Board Candidate Application

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Candidate Questions

1. Please describe in light of the responsibilities of the RESNET Board why you are the right person to be a member of the RESNET Board of Directors

Whenever anyone asks my profession, I proudly say I'm a HERS Rater… and it's always interesting to see whether they have any clue what I'm talking about.

Since becoming a HERS Rater in 2007, I started a small HERS Rating Company called Advanced Building Analysis, LLC, and I started defining a career as a HERS Rater in which I wear many hats in many different groups and organizations, but everything I do is based on the core competency of being a HERS Rater.

On the RESNET Board, I would diligently work to effectively represent the interests of all HERS Raters.

2. Why is this the right time for you to serve on the RESNET Board?

I have volunteered on the board of the North East HERS Alliance(NEHERS) for 10 years, and I have been the president of this board for the last 3 years. The end of this year, I will reach my current term limit and I hope to continue to volunteer my time in a similar capacity on the national level as part of the RESNET Board.

I'm also part of the NEHERS effort to expand the potential work of HERS Raters to include Embodied Carbon accounting at a time when this idea is just starting to take hold.

3. Please explain your knowledge and/or experience in terms of each of the primary responsibilities of the RESNET Board

In addition to my volunteering for NEHERS, I've been part of a small group of independent HERS Raters who in 2009 formed a Rating Providership called Energy Raters of Massachusetts (ERM). I have served as the president of this organization since it's inception. ERM supports a wide range of HERS Rating Companies who compete to deliver a high level of professional service and expand the use of HERS Ratings to fill every possible market niche. ERM promotes a strategic vision to expand the usage of HERS Ratings to serve additional markets and to serve existing markets in more meaningful ways.

4. Describe your experience in either leadership and/or serving on the board of a non-profit organization.

During my 10 years on the non-profit board of the North East HERS Alliance, I have helped start several ongoing committees including the Codes Committee and the QAD Committee. I have served as both vice president and president of the board, and for 3 years, I was chair of the Manual Committee which maintains and updates the NEHERS Rater Reference and Training Manual.

Before becoming a HERS Rater, I served 8 years on our city's planning board. I continue to volunteer in local government as a member of our city's Energy Committee.

5. What would you contribute to the RESNET Board?

I am deeply interested in development of codes and standards in order to support the advancement of the usage of HERS Ratings in simple, meaningful and well-strategized ways, while limiting the frequency of changes to the RESNET Standard in order to reduce confusion in the marketplace and to increase the efficacy of HERS Raters.

HERS Ratings in Massachusetts are now performed on 87% of residential new construction and I want to use what we have learned from this achievement with the rest of the country in order to continue to advance the use of HERS Ratings nationwide.