raters- Chris Mazzola has proposed that NEHERS offer a condensed classroom training for students who are apprenticing with an established rating company. – previously addressed in meeting.
 - Fall 2019 Training:
 - We have 15 full and 3 online only registrations, and 1 student auditing the classroom section.
 - Student preparedness for in-person class issue raised by PSD for a number of students. This is a concern, particularly with a large class. We should evaluate current module format for the online platform to determine if it adequately prepares students vs a live online platform. Do we have adequate checks and balances? Underprepared students have a negative impact on other students, the reputation of NEHERS and reputation of individual trainers. Should we also consider a different model in which each trainer is responsible for both the online and live training components of a given training?

Discussion about how to address. Agreed to provide feedback to PSD and The BER and ask for their input. Discussed possible solution of assigning online training and live training to the same provider for a given training. Contractual commitments need to be addressed. Also discussed possibility of The BER changing to a live format for online training in the future. We were reminded that The BER did not previously offer training in this format.

- Winter 2020 Training
 - Publicity went out with the last round of the fall 2019 publicity.
- Spring 2020 Training
 - Working on setting dates and location
- Multi-Family Energy Star Training- Fees for Registrations Through Our Website
 - Joe followed up with Emelie to see where things stand with PSD. Emelie remembered that there was an agreement but could find no written record. Training Committee will address what this agreement should look like in the future.
- RESNET Credits for Conferences
 - We helped Abode Energy get ten classes approved for RESNET credits for the Start Smart conference on September 25th.
- **Manual (Mike Browne)**
 - Utility Cost Input List Manual Update RFPs were reviewed on Sept 5th. The committee will propose their selection at the meeting to vote on.
 - 3 proposals issued – GDS proposal was lowest cost by a considerable amount.

❖ **Motion 3: Motion to accept this proposal to be funded out of manual funds (see summary below) made by Mike Browne. Second by: Chris Mazzola. Approved: 6-0 (Rob Salcido abstained – Ekotrope was a bidder)**

NEHERS Alliance Utility Cost Input Manual Updates RFP

July 19, 2019

Proposal Summary (to be completed by Bidder)

Bidder Information:

Company:	GDS Associates, Inc.
Address:	1155 Elm Street, Suite 702, Manchester, NH 03101
Contact Person:	Bruce Bennett, Principal/Manager – Building Energy Services
Contact info:	Bruce.Bennett@gdsassociates.com

Method for Developing Utility Cost Input List: Attach proposed outline

Schedule to be used: Attach proposed schedule

Providers: Attach resumes showing qualifications, experience and other relevant information.

Price Proposal:

Item	Amount
Principal Provider	\$5,550.00
Assistant	\$1,176.00
Other charges (specify):	\$170/update quarterly

Proposal: Briefly describe any other non-price factors or special conditions the NEHERS board should consider in its decision. Attach supplemental materials if necessary.



Professional Development (*Chris*)

Board members pick months.

- January- Real World Performance of Air Source Heat Pumps– with Mike Duclos
- February 13th Using European Windows in Energy Efficient Construction- Rob Shearer
- March 20th Duct Testing- Exempt or Not Exempt- Emelie Cuppernell and Ethan
- April 24th-Smart and Simple Residential Ventilation- Carly Maltais from Air Cyclor
- May 8th The Hidden Story Behind Energy Modeling- Mike Duclos
- June 12th- Alternative Energy Credits- with Sophie Theroux
- July 10th Smart Ventilation and Smart Air Distribution- Tim Montague
- August (often skip)
- September 11th - Net Zero Stretch Code Campaign- Rebecca Winterich-Knox
- October 9th- Program updates- CT, NH, NJ, NY, MA, PA, VT – Mike Turns will moderate.
- November- Sense- We are primarily interested in the building science and your product would be a huge step towards the monitoring and quantification of the energy improvements the current building code implies a home owner should experience in a newly constructed home. – title and content needed.
- December- Meet the Candidates/ RESNET QAD consistency, accuracy and mentoring with Billy Giblin

Energy Code Committee (*Mike Turns*)

- Updates from September call – attendance was light (4). Conversation about code enforcement, particularly about stretch code in MA, redundant insulation inspections when ERI path is used and auditing communities who use stretch code to verify enforcement.
- NEHERS outreach could support more uniform code enforcement.

Membership & Communications (*Frank*)

- Early November : Membership Committee Meeting on Renewal Dues
- November Board Meeting: Vote on whether to keep dues levels the same or increase them.
- Mid-late November: Email Provider members asking them to update their raters for next year- how many will have on January 1st.

Other business

- Frank in contact with Ryan Miller director of NC Performance Building Association, who will be making a proposal to RESNET for funding to increase participation in HERS/ERI path for code compliance and utility company programs in his state with spillover to other states.
- Poll for attendance at retreat? Invitation was sent out. All have accepted, except for Kevin Hanlon (unconfirmed). Rob will participate remotely. Actual start time scheduled for 9am.

Discussion around finding a local hotel for those arriving the night before. Nick followed up with a recommendation for a local Best Western at **Address:** 201 Washington Ave, North Haven, CT 06473 **Phone:** (203) 239-6700

❖ **Motion 4: Motion to adjourn was made at 4:30PM by Mike T, Frank second, unanimously approved**