

Meeting Logistics & Information

Date	Tuesday – September 25, 2018	Attendees
Time	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Peter Hubbe, Frank Swol, Doug McCleery, Emelie Cuppernell, Nick Jones, Bruce Bennett, Mike Browne, Betsy Ames
		Non-Attendees
Meeting Type	NEHERS Alliance – Board Meeting	Chris Mazzola, Rick Wertheim
Facilitator	Frank Swol	Special Guests
		Jon Passe, EPA; Ben Adams, MaGrann; Kathy Greely, PSD
Web Link	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/122221509	

Meeting Motions

<i>Motion #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Motion Movement</i>	<i>Favor/Oppose/Abstain</i>
1	Motion to approve July 17 Board minutes	Moved by Doug McCleery Seconded by Frank Swol	7/0/0
2	Motion to approve accounts payable for month of August	Moved by Nick Jones Seconded by Frank Swol	7/0/0
3	Motion to adjourn meeting	Moved by Frank Swol Seconded by Bruce Bennett	7/0/0

❖ Information Session from Jon Passe, EPA

- EPA's recent RFI on ISO 17065 organizations becoming VOO's (Verification Oversight Organizations) for the Energy Star Homes Program. Summary below:
 - 10 years ago – EPA operated with a handshake agreement with RESNET – no other orgs could do what RESNET did.
 - Another organization approached EPA expressed interest in working with EPA – VOO was born.
 - About a year ago – EPA approached by another organization stating that they met all criteria for VOO except that they are not a not-for-profit. Impartiality and avoiding conflict of interest primary reasons for this requirement. They are ISO 17065 and claim that this is a more appropriate status than VOO.
 - EPA has researched to understand better what ISO 17065 is all about in the past year.
 - EPA Products now operates under 17065 model for 3rd party verification.
 - Enough merit in the inquiry to put RFI out for stakeholder comment.
 - Next steps for EPA could include: revised VOO application and revised certification standards.
 - Potential outcomes:
 - Do nothing – based on potential negative feedback.
 - Expand eligibility to include ISO 17065 in addition to non-profit model (i.e. RESNET) and reserve the right to make further changes later.
 - Require ISO 17065 accreditation and put RESNET on a timeline to achieve this certification over time.
 - Example: NGBS. HIRL is an ISO 17065, and operates NGBS in a 17065-like format, but has not submitted the certification scheme to their certification body to have NGBS added as a 17065 process.
 - Earliest timeline for Revised VOO Application and Certification Scheme to take to 17065 certification bodies would be mid-2020. Lots of ifs between now and then.
 - Competitors in the ERI world could potentially come sooner. ANSI 380 and ANSI 301 exist now for someone to take to a certification body.

❖ Announcements/Reminders

- None

❖ NEHERS Insurance

- NEHERS new liability waiver for training classes – approved by email and in effect for next training class.

❖ Letter to RESNET about Practical Simulation Exam

- The previously drafted letter to RESNET requesting reimbursement for NEHERS expenses due to changes in RESNET policies about the Practical Simulation Exam was not sent. Emelie will update the letter to offer explanation for time lag and send to RESNET.

❖ Secretary's Report (*Doug*)

- Approval of July Minutes

❖ Motion 1 – Motion to approve minutes was made by Doug and seconded by Frank.

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❖ **Treasurer's Report (Nick)**

- Financial update
- Approval of August Accounts Payable

❖ **Motion 2** – Motion to approve accounts payable was made by Nick and seconded by Frank.

❖ **Standards Committee (Doug McCleery, Mike Browne)**

- Link to Chart of items open for comment: <http://www.resnet.us/blog/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/RESNET-Pending-Standard-Amendments-3-28-18-Completed.pdf>
- Per RESNET Pending Standard Amendments report, there were 5 proposed standard amendments open for comment. 3 were reviewed during the August Standards meeting. The relevant documents can be accessed by opening the attached report and clicking on the appropriate link.
 - Minimum Rated Features Insulation Installation Grading: No comments were issued.
 - National Water Rating Index: No comments were issued.
 - Duct Leak to outside Test Exception: We issued one comment disagreeing with Comment #1, who advocated for the elimination of DLTO as inappropriate in attached dwelling units. We supported the inclusion of DLTO and recommended that the current proposed language be kept unchanged.
 - Thermal Distribution System Efficiency (DSE): No comments were issued.
 - Standard for Testing Airtightness of Building...: No comments were issued.
- Added by Frank: Draft PDS-02, BSR/RESNET/ICC 301-2014 Addendum N-201x, Normative Appendix B is now open with an end date for comment of October 29th. This is the second go round on proposed changes to requirements for the inspection and documentation of minimum rated features (photos, geotagging, etc.). This will be discussed during our next meeting.

