



## Meeting Logistics & Information

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday, April 16, 2025	<b>Attendees</b>
<b>Time</b>	9:00am-11:00am	Sean Barfield, Mike Browne, Nicole Burger, Keegan Ebbets, Jonathan Harrison, Mike Rossi, Cindy Zeis
		<b>Non-Attendees</b>
<b>Meeting Type</b>	NEHERS Alliance – Board Meeting	Joel Martell, Kaitlyn Mitchell
<b>Facilitator</b>	Betsy Ames / Cindy Zeis	

Meeting Motions			
<i><b>Motion #</b></i>	<i><b>Description</b></i>	<i><b>Movement</b></i>	<i><b>Favor/Oppose/Abstain</b></i>
<b>1</b>	Motion to approve March minutes	Motion – Michael Rossi Second – Jonathan	7/0/0
<b>2</b>	Motion to approve AP of \$16,065.58	Motion – Jonathan Second – Nicole	5/0/2
<b>3</b>	Motion to approve Sharons proposal for the organizational development	Motion – Michael Rossi Second – Keegan	8/0/0
<b>4</b>	Motion to adjourn	Motion – Nicole Second – Jonathan	8/0/0

### Roll call:

- Executive Director: Betsy Ames
- 2025 Board: **Sean Barfield, Mike Browne, Nicole Burger, Keegan Ebbets, Jonathan Harrison, Joel Martell, Kaitlyn Mitchell, Mike Rossi, and Cindy Zeis**
- New Board Members:
- Present (quorum = 5):
- Late: Sean Barfield
- Absent: Joel Martell, Kaitlyn Mitchell

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- Vote on minutes from March (Kaitlyn)
- ❖ **Michael motion, Jonathan second - unanimous.**
- Vote on AP for March (Jonathan)



- ❖ Jonathan motion for \$16,065.58, Nicole seconds – abstain – Cindy and Michael.
- Organizational Development Proposals Discussed
  - Go-HR
  - EANE
  - Leaders Must Lead
  - Colleen
- ❖ Michael motions for Sharon’s proposal and Keegan seconds - unanimous.

#### TRAINING COMMITTEE (Joe).

- Summer 2025: May 12-23, 2025 & Field: June 2-6, 2025
  - Have 13 registered, need 12 to break even
  - EBD is 4/14, Final Registration Deadline is 4/28
- RFP for Manual Utility Cost Inputs Bids Discussed
  - Sustainable Comfort
  - NMR
  - enerBLD
  - Eia.gov- lists state costs per month.
  - Not issuing another RFP, can we cycle through the providers? One does it one year and shares with everyone else?
  - Ekotrope wants service charge, kilowatt per hour, season.
  - Read standard, what’s possible in software is more than standard.
  - Comes from EIA once it’s published for the previous year.
  - Can we point to EIA? Yes. Duplicating efforts, inefficient. One person can do it for the chart.
  - Give it to one committee- Energy Codes? Standards? QA? They can figure it out and check with everyone else. Put it to one committee, you figure it out. QA not sure. Energy Codes, not sure. Standards is already swamped.
  - Mike will do it as part of QA committee.
  - Lots of info on EIA- like finding a needle in a haystack, need it consolidated. It’s too easy to grab the wrong number.
  - High priority to get it done. Rater got QA’d and this was what they were wrong on over and over, honest mistake, but we can make it easier. Not going to change HERS score, but part of QA checklist, and will change utility bill. Goes off utility bill to make sure inline. It is important. Historically, didn’t change HERS Index, not matter much, but rules changed for QA, this matters more, have to get it right.
- RFP for Modeler CEU Trainings for Existing Raters

#### MENTORSHIP PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Nicole)

- Employer Orientation Update – 13 registered so far! Leveraging for Lunch and Learns
- Mentor Pairing – Orientation April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Grants:
  - Equipment, Infrastructure and Training Ecosystem Support was submitted for \$117,628.85 on February 7<sup>th</sup>



