

## Board Candidate Application

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### **1. Please describe in light of the responsibilities of the RESNET Board why you are the right person to be a member of the RESNET Board of Directors**

My experience is well suited to the responsibilities of the RESNET Board. At Pando Alliance, my focus is on developing procedures that allow for growth and efficiency while retaining quality and integrity. I provide oversight of all projects and perform on-site testing, inspections, consultation, and training for above-code programs, with an emphasis on affordable multifamily projects. Previously, as an AmeriCorps\*VISTA in Construction Development at Habitat for Humanity, I developed the protocols by which they build energy efficient homes. I am working through my MBA and am actively applying my education to my career.

### **2. Why is this the right time for you to serve on the RESNET Board?**

I have worked to develop expertise in home energy ratings and have positioned myself as a professional in our field. My college degree is in ecological design, which promotes systems-based thinking, and this mindset has shaped my approach to strategic analysis. In a rapidly growing industry, RESNET has positioned itself at the core of energy codes and above-code programs. I want to share my enthusiasm for data-driven reasoning and organizational growth with the nonprofit that has formed the cornerstone of my career. With passion, commitment, and hard work, I am now ready for the opportunity to support RESNET's growth.

### **3. Please explain your knowledge and/or experience in terms of each of the primary responsibilities of the RESNET Board**

I have more than 4,000 hours of experience as a rater, performing field testing and inspections, and have spent equal time working on energy models and verifying that dwelling units achieve ENERGY STAR, LEED for Homes, NGBS, and EGC certifications in a 2009, 2012, and 2015 IECC environment.

As a leader of a growing rating organization, my responsibilities include technical application as well as financial management. I remain active in the field and continue to coordinate multifamily projects. I have more than five years of focused experience at a time when the industry has evolved rapidly.

### **4. Describe your experience in either leadership and/or serving on the board of a non-profit organization.**

At Pando Alliance, I have built the infrastructure on which the company operates as we have grown from rating 25 dwelling units in 2013 to 900+ units in 2016. This framework supports our long-term vision of supporting the certification of all affordable multifamily dwelling units in our region while remaining precise, thorough, and operationally lean.

I am serving on the SDC 300's Multifamily Subcommittee and am chairing the Performance Testing and Sampling Task Groups. In this role, I am coordinating task group meetings and actively participating in shaping the evolution of the Multifamily Guidelines.

### **5. What would you contribute to the RESNET Board?**

I have supported the verification of 400+ multifamily dwelling units and have two years' foundational experience rating single family homes. I am keenly aware of the nuances in rating both types of housing. I am a LEED Green Rater, NGBS Green Verifier, PHIUS+ Rater, and manage Enterprise Green Communities certification, each of which is supported by the HERS Index and relies on RESNET Standards. My experience includes hands-on field work, technical analysis and modeling, process development, and strategic planning. My passion for energy efficient and green building programs will fuel my commitment to supporting RESNET in articulating our shared vision.