❖ **Training Management (Bruce Bennett)**

- Status report on currently running online training class. Feedback from Betsy and Frank is that material is behind schedule and quality is not as expected. Communication from The BER has not been proactive. We are proceeding to provide the best training we can and address quality issues with The BER on a timely basis. We should be prepared to deal with customer complaints.
- Fall 2018 Training:
 - We have 8 full and 3 online only registrations. Online module runs Sept 17-28 and Classroom module runs Oct 1-5.
 - Still looking for field houses!
- Winter 2019 Training:
 - Dates are set with both trainers. Looking for location. We will evaluate The BER's response to comments regarding current online training.
- Spring 2019 Training:
 - We have a bid from the BER to review at our next meeting.

❖ **Manual (Mike Browne)**

- Manual v5.3 has been released. Shipment to students in the current training class was delayed, but they are being shipped this week.

❖ **Professional Development (Chris Mazzola not present – Frank presented)**

Calendar of Events

- January – Industry Updates (Emelie - Instruction, Mike - 380, Frank – ENERGY STAR)

- February- This month's webinar had to be skipped due to lack of presenter interest
- March- This was supposed to be Scott's month, obviously this did not happen with him being unable to participate. The proposed RESNET recap webinar did not come together due to other obligations for the 3 involved Board Members. Betsy attempted to get a sponsor webinar lined up but was unable to get a commitment from anyone.
- April- Nothing scheduled
- May- Nick Jones (Net Zero Challenge)
- June- Steven Platka (Manual J)
- July- Helix – Home Energy Labeling (hoping to confirm with Caroline, possibly for September)
- August- Peter Hubbe (planning is underway re: Zero Net Energy Homes – how can builders make it standard practice)
- September- Frank Swol (Industry Boards & Committees: You only have yourself to blame...and Peter Harding)
- October- Mike Brown (Passive House topic) – will defer to Ekotrope. Betsy following up with Ekotrope regarding month and topic.
- November- Doug McCleery
- December- Meet the Candidates/ Something Else

❖ Membership/Communications (*Frank*)

- Board will need to vote on membership fee scale in Oct or Nov.

❖ Nominations

Category	Provider	Board Member	Notes	Category	Provider	Candidate/ Board Member		
Rating Provider	Yes	Bennett, Bruce	Can't Run Again	Rating Provider	Yes	Someone from GDS?	Bruce working on this	
Rating Provider	Yes	Browne, Mike	Will Run Again	Rating Provider	Yes	Mike Browne		
Rating Provider	Yes	McCleery, Doug	Not up for Re-Election	Rating Provider	Yes	Doug McCleery		
Rating Provider	Yes	Swol, Frank	Not up for Re-Election	Rating Provider	Yes	Frank Swol		
Rating Provider	Yes	Wertheim, Rick	Will Run Again?	Rating Provider	Yes	Rick Wertheim?	This slot becomes a rater slot?	Kevin Hanlon-Kevin will run.

Training Provider	No	Cuppernell, Emelie	Can't Run Again	Training Provider	Yes	Someone from PSD?	Emelie working on this	
Program	No	Hubbe, Peter *	Will Not Run Again	Program	No	Nick Jones		
Associate	No	Jones, Nick	Not up for Re-Election	Associate	No	Ekotrope	Rob Salcido is in.	
Rater	No	Mazzola, Chris	Not up for Re-Election	Rater	No	Chris Mazzola		

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

- High point of discussion around guarded testing. What is happening is compartmentalization testing has taken open what guarded testing was intended to do, with different results. The committee is interested in continuing to work on it.
- Next meeting 12/7/18

❖ **Other Business**

- Next NEHERS dinner in New Orleans. Another format that would enhance interaction between attendees is being pursued by Frank. Suggestion for venues – send to Frank or Betsy.

❖ **Motion to Adjourn**

- ❖ **Motion 3** – Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:45 PM made by Frank and seconded by Bruce.