- Equipment library? Yes, thinking about it but not in this grant. This is for equipment for Tim to train mentorship students. Additional grants might allow purchase of equipment directly for students, this one does not allow that.
- Planning and Capacity Grant was submitted for \$149,998.31 on February 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Short meeting with MassCEC on 4/3 to answer questions. Productive.
- Modeler Exam Update
- "Transition Coaching" – Completed. Darleni and Juan Carlos willing to be advisors/consultants for Abdul and Serene.
- NEHERS Becoming a HERS Rating Company
  - Tim reaching out to HERS Raters to get to builders. – TABLED
- UPCOMING EVENTS/ SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:
  - May 8<sup>th</sup> MassCEC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Regional Workforce Summit

#### STANDARDS (Cindy)

- [Draft PDS-02, RESNET/ICC 301-2025 Update \(Opens April 4, 2025\)](#) – closes May 4<sup>th</sup>
- [Draft PDS-02, MINHERS Addendum 77, Integrated Heat Pump Water Heaters \(iHPWH\) \(Opens April 2, 2025\)](#) – closes May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- [Draft PDS-01, MINHERS Addendum 89, Handheld Watt Meters \(Opens March 25, 2025\)](#) – closes April 25<sup>th</sup>
- [Draft PDS-01, MINHERS Addendum 85, Temporarily Converted Garages \(Opens March 12, 2025\)](#) – closes April 11<sup>th</sup>

#### QAD (Jonathan)

- Met briefly on March 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Reached out to Scott and Billy- things we can discuss would revolve around the QA Ap or the API review quarterly webinars over the last year. Nothing specific they are running into that would be good for the group to discuss.

#### WEBINARS (Keegan)

- 2025
  - ~~January 15th: Retrotec~~ (Paid Sponsor Webinar)
    - Registered 47/ Attended 19
    - Average satisfaction level: 4.83/5:00
  - ~~February: skip~~
  - ~~March: skip~~
  - ~~April: skip~~
  - ~~May: skip~~
  - June - Kaitlyn
  - July – Committee Updates (chairs) -
  - August: (skip)
  - September - Cindy – QA/Standards
  - October
  - November
  - December
  - Pending



- **Delta Electronics (Americas) Ltd.** (Paid Sponsor Webinar)
- Eversource
- **Topic: Indoor AirPlus Version 2-** Gayathri Vijayakumar and Nicholas Hurst- there is some question as to whether we can get RESNET credits approved for that. There won't be a lot of Q&A for the training itself, so they might want to do a webinar after the webinar comes out.
- **Tim-** about mentorship program.
- **Milestones Standards and Codes?** Quarterly webinar, what's coming changes. Know about key things coming up. Value in that. Committee update.
- **2027 IECC process-** have to figure out who... Michael.
- **Keep an eye out at RESNET.**

#### MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS (Cindy)

- Next up: Half-off membership renewals in July
- New categories for RFI and Modeler for year-end renewals? (Tabled)

#### ENERGY CODES (Michael R.)

- Regional Energy Code Updates Courtesy of Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships:
  - National
  - Connecticut
  - Delaware
  - District of Columbia
  - Maine
  - Maryland
  - Massachusetts
  - New Hampshire
  - New Jersey
  - New York
  - Pennsylvania
  - Vermont
  - Rhode Island
- Massachusetts DOER is joining us to discuss HERS Rater's Perspectives on their recent Stretch Code updates and changes
- Any other business members of the Energy Code Committee would like to discuss
- **Met on April 8<sup>th</sup>- update what's happening regionally, nationally, and each state.**
- **ME updated code to 2021 IECC and 2027 process on code update has been released. Anyone who made comment on that is now available for public review. May take 1 year to update the 27. Beginning deliberations.**
- **Question: When you invited DOER, were raters being vocal? Time to discuss with them? Summarize? A little back and forth between folks, some people shared their perspectives, things struggling with, liked to look at the updates. Topics, came up about Embodied Carbon- when there will be clarity. Some other questions.**



#### EMBODIED CARBON (Joel)

- We are now analyzing the 100-homes.
- NEHERS internal team met to discuss the role of NEHERS in the emerging EC market.

❖ Nicole motion to adjourn, Jonathan second – unanimous.