

# NORTHEAST HERS ALLIANCE

## Board Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2011

*Attendees for Meeting: Peter, Glenn, Chris, Frank, Peggy, Brian, Eurihea, Robert, & Mike Browne*

- Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
  - Total expenses to be approved: \$26,597.21
    - **Glenn/Eurihea/Approved**
- Committee Participation Status & Action Plans
  - List of possible candidates will be distributed
    - Committee chairs will contact list and form committee and setup meeting
- Membership Committee Report
  - At RESNET, Chris and Peter worked the vendor booths looking for potential new Sponsors
  - NEHERS has 18 provider members
  - Proposal for Nancy to make phone calls to prospective independent members to join the Alliance. Peggy is also delegating to Nancy (staff) to start managing the member database
  - NESEA conference upcoming – possible avenue to recruit membership
  - Peggy will handle existing member follow up & Frank will head up possible new members. Peggy will call LIPA (a program member) to renew membership.
  - 15 possible new supplier members obtained from RESNET on top of 14 that Frank has already been in contact with.
  - Frank's focus will be on obtaining supplier members & new program members
  - Chris and Frank and Peggy are meeting on Monday to discuss membership strategy.
  - Peter is talking with GWS to join the HERS Alliance, Kelly is thinking about it.
- Training Committee Report
  - Need to focus on cutting cost of the training and how to cut costs; Is there an opportunity to do online training? Offer two 3-day courses as well as a 6-day format?
  - Springfield, MA training planned
  - Training in Wall, NJ in June and Plymouth, MA in fall & Connecticut
  - ENERGY STAR Version 3.0 Training
    - EPA released guidebooks
    - Waiting on slides and training materials
    - Planned courses in April – CT, NJ, MA
  - BPI for HERS Rater Training
    - This needs to be re-looked at with changes with BPI-RESNET relationship

- No longer a discount on testing for HERS raters – might change negotiations with CET
  - IR Training
    - Meeting with Snell Group upcoming to review pricing options
    - Proposal to provide Level I Infrared training (4 day training)
  - April 13 NEHERS webinar: repeat of Ducts Done Right
- Technical Committee Report
  - Brian will be in touch with the members who volunteered for the technical committee and set up a meeting to discuss the re-write of the manual.
- QAD Committee
  - A meeting will be held in May in central Connecticut
- Professional Development Program
- Other Business
  - Peggy & Mike Browne will setup a meeting to discuss Energy Efficient Mortgages and opportunities for the Alliance. There might be opportunities to bring on lender and insurance company sponsors.
  - Discussion about the v.3 ENERGY STAR HVAC Contractor checklist. Who would sign this checklist when the system is a boiler and there is no HVAC contractor? Suggestion to ask Technical committee what they think, including Paul Raymer. Chris will ask the EPA what they think.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 PM