

Board Candidate Application

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| Provider Candidate: | Chris McTaggart Building Efficiency Resources (BER) cmctaggart@theber.com 800.399.9620 |
| COI Form: | Potential Sources of Bias / Conflict of Interest Form |
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Candidate Questions

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

The main function of RESNET BOD members is to assist the organization in making sound decisions to fulfil its mission and to maintain long-term viability. RESNET has gained significant momentum in expanding the role of HERS raters and ratings, but there are opportunities and challenges that the organization must address. As an active member of the RESNET community, I am willing to analyze organizational positions and to ask questions to further dialogue to ensure we are making the best decisions for our collective future. As a BOD member, I will commit to bringing this same sense of purpose and integrity.

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

As a member of the RESNET community, I have participated in helping to shape RESNET policy by participating in public comments, standards amendments, formal interpretations and serving on formal working groups and as Chair of the SDC 200. Additionally, I have been an advocate for RESNET, its standards and professional members through state and regional policy groups and affiliations. Through these experiences, I've learned a great deal about positive methods of participating in policy making and thus believe I have the requisite experience and character to serve as a productive member of the RESNET Board of Directors.

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

Having participated on the nonprofit board of directors for a regional building performance organization, I have direct experience with the democratic and procedural processes of serving on a Board such as RESNET's. Board members must maintain the health and success of the organization by being active in attending meetings, participating on subcommittees and giving significant forethought in weighing decisions that affect the future of the organization. I am prepared to serve and assist in these capacities.

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

I have served on as the Executive Director of the Midwest Home Performance Association - a non-profit organization focused on improving consistency amongst professionals in the Midwest as well as to influence policy makers on the benefits and best practices associated with third-party verification of energy efficiency program and codes. Through this experience, I have learned a great deal about building coalitions and participating and managing non-profit boards.

5. What would you contribute to the RESNET Board?

My professional experience has given me the benefit of overseeing and providing technical assistance on industry matters in nearly all major programs and regions in the US, ranging from the development and implementation of energy code verification schemes to the quality assurance review of passive and net positive building projects. Additionally, I have built relationships with many industry colleagues, including competitors and those with different business models/philosophies. My goal as a candidate is to represent the interests of the rating community through my service, and to assist in fostering the growth and potential of the work of its professionals.



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Potential Sources of Bias / Conflict of Interest
Statement of Affiliations and Interests for Candidates for the RESNET Board of Directors

August 22, 2017

This form must be submitted with all applications to be a candidate for the RESNET Board of Directors. It is intended to ensure that relevant information is submitted to the RESNET Board Nominations Committee and the RESNET membership.

The responsibility for determining the information to be reported rests with the individual completing this form. Failure to fully disclose relationships is grounds for removal from consideration for or removal from the RESNET Board of Directors.

Send a signed digital copy of the completed form to Kathy Spigarelli, RESNET Deputy Director at kspig@resnet.us.

A statement of affiliations and interests does not prevent a person from being nominated as a candidate for the RESNET Board, but is for the purpose of notifying the RESNET Board Nominations Committee and RESNET members of any bias or potential bias.

Potential Sources of Bias / Conflict of Interest Statement of Affiliations and Interests Form

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| RESNET Board of Directors | |
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| Employer: Building Efficiency Resources | Telephone: 800-399-9620 |
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| RESNET Membership Category: QA Provider | Today's Date: 9/22/17 |
| All sections of this form must be completed. The use of "None", N/A, or no response to answer these inquiries is not acceptable. Incomplete forms will be rejected and the terms for application for nomination to the RESNET Board of Directors will not have been met. | |
| <p>1. ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS. Enter information as requested below.</p> <p>A. Report any business relationships (such as an employee, owner, officer, director, consultant, etc.) in the fields of home energy ratings, building performance and/or other areas that RESNET provides services within the last two years.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>I am the co-owner of Building Efficiency Resources (BER), a national third-party RESNET QA Provider. I am also a subcontractor to the Passive House Institute US (PHIUS)</p> </div> <p>B. Report any memberships or volunteer non-business relationships that your company/organization has with such groups such as BPI, ACCA, NAHB, ASHRAE, USGBC, RESNET, etc. within the last two years.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>I am the volunteer Executive Director of the Midwest Home Performance Association, a non-profit membership group. My company has also been a Provider Member organization of the Northeast HERS Alliance</p> </div> <p>C. List all your organization's employees that serve on the board of directors, advisory groups or working committees with such groups such as BPI, ACCA, BPI, NAHB, ASHRAE, USGBC, RESNET, etc. within the last two years.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>I have worked on two working groups and the SDC 200 associated with RESNET within the past two years. Additionally I serve on the PHIUS Technical Committee. Finally, a former employee sat on the Northeast HERS Alliance Technical Committee within the past 2 years.</p> </div> <p>D. Disclose any direct sources of funding for your time and/or expenses to participate on the RESNET Board of Directors. If you currently pay for your own expenses, please enter 'self-funded'.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>Self-funded.</p> </div> | |

