



Meeting Logistics & Information

Date	Tuesday – November 24, 2020	Attendees
Time	9:00 – 11:00 AM	Mike Browne, Rob Salcido, Joe Rando, Rich Martin, Betsy Ames, Nick Jones, Chris Mazzola, Dillon Swol
Meeting Type	NEHERS Alliance – Board Meeting	Non-Attendees Mike Turns, Kevin Hanlon
Facilitator	Mike Browne	Special Guests
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 the minutes from the October Board meeting	Motion by Chris Mazzola Second by Nick Jones	7/0/0
2	To approve Accounts Payable of \$9410.95	Motion by Nick Jones Second by Joe Rando	7/0/0
3	To keep membership dues the same this year.	Motion by Chris Mazzola Second by Rich Martin	7/0/0
4	To close	Motion by ??? Second by ???	???

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Betsy):

- R.L. Martin changing their services, latest heard from R.L. Martin – We will not be affected, they will continue to host our website and our listservs on their server. They will also keep hosting Betsy’s email, but there is no spam filter now, so they didn’t think the spam would get worse but if it does, we can look at changing to a different platform.



SECRETARY'S REPORT (Mike T.)

- Approve minutes from October
 - ❖ **Chris motion to approve, Nick second, approved unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT (Nick)

- Accounts Payable- **The \$1800 listed on the AP for our accreditation renewal was already paid on the credit card. The total to approve is \$9410.95.**
 - ❖ **Nick motion to approve AP \$9410.95, Joe Second, unanimously approved.**

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Chris)

Committee Members: Nick Jones, Chris Mazzola, Rich Martin and Dillon Swol

Up for Re-Election: Mike Browne, Kevin Hanlon, Joe Rando, Rob Salcido, Mike Turns

- Petitioning email was sent out and we are open to petitions until Nov 30th.
- **Sara (BER) – Petitioning to get into the rater category**
- **Had one individual (John Koehane) drop out of running for Board**

MANUAL COMMITTEE (Dillon)

- Discussion of volume calculations- RESNET sub-committee update from Mike B.
 - **Cleaning up this table to match the standards**
 - **Is there a time frame we are sending an update out by? Will put it in next round of updates.**
- Addendum 34
 - **Already approved**

TRAINING COMMITTEE (Joe)

- Issued RFP for winter 2021
- BER withdrawal from NEHERS as Training Provider.
- **BER is no longer going to be offering trainings through NEHERS, they have withdrawn as a Training Provider from NEHERS. Happened a few weeks ago after last board meeting. Anticipating something like this due to extensive lack of communication.**
- **Had been potentially doing 4 trainings in 2021 (2 in Spring/2 in Fall) split up between BER & PSD. Moved forward currently with Winter 2021 training being issued to PSD. Working on dates for March.**
- **Please reach out if people have thoughts.**
- **This is big news- competition is healthy.**
- **As the BER conveyed it to Mike Browne, they didn't think it was a good business decision for them.**
- **ERM is also not renewing as a training provider with RESNET, so also not renewing as a training provider with NEHERS, so NEHERS really is down to 1.**
- **We have to figure out how to remain competitive and work on increased marketing, well outlined training schedule published in advance.**

- PSD is meeting Dec 1st to plan their schedule. Do we need to issue RFPs for spring and fall if there is only 1 bidder? No. Simply offer the trainings and confirm it's the same price as for the winter. Aim for 3 trainings for 2021. We don't know if we would fill 4. Could list 4 and cancel if needed, may have higher engagement. Except we have reputation that we run trainings when they are scheduled. We can be open to seeing if a 4th training is possible a little later in the year.
- Mike Browne requested that all board members be invited to the next training committee meeting to brainstorm on the question of finding additional training providers.

STANDARDS (Kevin and Rob)

- Nothing new this month.

WEBINARS (Rich/Betsy)

- ~~January 8th PACENation~~
- ~~February 19th HERS Index Consistency Issue Rob Salcido~~
- ~~March Energy Codes Webinar Mike Turns~~
- ~~April 10th: Covid-19 Panel Discussion: Challenges and Opportunities~~
- ~~May 27th Exploring Ductless Splits & Heat Pumps Emerson Swan & Eversource~~
- ~~June 10th Beyond Energy Efficiency: Why Embodied Carbon in Buildings Matters
————— NOW Jacob Racusin and Chris Magwood~~
- ~~July 15th House Rater (promotional)~~
- ~~August 26th Aerobarrier Jason Taylor air sealer/deck spray foam Russ McPhearson~~
- ~~September 9th Ventilation and Covid-19 Barry Stephens~~
- ~~October 14th Triple Decker Challenge~~
- ~~October 21st Passive Building and PHIUS+ Certification with Lisa White of PHIUS~~
- ~~November 18th RESNET Roundtable with Billy Giblin, Scott Doyle, Laurel Elam, and more!~~
 - Had great turn out for the RESNET Roundtable- 44!
- December 16th- Rater's Unexpected Journey- To Pandemic and Back Again
 - Have Laurel, Frank, hopefully Mike Browne. Challenges and what was learned, plus looking ahead to 2021. Will try to do same thing with a flow of questions for panel plus live questions.
 - Introduce the standards updates at the December webinar. Note that ANSI standard is changing.
 - In January we will coordinate the standards segment the webinars with whoever the new standards chair will be.

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS (Mike B)

- Approve fee structure for membership renewals.
- Two potential QA providers from half-off emails in June- Mike is happy to follow up. Personal outreach useful.
- ❖ **Motion to keep fees the same- Chris, second Rich, unanimous, none opposed.**

ENERGY CODES (Mike T)- Mike B filled in

- Sent a couple proposals to the Energy Codes Committee that went to MA Building Codes and Standards. Soliciting feedback on additions and alterations bringing them back in under the stretch code.
 - Clarify when the blower doors are wanted?