

Meeting Logistics & Information

Date	Monday, November 25, 2019	Attendees
Time	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Mike Browne, Chris Mazzola, Mike Turns, Doug McCleery, Frank Swol, Betsy Ames Rob Salcido, Nick Jones
Meeting Type	NEHERS Alliance – Board Meeting	Non-Attendees
Facilitator	Frank Swol	Joe Rando, Kevin Hanlon
Web Link	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/122221509	Special Guests
		None

Meeting Motions

<i>Motion #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Motion Movement</i>	<i>Favor/Oppose/Abstain</i>
1	Motion to increase member dues	Moved by Frank Swol Seconded by Nick Jones	7/0/0
2	Motion to approve plan to use Mojo web portal for member technical assistance forum	Moved by Frank Swol Seconded by Nick Jones	7/0/0
3	Motion to approve October meeting minutes	Moved by Mike Turns Seconded by Nick Jones	7/0/0
4	Motion to approve accounts payable of \$5444.51	Moved by Frank Swol Seconded by Nick Jones	7/0/0
5	Motion to adjourn	Moved by Frank Swol Seconded by Doug McCleery	7/0/0

❖ **Roll call:**

Betsy Ames, Frank Swol, Nick Jones, Doug McCleery, Mike Browne, Mike Turns, Rob Salcido, Present (quorum = 5):
➤ Absent: Kevin Hanlon, Joe Rando

❖ **Administrative Items:**

❖ **NEHERS Presentation at the 2020 RESNET Conference**

- ❖ Frank, Mike B., Chris, anyone else?
- ❖ Peter, Ben, Emelie, and Tony all interested in participating
- ❖ Need to set Doodle poll for conference call

❖ **Nominations**

- Petitioning is open until 11-30. As expected, MASSIVE amounts of people are throwing their hats in the ring [facetious]

❖ **NEHERS RESNET Training Provider Renewal**

- ❖ Complete

❖ **NEHERS Board Dinner at RESNET**

- ❖ Narrowed to a final option – Price per person (\$74) is estimated to be less than last year
- ❖ Final invite list – no major changes, Betsy will email list to board, request/suggest invitees if you want

❖ **RESNET Conference Sponsorship**

- ❖ Frank took some stock photos of a NEHERS manual. Betsy if finding out if one of our vendors can add the graphics. If not, Frank will do it. Kendall – asking if she can add NEHERS logo and text to Frank’s photo of the manual

❖ **Vote on NEHERS Member Dues Levels for 2020**

Betsy – bulk of raters come from Provider and Trainer categories, very few independent raters or others, looking at bumping up cost \$275 to \$300 for providers, \$600 to \$650 for training provider plus a \$10 increase (\$550 increase for the BER and PSD, less for everyone else because they have fewer raters) . 50% discount does not apply to Sponsor or Program.

Category	2019	2020
Rater	\$100	\$110
Dual Rater and RESNET Accredited Trainer	\$220	\$230
Accredited Provider	\$275 + \$60 per rater (capped at 50)	\$300 + \$70 per rater (capped at 50)
Dual Accredited Provider and	\$600 + \$60 per rater (capped at	\$650 + \$70 per rater (capped at

Training Provider	50)	50)
Associate Individual	\$50	\$55
Associate Sponsor	\$500	\$500
Program	\$500-\$5000 (\$.80 per rating done in state)	\$500-\$5000 (\$.80 per rating done in state)

❖ **Frank motion to increase membership dues, Nick Jones second, unanimously approved**

❖ **HouseRater interested in becoming an NEHERS Sponsor.** Accidentally had a page with old pricing - \$250 vs. \$500. Offered to honor old pricing if they don't request a snail mailing

❖ **Technical Support Forum for NEHERS Website.** 3 options: (1) email questions but no record on website, (2) similar to member forum, mojo portal, log in and subscribe to get notifications when something is posted, 4 hours Jonathan time, (3) professional forum \$300 license fee plus 8 hours for our Jonathan. Frank likes option #2, see how traffic goes, Betsy – good member benefit as opposed to open to public

❖ **Frank motion for option 2, Mike Turns second, unanimously approved**

❖ **Please remember to draft Handbook language for the December board call.** Everyone should draft a few sentences about your role (e.g. secretary) to include in the handbook

❖ **Secretary's Report (Mike T.)**

○ Approval of Minutes

❖ **Mike T motion to approve minutes, Nick second, unanimously approved**

❖ **Treasurer's Report (Nick)**

○ Accounts Payable -

○ How long did it take to build our savings to \$114,000?

○ What is the average 1 year of operating expenses?

○ What are trends in annual expenses? **Membership dues have dropped off by \$10K over the last 4 years \$31K to \$21K, training revenues have fluctuated were \$12K less than 2014 and \$14K less than last year – this is the biggest source of revenue - revenues are down and costs are higher. Everything else (e.g. overhead) has remained pretty stable. BUT, in 2019 training revenue is up, cost to deliver is down. Keep an eye on these trends, particularly on cost to deliver trainings.**

○ What are trends in operating account balance?

