



Setting the Standards for
Home Energy Efficiency

Minutes of RESNET Board Executive Committee Meeting September 27, 2018

Members Present

Dave Bell
Philip Fairey
Matt Gingrich
Nancy St Hilaire

Members Absent

Roy Honican

RESNET Staff Present

Steve Baden
Emma Bennett
Cardice Howard
Kathy Spigarelli

Call to Order

Nancy St Hilaire called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Roll Call

Philip Fairey called the roll and a quorum was present.

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 Agenda

Steve Baden requested an item on the hacking of the RESNET National Registry be added to the agenda before the Leading Raters of America update.

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

Approval of Draft Minutes of 8/30/18 Executive Committee Meeting

Philip Fairey made a motion to approve the draft August 30, 2018 draft Executive Committee minutes (Attachment A). Matt Gingrich seconded the motion. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Proposed RESNET 2019 Budget to Recommend to RESNET Board

Steve Baden presented the proposed RESNET 2019 Budget which was sent out to Executive Committee members. The proposed budget includes a request for funds for the Energy Modeling Director.

Dave Bell, treasurer of the RESNET Board, stated that the budget was based on conservative estimates. Dave Bell agreed with the terms of the budget and feels comfortable with the proposed budget moving forward.

Steve Baden mentioned that the hacking of the registry will be responded to with legal action and that an executive Board session will be held at the RESNET 2018 Fall Board meeting in New Orleans to provide an update.

Matt Gingrich asked if the budget includes costs for better security of the RESNET Registry to prevent future hacking. Steve Baden stated that the IT contractors are working on an estimate for costs and scope of work to address this issue. Philip Fairey commented that security should fall under the purview of the IT services provider rather than a separate item under Professional Services.

Steve Baden suggested that after the scope of work is provided by the contractor RESNET will determine if projected amount will be an annual operation cost or if it is a one-time payment.

Philip Fairey made a motion to recommend the proposed RESNET 2019 Budget (Attachment B) to the RESNET Board of Directors. Matt Gingrich seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Hacking of the RESNET Registry

Steve Baden emphasized the need for confidentiality for this issue.

Around September 11, 2018 a complaint was made to the RESNET IT team that raters were having difficulties uploading homes into the registry. Jon Martin was able to discover that someone had hacked the registry and around 250,000 home registrations were downloaded. Once recognized, Jon Martin was able to stop the downloading of information.

The hack was enabled by a RESNET accredited Rating Provider who provided their username and password to a RESNET accredited HERS Software Provider. An employee of the Software Provider employed username and password of the Rating Provider to hack into the registry and download more than 250,000 building registry files.

The Rating Provider and the Software Provider have now been denied access to the registry. Both providers have also had their accreditations revoked.

RESNET has been in contact with attorneys to review the implications of a felony for theft of electronic data. Steve Baden stated that the fullest action will be taken against the perpetrators.

At the 2018 Fall Board meeting, this issue, as well as other trademark and copyright law suits in which RESNET is currently involved, will be discussed with the Board of Directors in executive session.

Nancy St Hilaire emphasizes the need for confidentiality and agreed that protecting RESNET rights will need to take place to the fullest extent possible.

Update on Dialog with Leading Raters of America

Steve Baden gave an update on the dialog between Leading Raters of America (LRA) and RESNET. Steve stated the he has had multiple conversations with individuals within the Leading Raters of America. At this juncture, Steve Baden is unsure of the wants and needs of the LRA but has emphasized that RESNET wants to be part of a dialog with them.

Matt Cooper, President of the LRA, requested to be allowed to make a presentation to the RESNET Board at the Fall board meeting. Steve Baden stated that it would be a good idea to have a Q&A session in person with the President of LRA.

New Business

Philip Fairey asked on the status of the issue of representation on the RESNET BOD. Steve Baden stated that because the issue did not seem immanent, that elections will take place and the issue can be addressed in the next election cycle.

No other new business was presented.

Adjournment

Philip Fairey made a motion to adjourn at 2:01 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Respectfully Submitted



Philip Fairey
RESNET Board Secretary