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Home Energy Efficiency

## Minutes of RESNET Board Executive Committee Meeting August 30, 2018

### **Members Present**

Dave Bell  
Philip Fairey  
Matt Gingrich  
Roy Honican  
Nancy St Hilaire

### **RESNET Staff Present**

Steve Baden  
Emma Bennett  
Laurel Elam  
Cardice Howard  
Kathy Spigarelli

### **Call to Order**

Nancy St Hilaire called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

### **Roll Call**

Philip Fairey called the roll and a quorum was present.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Steve Baden proposed to change the agenda to add discussion on Leading Raters of America RFQ. He also requested to move the discussion on RECs to the last item.

Roy Honican made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Philip Fairey seconded the motion. Motion approved by voice vote.

### **Reminder of RESNET Anti-Trust Policy**

Nancy St Hilaire reviewed RESNET's Anti-Trust Policy that was previously sent in the Executive Committee's briefing materials.

### **Approval of Draft Minutes of 7/26/18 Executive Committee Meeting**

Philip Fairey made a motion to approve the minutes. Roy Honican seconded the motion. Motion approved by voice vote.

## **Leading Raters of America (LRA) Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Rating Certification Body**

Nancy St. Hilaire began the discussion stating that Steve Baden received the LRA RFQ the previous day and felt that the issue was critical and needed to be added to the meeting's agenda. Since TopBuild is one of the four Rating Providers belonging to the LRA, she asked Dave Bell to present information on the organization and the RFQ.

Dave Bell discussed the creation of the organization and stated that Steve Baden was sent the RFQ as a courtesy. Dave stated that the four large Rating Providers felt their concerns were not being adequately addressed by RESNET. He recommended that Steve Baden take the first step in setting up a dialog with LRA. Dave Bell stated that the contacts to RESNET would be himself and Galo LeBron of Energy Inspectors.

Philip Fairey questioned the purpose of the organization, Dave Bell confirmed that the intent of the Leading Raters of America is not to replace RESNET, but to assess qualifications of organizations for training and certification. Philip asked if there is a definition for a "Rating Certification Body". Dave conceded that it was a search for an organization that would be more effective in meeting their companies' needs.

Steve Baden asked Dave Bell whether RESNET was expected to respond to the RFQ. Mr. Bell responded that it was his assumption RESNET is expected to respond. The deadline for submitting a letter of intent is September 12, 2018.

Roy Honican suggested that something was not quite right about the short time frame of the RFQ and that this suggests a replacement for RESNET has already been found. It was pointed out that the September 12, 2018, date was for a letter of intent and that the Statement of Qualifications is not due until October 10, 2018, providing almost one month to put together a submission.

Steve Baden stated that a dialogue will be started with the LRA and other large Rating Providers to address concerns of the members. Steve Baden proposed that after this dialogue with the LRA and other providers, a list of concerns will be created and presented to the executive committee.

Philip Fairey requested that this issue be presented at the next board meeting. Executive Committee members agreed that it should be added to the next Board meeting agenda. A question will be submitted to the Board as to whether RESNET should respond to the RFQ.

## **Discussion and Recommendation to the RESNET Board on Ensuring a Balance Between Large Volume Rating Providers and Smaller Volume Ones**

Steve Baden stated that the issue of ensuring a balance between large and small volume providers was brought up by the RESNET Executive Committee last year. Steve presented the proposal that has been created to present to the board. Mr. Baden said that this proposal has more importance with the actions of the LRA.

Notice for the board elections are going out in the next few weeks and notice of the size of providerships will need to be taken into consideration. Four seats for large Volume Rating Providers (5,000 and more homes entered into the RESNET Registry over the previous year), three seats for

medium/Small Volume Rating Providers (Less than 5,000 ratings) and one seat for HERS Software/Rater Training Providers are up for election.

Philip Fairey requested a modification that an additional seat is added such that both a Software Provider representative and Rating Trainer Provider representative have a seat on the Board. Philip also suggested that the number of providers in each of the categories be provided with the proposal showing the number of large and small volume rating providers and Software and Training providers.

Steve Baden stated that the bylaws state that only 21 seats are available, but with Kelly Stephen's resignation an open seat can be used for this until the bylaws can be amended to add the additional seat.

Philip Fairey made a motion to submit the Proposal on Ensuring Balance of Rating Providers Representatives of the RESNET Board as amended to the Board for consideration and a vote at the next RESNET Board of Directors meeting. Roy Honican seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **Curt Rich Request to have Fewer Board Meetings**

Steve Baden presented the memo from Curt Rich requesting fewer, regularly scheduled board meetings.

Mr. Baden proposed that regularly scheduled board meetings happen every two months and that two of the six meetings each year be face-to-face meetings. Steve further recommended that the face-to-face meeting at the RESNET conference be moved and that there be an in-person Board meeting in spring instead of holding a Board meeting at the Conference. This will allow more time for the meeting agenda at the spring Board meeting.

A proposal will be created and sent for the Board to review before the next meeting.

Philip Fairey moved to approve Mr. Baden's proposal for regularly scheduled RESNET board meetings every second month with two in-person board meetings; one in the spring and one in the fall and no board meeting at the annual conference. Matt Gingrich seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **Discuss and Make Recommendation to RESNET Board on Developing Guidance to SDC 300 on the Treatment of Renewable Energy Credits (RECS) in a HERS Rating**

Philip Fairey reviewed the 2015 Executive Committee and Board of Directors motions on the ownership of On-site Power Production. Mr. Fairey proposed a recommended motion for Board consideration to clarify the actions taken on the subject matter at the October 2015 Board meeting.

Nancy St Hilaire requested that Philip Fairey explain the reason for the additional interpretation guidance. Mr. Fairey explained that the New Building Institute has proposed a continuing maintenance proposal specifying that proof of ownership of the PV systems via Renewable Energy Certification (REC) be a requirement before the HERS Rating can include renewable energy On-site Power Production (OPP) in the calculation of the HERS Index. This would effectively force RESNET Raters to "police" the ownership of RECs. The chair of SDC 300 has requested that the Board of Directors clarify the position taken in its 2015 motion on OPP ownership.

Philip Fairey made a motion to present the recommendation to the RESNET Board of Directors at the next meeting. Roy Honican seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

**New Business**

No new businesses was presented.

**Adjournment**

Roy Honican made a motion to adjourn at 3:04 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Respectfully Submitted



Philip Fairey  
RESNET Board Secretary