- C. Disclose sources of funding, the amount of funding received and services provided that your organization has received from such federal agencies as Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Energy, etc. and such groups such as BPI, ACCA, NAHB, ASHRAE, USGBC, RESNET, etc. within the last two years.

As a subcontractor to PHIUS, I have been paid hourly consulting fees, fees for training and reimbursements totaling \$28,880.

Through the Midwest Home Performance Association, I received \$1600 for training development on behalf of the ICC.

My company has received additional funds through NEHERS as a subcontracted RESNET training organization totaling around \$14,000 over the past two years.

2. **PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND POSITIONS.** List articles, testimony, speeches, etc., by date, title and publication (if any) in which they appeared that you provided about RESNET and home energy ratings. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please mark the box below only if applicable.

- NEHERS Alliance Webinar: Modeling Mechanicals Consistently – Sept 2017
- North American Passive House Conference September 2016: Presentation on on-site verification and the role of raters
- International Code Council January 2016: Presentation on the 2015 IECC and the ERI, focusing on the role of raters and energy ratings
- Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance Midwest Energy Codes Conference November 2015: Introduction to the Midwest Home Performance Association and the role of third-party verification in code/program compliance.
- Illinois Energy Code Advisory Council May 2015: testimony on behalf of the ERI path of the 2015 IECC.
- RESNET Conference 2015: Third-party QA
- BER Webinar to RESNET Providers September 2014: A Provider's Perspective on RESNET QA

I have no relevant public statements or positions (double-click box to mark).



SIGNATURE

9/22/2017

DATE

The completed and signed form must be sent to RESNET Executive Director as indicated in the instructions accompanying this form.

Residential Energy Services Network, RESNET

Kathy Spigarelli, Deputy Director
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Attachment

Guidelines and Definitions

Defining "Bias" and "Conflict of Interest"

Bias: The question of potential sources of "bias" ordinarily relates to views stated or positions taken that are largely intellectually motivated or that arise from the close identification or association of an individual with a particular point of view or the positions or perspectives of a particular group. Such potential sources of bias are not disqualifying for purposes of RESNET Board service. It is necessary, in order to ensure that the board is fully competent, to elect members in such a way as to represent a balance of potentially biasing backgrounds or professional or organizational perspectives.

Conflict of Interest: It is essential that the work of the RESNET Board of Directors not be compromised by any significant conflict of interest, or in some circumstances the significant appearance of conflict of interest, on the part of any member of the board. For this purpose, the term "conflict of interest" means any financial or other interest which conflicts with the service of an individual because it (1) could impair the individual's objectivity or (2) could create an unfair competitive advantage for any person or organization. The existence of a significant conflict of interest ordinarily disqualifies an individual from service.

How can conflicts of interest arise?

Conflicts of interest can occur when:

When a board member as a strong personal, financial, or professional interests in seeing that a project/policy produce a particular outcome; and

An agency, a sponsor, or a private organization or company attempts either to influence individual board member or to skew the body of information reviewed by the board.

What is done to avoid conflicts of interest?

Submittal and evaluation of the statement of affiliations and interests that lists professional connections and indicates any positions taken in relevant public statements at the time of nomination and disclosures during board meetings are fundamental to ensuring conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest are avoided.

Note: This form and the definitions, included here are derived from forms and considerations as presented by ASHRAE.