



Setting the Standards for  
Home Energy Efficiency

## Approved Minutes of RESNET Board Executive Committee Meeting January 27, 2020

### **Members Present**

Philip Fairey  
Matt Gingrich  
John Hensley  
Roy Honican  
Nancy St. Hilaire

### **Members Absent**

N/A

### **Staff Present**

Steve Baden  
Emma Bennett  
Laurel Elam  
Cardice Howard

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by RESNET Board President Matt Gingrich at 1:05 p.m. Eastern Time.

### **Roll Call**

Philip Fairey called the roll of the executive committee. All members were present.

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

Matt Gingrich reviewed the RESNET Anti-Trust policy, which was sent to Executive Committee members prior to the call.

### **Approve Minutes of November 21, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting**

Philip Fairey made a motion that the Minutes of November 21, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting be approved. Nancy St. Hilaire seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Matt Gingrich asked for a vote to approve the agenda. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

## **Update on Negotiations of Grant Agreement with the North Carolina Building Performance Association on RESNET Board Designated Grant**

Steve Baden reviewed the state of negotiations with the North Carolina Building Performance Association on the RESNET Board designated grant that was appropriated at the RESNET Board 2019 Fall Board Meeting. Mr. Baden stated that RESNET Deputy Director Cardice Howard has been negotiating with the NCBPA on the statement of work for the grant since late December 2019. These discussions resulted in three iterations of a statement of work. Mr. Baden stated that RESNET staff was still not comfortable that the revised NCBPA proposal would achieve the goals that were presented to the RESNET Board. Cardice and Steve have been working with NCBPA to find a workable plan. He stated that now RESNET staff needed the RESNET Board Executive Committee's input.

The NCBPA proposed work included research and advocacy of changes to the current North Carolina energy code. These activities would violate the policy that was adopted by the RESNET Board in 2015 stating that RESNET advocacy and support to states and municipalities would only involve the adoption of the most recent ICC version of the International Energy Conservation Code. RESNET's policy would not advocate or support efforts to modify the national requirements, leaving this up to state and local jurisdictions.

In order to allocate RESNET funding for the NCBPA the RESNET Board would need to consider revising its 2015 policy on IECC advocacy and support.

The Executive Committee decided unanimously to continue deliberation on the reconsideration of this policy. The Executive Committee agreed to make a formal recommendation on this matter to the RESNET Board for its consideration at the 2020 Spring board meeting.

## **Issue of Wisconsin Utility Programs Dropping HERS as Compliance Method Due to New RESNET Duct Testing Requirements**

Steve Baden discussed issue of Wisconsin utility program stopping entering homes into the RESNET Registry on July 1, 2019 due to the new RESNET standard Addendum L duct testing requirements.

RESNET staff is working with the new Wisconsin program implementation consultant Performance Systems Development on the issue.

Steve Baden asked how the change should be navigated, a standard change could be implemented but would need to be considered in accordance with RESNET's ANSI Standards Development Policy and Procedures Manual. Matt Gingrich said exceptions to the Duct Testing requirements could be added.

Nancy St Hilaire discussed the value of Duct Testing Requirements. Philip Fairey stated that both the 2015 and 2018 IECC codes requires duct system testing and RESNET would need to carefully consider whether it wants to implement a lesser level of verification rigor than the national IECC standards.

Philip Fairey discussed the background on development of Distribution System Efficiency (DSE) values and the adoption of Addendum L.

Matt Gingrich suggested that RESNET staff support a research project on the issue. Steve stated he would support the effort and that RESNET staff would work with Performance Systems Development to get a better understanding of Wisconsin's building practices.

Steve Baden stated that the staff will continue to update the Executive Committee with any progress.

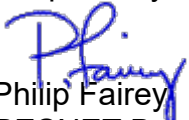
### **New Business**

No new business was presented.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Roy Honican made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Philip Fairey  
RESNET Board Secretary