

Minutes
Board of Directors
Residential Energy Services Network, Inc.
Teleconference
July 14, 2004

Members Present

Ben Adams
Megan Edmunds
Philip Fairey
David Goldstein
Bruce Harley
Michael Holtz
Kathy Howard
Mark Jansen
Joe Lstibruek
Lee O'Neal
Kelly Parker
Gayle Sampson
Daran Wastchak
Eric Werling

Members Absent

Richard Faesy
Tracy Fogelsong
Thomas Hamilton
Douglas Walter
David Wilson

Staff Present

Steve Baden

Guest Present

Greg Nahn, Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation

Call to Order

Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) President, Philip Fairey called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. eastern time. There was a quorum of members present. The members were notified of the meeting by e-mail on June 25, 2004.

Software Verification Standards for Proposed Federal Tax Credit

Michael Holtz moved the following: “RESNET recommends a national software certification standard for the federal residential energy efficiency tax credit. Joe Lstiburek seconded the motion. The motion passed. David Goldstein and Megan Edmunds stated for the record that they abstained from voting

Residential Energy Efficiency Tax Credit Implementation Recommendations

RESNET Executive Director Steve Baden was directed to distribute to the RESNET Board the recommendations developed for the U.S. Department of Energy on implementation of residential energy efficiency tax credits if enacted by Congress. Board members are asked to review the recommendations and provide comments to the executive director.

HR 3163

Representative Robert Andrews (D-NJ) introduced in Congress HR 3163, “The FHA Energy Act” that would require FHA to be consistent with rest of the federally sponsored secondary mortgage market and require that ratings conducted by nationally accredited rating providers for the verification of energy savings for energy mortgages.

Ben Adams moved that RESNET support the legislation. Daran Wastchak seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vacant Board Position

Philip Fairey reported that there was a vacancy on the RESNET Board with the resignation of Nathan Grunewald of the Wisconsin Energy Conservatopm Corporation (WECC). The RESNET By-laws provide for the Board to fill vacant board seats for the remainder of the board member’s term.

WECC requested that the RESNET Board consider appointing Mr. Grunewald’s replacement, Greg Nahn to the board to fill the vacancy. Mr. Nahn introduced himself to the board.

Steve Baden was directed to prepare an electronic ballot for the Board to vote on having Greg Nahn fill the vacancy.

Rater Insurance and Membership Recruitment Outreach Plan

Steve Baden informed the board that RESNET staff is finalizing a recommended outreach plan to have its rater membership sign up for the insurance package

and recruit raters to become members of RESNET. It is expected that staff will submit the draft outreach plan to the Board in early August 2004 for review and approval.

National Rating Standard Amendments

Steve Baden informed the Board that the public comment process on the proposed amendments to the national home energy rating standards was completed on May 15, 2004. The RESNET Rating Standards Amendment Drafting Committee is currently reviewing the comments received and making appropriate changes to the proposed standards. The drafting committee is expected to complete its work by mid August 2004.

Once the amendment committee has completed its recommendations the proposed amendments will be considered by the RESNET Board. The board will consider recommending the proposed amendments be forwarded to the National Rating Standards Revision Committee for adoption. The Board is encouraged to review the proposed amendments and the comments prior to Board consideration of any issues. The amendments and comments are posted on RESNET's web site at www.natresnet.org/amend

Rating Software Accreditation

Philip Fairey informed the board that the RESNET Software Verification Committee has reached a consensus on the rating software testing verification and accreditation. It is expected that the recommendations will be sent to the board for adoption by an electronic vote.

Adjournment

Megan Edmunds moved that the meeting adjourn. Jose Lstiburek seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. eastern time.

Respectfully Submitted
Kelly Parker, Secretary