○ Discussion on NEHERS subsidy for RESNET Conference attendance - **essay contest to pay for conference registration fee, helps promote. Doug – have some kind of follow up, show that they got a benefit from it and benefit NEHERS, present to board on what they learned. Chris to draft a quick outline. Not for this year.**

Frank to look into someone to get financial advice from

❖ **Standards Committee (Kevin Hanlon, Rob Salcido)**

- Responses to Standard 310 comments (attached) – rejected our comments, but Question about 310 being included in 301 as opposed to just MINHERS, did RESNET change their thinking on proprietary nature of 310?
- ENERGY STAR VOO Discussion – verify ES certification when using ERI certification path, not sure this is in scope of standards committee. Tony Lesanti said we might want to send a letter of support for RESNET as a VOO. Frank and Rob think it's outside NEHERS scope, no one disagreed.
- Volunteers for open position of RESNET SDC 300
- Discussion of any standards or interpretations below – not really discussed

Standards in Public Comment

- RESNET MINHERS Addendum 43 - Implementation of MINHERS Standards
- Draft PDS-02 of proposed Addendum 34: Quality Assurance Data File
- Comment Period October 28, 2019 – November 26, 2019

Standards, Amendments and Interpretations Approved by RESNET

- RESNET MINHERS Addendum 30 – QA Requirements
- RESNET 301-2019 Addendum A – Clothes Washer and Dryer updates

Interpretations

- MINHERS 2019-002, Duct Insulation Inspection
- MINHERS 2019-003, Addendum 36 QAD Professional Development
- MINHERS 2019-004, Conflicts of Standard 301 with RESNET Standards of Practice
- ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019-003, Total Duct Leakage Used as Duct Leakage to Outside
- ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2014-018, Ventilation Run Time
- ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301-2019-002, Ventilation Run Time

❖ **TRAINING COMMITTEE**

- Alternative Path for Raters- Update from Chris Mazzola

Fall 2019 Training:

- 8 out of 15 certificates have been issued
- Profit for this training was \$6469.36
- Update on call with Frank, Joe and the BER regarding online passing threshold.
- BER accepted minimum threshold requirements proposed by PSD
- BER did not accept PSD doing spring training and BER doing fall training
- BER wants PSD cover 2 of the live webinars in spring.
- Website updates for rater training page include passing requirements, computer literacy skills, re-test fee policy. Info included in registration confirmation letter.
- No change to transfer policy, if people fail online training, it's a \$500 transfer fee.
- BER is trying to go back on their 1 year access, now saying 90 days.

- Need board input on recommended experience and resources section. Frank – prime subs (insulation, hvac tech, framer, etc.), other construction jobs, can work autonomously. Doug – estimators. Mike T – code officials.
- Frank approved NEHERS to pay Francisco Perez’s re-test fee.

Winter 2020 Training

- Dates changed to 4 weeks for online section. Jan 6-31. Classroom dates unchanged, Feb 10-14. Early bird deadline changed to Dec 3. Final registration deadline changed to Dec 17th.

Spring 2020 Training

- Working on setting dates and location. Will check with PSD if they want to cover the last two webinars during the BER’s online modules.
- Multi-Family Energy Star Training- Fees for Registrations Through Our Website
- PSD wanted \$25 per registration through website. Changed BER to \$25 also. Info about Energy Star MF Trainings included in newsletter this month.
- BER is drafting standards amendment for minimum training requirements for trainers. Would like us to review by end of year.

❖ **Manual (Mike Browne)**

- Manual Committee is seeking help from the Standards and Manual Committees to update the following sections of the Manual before the RESNET conference:
- 1.3 Rating Standards [This Section needs to be updated to correctly refer to the current MINHERS Standards and ANSI Standards 380 and 301. Furthermore, it should discuss transitions and when it is appropriate to use each version of the standard.]
- 4.8.a Blower Door Testing [This section needs to be updated to include practices from the most recent RESNET/ANSI 301-2019 and 380-2019]
- 5.1 Multi-Family Overview and 5.3.a Multi-Family Performance testing guidelines. [These should be updated to include references to the most recent RESNET/ANSI 301-2019 and 380-2019 and also the new ENERGY STAR Multi-Family Program.]

❖ **Professional Development (Chris)**

Board members pick months.

- November 13th- High Resolution Energy Modeling for Solar and Net Zero Homes- Sense
- December 11th- Meet the Candidates/ RESNET QAD consistency, accuracy and mentoring with Billy Giblin
- January 8th- PACENation (title and description coming closer to Jan)
- March- Energy Codes Webinar
- April & Beyond- Multi-family webinar

Betsy to put on agenda for January – ask each board member to sign up for a webinar topic (find someone)

❖ **Energy Code Committee (Mike Turns)**

- Energy codes webinar.
- Energy codes white paper.
- Creating a plan for review/submittal checklists for NEHERS states other than MA.
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Mike see if we can do an energy code webinar for March – ask energy codes committee

❖ **Other business?**

- ❖ **Frank – motion to adjourn, second Doug, unanimously approved**