

Minutes for April 9, 2008 NEHERS Board meeting.

Attendees: Mark MaGrann, Adam Gifford, Robb Aldrich, Frank Migneco, Jim Hammel, Glenn Haynes, Peggy MacLeod.

The meeting was facilitated by Mark MaGrann. Minutes taken by Peggy.

Approval of minutes: since there was not a quorum, the approval of the minutes was postponed till May.

There were no officers' reports. Kevin had send the agenda.

Member meetings: Peggy confirmed that two speakers are set up, Joe Lstiburek for the April 9 meeting, and Michael Blasnik for May 14.

Treasurer's report: Dollar amounts for pending payments were reviewed by Frank. Jim Hammel made a motion to approve all payments, Robb seconded. There was no discussion. Motion approved.

General questions on training:

- Do we get feedback from rater trainees about the RESNET test results, and how many people are passing the test? Adam said that people seem generally happy with training. Unfortunately that does not translate into everyone passing the test. The last course there were 7 out of 15 that passed the test. Chris Johnson's narrative may have the pass/fail ratio of NEHERS testing, and Mark Newey may also be able to provide those numbers.
- Jim Hammel asked whether there are statistics on pass/fail ratios for longer classes, like the Long Island classes which are 5.5 days. Adam said that the RESNET test has improved tremendously in the last 2 years, eliminating the ambiguous questions and wrong answers have been fixed, making a very strong test now. He reported that the RESNET training committee is having a two day get together to review questions.
- Adam reported that CSG has a RESNET contract to create 15 new test questions per year. He also said that in a few months a tool will be available for test takers to comment on questions.

Training

Peggy reported that there are 7 paid students for the May 12 class, and a number considering enrollment. Adam will be the trainer. The new cardboard 3-ring binder will be used for manuals at this class.

Dues

Peggy agreed to email the NEHERS dues chart to date to report payments from members to date.

Green Verifier Training

Jim Hammel reported that BPCA arranged to offer Green Building Field Verifier Training in Syracuse in classroom format. There are 28 people registered.

NE HERS is interested in duplicating this training in other areas. Mark MaGrann will call NAHB - Don Carr, to inquire whether NE HERS could arrange to have a classroom setting for Green Verifier Training at either of the fall ACI conferences. The training is usually offered online, but for the Syracuse training, a trainer will do it, the instructor being paid for by NAHB, and the cost to raters was free.

ACI Conference Sponsorship

Frank had a conversation with Helen Perrine about sponsorships of the two upcoming ACI conferences - New England and Atlantic City. He wants to explore whether we could sponsor both conferences for a reduced rate. Adam suggested that he thinks it would be difficult for NE HERS to afford to support at the \$5,000 level for both. Mark asked whether we would try to have a Board meeting as well as offer advanced rater training. Frank will follow up with Helen on the possibilities for reduced sponsorship rate.

Other

Jim Hammel heard that a good number of Providers across the US are on probation. He inquired whether there are any NE HERS member providers on probation, and if so, do they need any support from NE HERS. Mark offered to speak with Steve Baden to find out.

Peggy reported that she regularly receives updated lists of raters from providers so that the online database of members can be updated.

Frank made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim.