



## Meeting Logistics & Information

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday – May 19, 2021	<b>Attendees</b>
<b>Time</b>	9:00 – 11:00 AM	Betsy Ames, Andy Buccino, Mike Browne, Mike Turns, Joe Rando, Sara DeVico, Andy Buccino, Nick Jones, Rich Martin, Chris Mazzola
<b>Meeting Type</b>	NEHERS Alliance – Board Meeting	<b>Non-Attendees</b>
<b>Facilitator</b>	Mike Browne	Dillon Swol
<b>Web Link</b>	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/122221509">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/122221509</a>	<b>Special Guests</b>

Meeting Motions			
<i>Motion #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Movement</i>	<i>Favor/Oppose/Abstain</i>
1	Approve April minutes	Mike T moved, Andy second	9/0/0
2	To approve A/P of \$2,831.35	Nick moved, Sara second	9/0/0
3	To support comments from Russell Cole and Laurel’s response	Mike B moved, Rich second,	8/0/0
4	To adjourn		8/0/0

### SECRETARY’S REPORT (*Mike T.*)

- Approval of Minutes

**Motion Mike T, Second Andy, unanimously approved**

### TREASURER’S REPORT (*Nick*)

- Accounts Payable

**Nick motion to approve April accounts payable of \$2,831.35, Sara second, unanimously approved**

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- Email/Listservs transfer
- Mugs- Chris

Discussion of mugs for webinar presenters and taking some to RESNET. Discussed ordering 20 or 50. Betsy to price both out.

#### MANUAL COMMITTEE (Dillon)

- Discussion about Manual Updates
- Contract sent to Bruce on 4-27

Discussed removing redundancy with the standard, simplify/shorten the manual based on PSD feedback. Still waiting for contract back from Bruce. Joe Rando to follow up with Bruce.

#### TRAINING COMMITTEE (Joe)

- Owning our own curriculum summary from last meeting.
- Spring 2021 training:
  - Online: June 7<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>
  - Classroom: June 28<sup>th</sup>- July 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Early Bird Discount was May 10<sup>th</sup>/ Final Registration Deadline is May 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - We have 3 full, 2 online only, and 1 classroom only registered so far.
  - Please help spread the word.

Don't underestimate effort to produce/update curriculum. Possibly ask Emelie of PSD. Also discussed reaching out to RESNET or other non-profits. Not as urgent as previously thought. Everyone on the training call thought it was a good idea, but no one had the time to move it forward. Not on the back burner, but not right at the front.

Joe asked for assistance sharing rater training, registration is low right now.

Have a great thing going with PSD, so maybe if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

#### STANDARDS (Sara)

- Full sheet from Sara is attached.
- Mandatory Compliance date for Jurisdiction Code Compliance Proposed Language:
- If rating is for code compliance in a jurisdiction that requires a HERS index and the software update changes the HERS index achieved from the previous version, the Mandatory Compliance date shall be based on the mandatory effective date of the next code revision by said jurisdiction.

Waiting for second draft to come out from RESNET.

Issue with compliance date (moved to July 1). Will be big impact to score, so it's important to places like MA that have a specific score required. Proposed amendment that says where a jurisdiction has adopted HERS for energy code compliance, you are allowed to use the older version until the jurisdiction updates their code. Also expanding to utility programs. Mike B. – How do we keep the pressure up? **RESNET is already saying they will accept old versions** (even though there is no official amendment). What now? Do we put in our own proposal? Sara – respond to email thread with broader language (did wordsmithing to make it less specific to MA)

**Mike B – Motion for Sara to contact Laurel in support of Russell Cole’s and Laurel’s comments in an email thread, Second by Rich, no discussion, unanimously approved**

#### WEBINARS (Andy)

- ~~January: 301 and 380 Standards Update~~
- ~~February no webinar~~
- ~~March: Ekotrope~~
- ~~April: no webinar~~
- May 19<sup>th</sup>: ERI vs ERI- with Robby Schwartz
- June 9<sup>th</sup>: Reducing Embodied Carbon with CO2 Mineralized Concrete with Eric Dunford
- July 14<sup>th</sup>: Electrification in MA- the 1,000,000 Home Challenge with Mike Duclos
- August 11<sup>th</sup>: 10 Things to Air-Seal in Your Attic with Jason Taylor and Ross MacPherson (TENTATIVE)
- August 18<sup>th</sup>: Passive House Ventilation for Raters with Mike Duclos (PH SERIES #1)
- September 8<sup>th</sup>: MassCEC including the Decarbonization Pathways Pilot with Meg Howard (TENTATIVE)
- September 15<sup>th</sup>: Air Sealing- Tony Lisanti and ? (PH SERIES # 2)
- October 20<sup>th</sup>: Roles and Responsibilities- Tony Lisanti (PH SERIES #3)
- November 10<sup>th</sup>:
- December 8<sup>th</sup>: Meet the Candidates? Something else? RESNET overview?
- Additional Webinars Actively Working On:
  - One Tree Pledge
  - House X- may be a series **Guy in TX proposing HERS integrated into LMS as a standard across the country**
  - Monitoring Electrification- Mike Duclos- sometime in the fall
  - Building Engineering- Darol Harrison- potential paid?

Webinars are well-scheduled, running into next year. Andy reviewed topics. Need to confirm air sealing on Aug 11. A couple holes later this year. One Tree Pledge is a RESNET initiative to raise awareness of carbon footprint, America Forests plants trees for \$1 donation. Had considered NEHERS doing an initiative around this but decided there would be better ways to contribute to the issue. Carbon credits need to be issued in a very rigorous way, wouldn't have happened anyway, no double-counting among organizations.

#### MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS (Mike B)

- Prospective Providers: (Mike following up)
- No updates**

#### ENERGY CODES (Mike T and Rich)

- Do you think we should send an email out to NEHERS members regarding the public comment period for Connecticut adopting the 2021 IECC? I wouldn't have recommendations for specific comments other than maybe not to adopt any weakening amendments. Or maybe to get rid of the ventilation Eq. 4-1 reference for ERI. Thoughts?

- Connecticut is considering the 2021 IECC. The public is encouraged to submit code change proposals by May 31, 2021. Reach out to NEEP if you have any questions. [[Link](#)]

#### EMBODIED CARBON (Chris and Andy)

- Update Andy ASHRAE meeting

Talk of embodied carbon disclosure. Product manufacturers oppose this. Director of this committee is saying that ASHRAE 90.2 will include embodied carbon in the language, but they have to vote on it. One more meeting this month and then they vote. Plan would be for this to be ANSI-approved and adopted by RESNET.

Mike B. Put something before the standards committee – Adjust setpoints to align with reality will improve HERS Index scores and utility program savings. Create a proposal. Mike B asked Sara to put this on the standards committee agenda.

Andy also brought up existing homes during this discussion.

Mike T. mentioned Mass Save proposals for existing buildings. <https://www.mass.gov/lists/may-2021-code-change-proposals>

**Andy motion to adjourn, second by Mike T, unanimously approved**