

Minutes for June 16th, 2015 NEHERS Board Meeting

Called to Order at 1:22 pm

- ❖ Attending: Bruce Bennett, Emelie Cuppernell , Doug McCleery, Frank Swol, Peter Hubbe, Laurie DiDonato
- ❖ Absent: Brenda Watson (Resigned), Mark Newey (Vacation 15th – 19th), Tony Lisanti, Mark Hutchins

❖ **Announcement/Reminder**

- Brenda Resigned
 - From bylaws: “If any Director shall accrue more than two (2) consecutive unexcused absences from regular meetings of the Board of Directors, the Director may be presumed to have resigned and a replacement may be elected according to these Bylaws, if the remaining members of the Board of Directors deems such action appropriate.”
 - Replacing her can from any category, preferable the same category. Emelie will ask Jenn Parsons. John D’Arpino might be other option, or Rick Brown.
- Summer
 - Summer Board meeting: Laurie will be away for July 21st meeting time, Peter will also be away. Frank, Bruce, Emelie, Doug can make it. Emelie cannot make August 18th time, but Frank, Bruce, Doug, and Laurie can make August. Try for July so Jenn can be appointed sooner. We will plan to skip August, unless we don’t meet quorum in July. Invite Jenn to come for July.
 - Laurie’s office hours- She will drop Thursday hours. No objections from Board.
 - Summer webinars -

❖ **Secretary’s Report (*Vacant*)**

- Approval of minutes of last meeting
 - April minutes – Laurie prepared. Motion to approve by Emelie seconded by Peter. Approved unanimously. Frank Abstained.
 - No May minutes - Emelie will prepare for next meeting.

❖ **Treasurer’s Report (*Mark Newey*)**

- Some confusion with old Serra invoices, but cleared up by Mark. Accounts Payable for May equaled \$2822.39. Motion to approve the May accounts payable of \$2652.39 plus the Serra invoice for \$170, totaling \$2822.39. Seconded by Frank. Unanimously approved.
- Manual account – need to transfer past Martin charges that were manual-related from Manual account to the general fund. Motion to transfer \$1620.00 from the Manual fund to the Main Account made by Emelie, seconded by Peter, approved unanimously. Laurie will let Mark know.

❖ **Standards Committee (*Doug McCleery, Frank Swol*)**

- Frank needs list of members- Laurie will send them

- 2nd Tuesday is regular meeting. Next one is July 14th.

➤ Technical matters

- New Rater practical test coming – how to handle this. The schedule has been pushed back, but the test itself has already been approved. Discussion on the burden of increasing costs and burdens involved in rating, as well as the speed things are changing without sufficient communication. Proposing it be required by January 1st 2017.
- We should try to get this test into our trainings early if possible.
- It won't re-set professional development requirement.
- There is also a new proposal that all raters must attend the RESNET conference every 3 years for PDUs.
- No more professional development- replacing with Jobwerks field testing AND attendance of the conference every 3 years. Public comment ended May 30th- will go to the Board to vote on. They don't make sure people go to the sessions, they just need to check in to earn their credits. If approved would eliminate NEHERS ability to have professional development for webinars.

➤ QA matters

New Task Force – RESNET QA process – Wes is chairing the group and would like a co-chair. Would like to use our gotomeeting account

❖ **Training Management (*Bruce Bennett*)**

➤ Marketing – Linked In Possibility

- Discussion on whether we should try a pay-per-click system in Linked-In. More targeted audience. And would be easier to track. Training committee thought it was a good idea. Need more numbers on cost. Laurie will collect this data and send to Board to get approved for July meeting and start for Fall training.

➤ Rater Training

- June 1st -12th - Canceled - only 2 registrations.
- September 28th – October 9th - given to the BER and they accepted.
- Venue for fall training is Eversource in Hadley, MA. They want to send a person to training and would like a discount. Check with them on what they might expect for a discount.

➤ Survey for other certification trainings – Laurie needed other information- wasn't getting emails from RESNET so missing information. But now she has and will contact RESNET to get emails again. Keep things simple to gauge interest. Also not sure if we are entering a market that is already filled. ICC offers a self-paced training for very cheap. Laurie will draft a quick survey and send to Emelie and Bruce for checking before sending out. Also add a question about certifications that require continuing education.

❖ **Manual (*Mark Hutchins*)**

Meeting was small- Mike Browne suggested marketing strategy to target providers saying they can use our manual to comply with RESNET requirement.

❖ **Professional Development (*Frank(but actually really Laurie)*)**

➤ Future topics

- June: Brett Pevear, Chris McTaggart on ventilation testing- approved for credits- went well.

- July – Frank will try to find someone, but will likely cancel
- August - Emelie could do this on Residential Asset ratings and policies- Laurie will be away for weeks leading up to this, so need to prep ahead of time to get things in place.
- Other ideas – Standards update- ask Steve Baden to do it. Frank will reach out to Steve. Cc Emelie and Bruce. Ask him to do September or beyond.

❖ **Membership/Communications (*Vacant*)**

- Martins gave us a quote for updating the website - \$4500
 - Emelie has checked with someone to see if this is reasonable but hasn't heard back.

❖ **Energy Code Committee (*Peter Hubbe*)**

- Met and had good discussion on infiltration adjustment for multi-family

Adjourn at 3:11pm