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Results of Reconsideration Ballot on Probationary RFI Mentored Ratings and Field Evaluations July 20, 2023

On the original ballot of the RESNET Board on requesting that the RESNET Standard Manager create a new work item for an interim amendment to extend the protocol for probationary RFI mentored ratings and RFI graded field evaluations being conducted using RESNET QA protocol until December 31, 2023, Leo Jansen, Chris McTaggart and Jonathan Risch voted no.

The reason why Leo Jansen voted no was:

After considering the feedback from the Executive Director included in the ballot email and discussion on this matter from fellow Board Members, I have elected to change my stance on this matter to no from the initial ballot that was pulled for three main reasons:

- I have actually conducted both In Person and Remote Graded Field Evaluations on RFI Candidates and Probationary Ratings on HERS Rater Candidates, and from my experience there is hands down an increased and improved level of mentorship and training that a Candidate Field Assessor / QAD can provide an initial HERS candidate when performing those actions in person. Initial HERS Certification Candidates, in particular RFIs who in most cases have not been through any Building Science training, will be better equipped to help further maintain the accuracy and legitimacy of the HERS Index and RESNET Brand by receiving that in person mentorship / training.*
- Making an interim amendment to extend the use of the RESNET Remote QA Protocol through the end of the year to meet the In Person training requirements for new RFIs only (via Mentored Field Evaluations / Graded Field Evaluations) but not for new Raters (via Probationary Ratings) seems like a half measure. If we as Board wanted to take this approach, which I want to be clear that I do not think we should, it should be for all In Person training requirements for HERS Certification Candidates or none.*
- Per the main argument against this this action by the Board made by others previously, this type of change should be made through the Standards Development process, period. By enacting a NWI that extends the availability of the RESNET Remote QA Protocol out only to the end of 2023, we are not really accomplishing anything permanent and only serving to open the Board to allegations that we are over reaching in our authority for a limited gain. For those on the Board or the industry that might want this change on a more permanent basis, I encourage them to take the appropriate actions through the Standards Development process.*

The reason why Chris McTaggart voted no was:

No, this was already rejected by SDC 200. The Board must respect the standards development process and the committees who make decisions such as this.

The reason why Jonathan Risch voted no was:

In general I think it's time for these emergency protocols to expire as they compromise quality.

A reconsideration ballot was released that noted Mr. Jansen's, McTaggart's and Risch's no votes and contained their reasons for voting no.

The following are the results of the reconsideration electronic ballot:

Shall the RESNET Board of Directors request that the RESNET Standard Manager create a new work item for an interim amendment to extend the protocol for probationary RFI mentored ratings and RFI graded field evaluations being conducted using RESNET QA protocol until December 31, 2023?

Yes (4)	No (8)	Abstain (2)	Not Voting (5)
Philip Fairey	Lindsey Elton	Sandra Adomatis	David Beam
Emelie Glitch	Matt Gingrich	Jacob Atalla	David Goldstein
Robert Pegues	John Hensley		Cy Kilbourn
Brian Shanks	Leo Jansen		Curt Rich
	Mark Johnson		Clayton Traylor
	Abe Kruger		
	Chris McTaggart		
	Jonathan Risch		

The motion was defeated and the provision has expired.