

NEHERS Alliance

Minutes of board meeting 2/11/09

Present: Ethan McCormack, Margaret Song, Glen Hayes, Brian Stanfill, Ed Minch, Robb Aldrich

Conference call ## changed to 309-946-5100, regular password

Peggy's report of 1/09:

Training - Computer service was not available for all trainees - board requested more forceful statement in original letter of requirement

NY will give \$7500 tax credit for Green Certification in new or existing homes, Obama wants to retrofit, so raters will be in demand. Classes are full, not enough trainers, and the Alliance stretched thin. We need a strategy for getting more trainers. Train-the-trainers class in the works, trainers will work as subcontractors under Alliance's training provider ticket.

Could deliver BPI training for Alliance through one of the members - several are BPI trainers. Some areas (PA) are requiring both BPI and RESNET certification to work in retrofit program.

Training is a major focus of the Alliance for 2009

ECA is training in Philly - close to Wall NJ - for rater training. Could you make a deal to collaborate with ECA so that each gives overflow of trainees to the other. This would be good as long as there is reciprocity.

Peggy to correspond with ECA - give them our trainee overflow or take their overflow.

Membership - in this time of shrinking budgets, get as many as possible

Web update - in the works

Monthly member calls - any ideas for future topics appreciated

Training Manuals - good shape, just made another order - orders are up and will continue to grow with more training classes.

Glen - treasurer's report:

Financial summary - have \$57,000 in the bank.

Current invoices for approval:

RESNET - (Ethan motion/Margaret second/approved)

Peggy - supplies and time and misc conference - (Ethan/Margaret/approved)

Gale - supplies and time - need actual invoice
Susan - (Robb/Ed/approved)
Martin & Assoc - web guy - New web site, charges pre-authorized
(Ed/Margaret/approved)

Frank Migneco still has funds in a local PA bank - Glen will transfer and to a nearby bank and suggested using a local CPA for work this year

Kevin felt that staying with current CPA would be cheaper and offer continuity. After discussion. Motion from Glen - keep Curent CPA, (Ethan/Ed/approved) This motion from Glen will get Quicken on his home computer and transfer info, and get a flash drive. Motion for under \$250 total (Glen/Robb/approved) Motion from Glen to move money (Glen/Ethan/approved - Kevin abstain)

Frank felt that treasurer was enough of a job that it might require compensation - Glen felt he would continue at no compensation.

Peggy suggested purchasing a used laptop for accounting - group decided that a flash drive would work well.

Discussion about D&O Board Insurance - \$1030 annual - based on revenues + 9 board members. (Ethan/Glen/approved) Both concept and invoice approved.

Committee membership will be discussed via e-mails.

Meeting over 2:25