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Home Energy Efficiency

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

RESNET Board of Directors	
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RESNET Membership Category: Rater	Today's Date: 8/10/2020
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 e 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> <p>I am the co-owner of SK Collaborative. My company, SK Collaborative, works with developers, builders, remodelers, contractors, architects, and homeowners to implement cost-effective techniques that improve building performance. Their services include consulting, design reviews and charrettes, training, and building certification for single and multifamily buildings under LEED for Homes, EarthCraft House, ENERGY STAR, the National Green Building Standard, and Enterprise Green Communities. SK Collaborative is currently working on projects totaling over 33,000 dwelling units spread across the country. A detailed client list is available upon request.</p> <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> <p>Member USGBC Georgia Chapter, Southface, AEE, and NARI Atlanta.</p> <p>I currently hold BPI Building Envelope, Building Analyst, and Infiltration & Duct Leakage certifications. I am also a BPI field and written exam proctor for these credentials.</p> <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> <p>No other employees are on the board of directors of other organizations.</p> <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>	

As the co-owner of SK Collaborative, I will be “on the clock” while performing in any Board duties.

- E. 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.

We are currently assisting LBNL with a small research project and receiving compensation of \$1,250.

SK Collaborative has not received any other compensation from federal agencies or groups listed above within the last 2 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.

The list below is believed to be complete. Additional lunch & learns have been performed over the years.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- *Health and Energy Efficiency, with Leigh Alderman (Georgia Health Policy Center), Frank Rapley (TVA), and Rebecca Philipsborn (Emory University School of Medicine), A Path Forward, December, 2020.*
- *Policies and Strategies to Catalyze Attainable Housing, with Marisa Ghani (Atlanta Regional Commission), Amanda Rhein (Atlanta Land Trust), and Odetta Macleigh-White (Transformation Alliance), Greenprints, Atlanta, GA, August, 2020*
- *The Energy Code & Renovations, The Cutting Edge: Remodeling Education Expo, Atlanta, GA, May 2019*
- *Healthy Housing Panel, Georgia Affordable Housing Coalition, Savannah, GA, March 2019*
- *The Dating Game: Energy Code Style, RESNET Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 2019*
- *Healthy Housing Panel, Georgia Affordable Housing Coalition, Savannah, GA, March, 2018,*
- *RESNET Summit: Software, Providing Context and Answering Questions, EEBA Summit, Atlanta, GA, October, 2017*
- *Problem Solved: A Case Study on Enabling Proper Valuation and Consumer Education for High Performance Homes, EEBA Summit, Atlanta, GA, October, 2017*
- *Why Green Building Makes Good Business Cents, HBA of North Georgia, Gainesville, GA, April 2016*
- *Performing Multifamily HERS Ratings, with Glenn Pease, EnergyLogic, RESNET Conference, Scottsdale, AZ, February 2016*
- *Private HERS Rater Training, Cumming, GA, May 5-6, 2015*
- *Current Rating Quality Assurance Oversight – Bare Minimums and Best Practices, RESNET Conference, San Diego, CA, February 2015*
- *HERS 101, RESNET Conference, San Diego, CA, February 2015*
- *Performing Multifamily HERS Ratings, with Glenn Pease, EnergyLogic, RESNET Conference, San Diego, CA, February 2015*
- *HERS 101, RESNET Conference, Atlanta, GA, February 2014. Tips and Tricks for Being a More Effective QAD, RESNET Conference, Atlanta, GA, February 2014*


- *Performing Multifamily HERS Ratings, with Glenn Pease, EnergyLogic, RESNET Conference, Atlanta, GA, February 2014*
- *Multifamily HERS Ratings: Applying RESNET's Technical Standards, RESNET Conference, Atlanta, GA, February 2014*
- *ENERGY STAR Multifamily Highrise, RaterFest!, Berthoud, CO, September 2013*
- *HERS 101, RESNET Conference, Orlando, FL, February 2013*
- *Performing Multifamily HERS Ratings, with Glenn Pease, EnergyLogic, RESNET Conference, Orlando, FL, February 2013*
- *Verifying CAZ Safety, RESNET Conference, Orlando, FL, February 2013*
- *The World of Energy Efficiency: An Overview, ACI National Home Performance Conference, Baltimore, MD, March 2012*
- *HERS 101, RESNET Conference, Austin, TX, February 2012*
- *HERS 101, RESNET Conference, Orlando, FL, February 2011*
- *HERS 101, RESNET Conference, Raleigh, NC, February 2010*

PUBLICATIONS

Aladham, O., Gonzalez, J., Grant, I., Harper, K., Kruger, A., Nannis, S., Patel, A., and Snedeker, L. (2013). "Case Study 1: MathWorks." In P. Teicholz (Ed), *BIM for Facility Managers* (pp. 147-163). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Kruger, A. and Seville, C. 2013. *Green Building: Principles and Practices in Residential Construction*, Delmar/Cengage Learning. Available January, 2012.

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



 SIGNATURE

09/29/2022

 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

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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 has 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.