Minutes
RESNET Board of Directors 2017 Annual Meeting
February 26, 2017
Scottsdale Resort and Conference Center, Scottsdale, Arizona

Members Present
Jacob Atalla
David Beam
Dave Bell
Steve Byers
Brett Dillon
Bob Eipert
Philip Fairey
Matt Gingrich
David Goldstein
Roy Honican
Cy Kilbourn
Abe Kruger
Curt Rich
Nancy St. Hilaire
Kelly Stephens
Daran Wastchak

Members Absent
Cardice Howard
Lee O’Neal
Jim Petersen

Staff Present
Steve Baden
Rick Dixon
Laurel Elam
Kathy Spigarelli
Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by RESNET Board President Roy Honican at 1:30 p.m. Eastern.

Introduction of New RESNET Suppliers Advisory Board Representative

Frank O'Brien-Bernini introduced Curt Rich as the new suppliers board chair and new board member. Frank was presented with a plaque honoring him as being a founding member of the RESNET Suppliers Advisory Board.

Roll Call

The roll was called and a quorum was present. Cardice Howard and Lee O'Neal were granted excused absences.

Approve Agenda

Kelly Stephens made a motion to approve the draft agenda. David Beam seconded the motion. Motion was approved by voice vote.

RESNET Anti-Trust Policy

Kathy Spigarelli distributed the RESNET Anti-Trust and Conflict of Interest Policy. The policies were given to all members in board packet via email and also presented on the screen. Kelly Puckett provided legal representation on the phone and review the anti-trust laws.

Approval of January 20, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Philip Fairey made a motion to approve the January 20, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. Dave Bell seconded the motion. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Report on 2017 RESNET Financial Audit

David Beam gave a report from the RESNET Financial Audit Committee. An RFP was sent in early October and three proposals have been received, reviewed and scored. All four committee members scored the same audit firm with the highest score to recommend RESNET hire Kevin Fordyce. RESNET has executed the contract with Mr. Fordyce and the work will begin in May with a completion date of August.

Daran Wastchak asked David Beam when the Audit Committee would be receiving the financial audit from Kevin Fordyce. Steve Baden estimated that the audit report would be sent to the Audit Committee in July. Daran suggested that with the departure of Committee member Ben Adams, a replacement for Ben be made prior to the issuance of the Audit Report and the Audit Committee’s review and recommendation to the Board.

Report on RESNET Board Officers Nominations Committee

Philip Fairey gave the report on the nominations committee.
RESNET Board Officers Nominations Committee members were Philip Fairey (chairman), David Beam, Dave Bell, David Goldstein, Cardice Howard and Daran Wastchak.

The committee unanimously approved the following slate of officers-

Roy Honican- President
Nancy St Hilaire- Vice President
Kelly Stephens- Treasurer
Matt Gingrich- Secretary

Other Nominations, Election of 2017 RESNET Board Officers

Roy Honican called from nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were received

Philip Fairey made a motion to approve slate of officers by acclamation. Steve Byers seconded the motion. Motion approved by voice vote. Nancy St Hilaire and Matt Gingrich abstained.

Report on RESNET Standard Management Board & Nominations of New Members of RESNET Standards Management Board

Philip Fairey, Chairman of RESNET Standards Management Board introduced Rick Dixon the RESNET Standards Manager.

Philip gave a report on the standards management board including SMB approval process, 2016 SMB actions, current members and proposed new members

Members have 3-year staggered terms of office that are renewable via reappointment

Proposed new members:
CR Herro, Vice President of Environmental Affairs, Meritage Homes to replace Jim Petersen
Dave Walls, Executive Director, Sustainability Programs, International Code Council to replace Brett Dillon

Wes Davis will be reappointed to a three year term.

Philip Fairey made a motion to approve the proposed new members of the SMB. Brett Dillon seconded the motion. Motion was approved by voice vote.

It was noted that CR Herro will resign as chair of SDC 900 since he is now a member of the SMB.
Consideration of RESNET Water Efficiency Rating Index Guidelines

Jacob Atalla, Jonah Schien and Ed Osann Co-Chairman of RESNET Water Efficiency Rating (WER) Index Task Force presented the draft WER rating guidelines.

The presenters reviewed the process for developing the WER guidelines and discussed next steps for 2017 which will include approving draft for public comment, reviewing comments received, conducting a pilot and inviting software providers to develop beta WER index software. An assessment of the pilot will be conducted and initiation of ANSI standards development process for the WER standard will begin in 2018.

David Goldstein made a motion to approve the draft WER standard for public comment. Daran Wastchak seconded the motion. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Washington Update

Carl Chidlow, RESNET Washington Representative, gave an update on the current legislative activities in Washington DC

He reviewed the new Administration positions that will have a potential impact on industry as well as the many opportunities we may have with a new administration since RESNET is a market driven organization with dynamic relationships with industry partners.

Mr. Chidlow met with Heritage Foundation on February 22, to inform them what and who RESNET is so that they know for future actions on the SAVE Act.

There is also an opportunity the RESNET could provide record keeping and 3rd party verification and QA for the Rural Energy Savings Program run by the USDA.

It is also very important for RESNET to stay in and become more involved with private/public partnerships.

Since buying American is a signature theme of the administration RESNET should work with suppliers to emphasize impact of housing market on US domestic manufacturing.

Finally Mr. Chidlow provided an update on 45L which expired on December 31, 2016. Chairman Hatch’s staff has promised to complete “scoring” on a new NRDC/LBA/RESNET proposal and issues related to building envelope have been resolved. Once scoring is completed co-sponsors will determined.

Demonstration of New ENERGY STAR Field App

Zak Shadid began the presentation by showing logos of 2016 award winners and introduced new team members.
Dean Gamble provided an update on the numbers of ENERGY STAR homes certified in 2016 (90,246) and over 650 new partners joined in 2016.

Dean Gamble and Rick Gazica reviewed functions and gave a demonstration of the ENERGY STAR Field App. Their team is planning on have a beta test in the summer and hope to have full release but the 2018 conference.

Update on RESNET HERS Rater Insurance Program

Jeff Hewitt, Lockton Affinity gave an update on the RESNET HERS Rater insurance program. Insurance for raters was difficult to get and expensive so Lockton Infinity developed an affordable insurance program 11 years ago that is still available today.

Appraisal Institute Report

Jim Amorin with the Appraisal Institute delivered a report on what Appraisal Institute is and how they are working with RESNET. A new partnership is being created that will allow appraisers to have access to information about ratings as well as have an education effort.

RESNET Suppliers Advisory Board Report

Frank O'Brien Bernini, former Chairman of RESNET Suppliers Advisory Board, delivered an update on the Suppliers advisory board. Announced that the HERS associate designation is now available and people are now able to apply to provide courses.

Report of Leading Builders of America

Clayton Traylor, Leading Builders of America, delivered the report from the Leading Builders of America that included working with RESNET to include RESNET ANSI standard 301 and 380 in the 2018 IECC and finding common ground on solar.

Update of RESNET Board Governance

Roy Honican gave update on the governance committee. Steve Byers has developed a draft charter for the governance committee. Roy Honican will work with Steve Byers to determine the best way to move forward with the charter and committee.

New Business

At the Fall 2016 RESNET Board meeting In Lexington, Kentucky, the board appointed a Threshold Rating Working Group to make a recommendation to the RESNET Board on the registration of confirmed HERS Ratings that use “Threshold Specifications” as defined by ANSI/RESNET/ICC Standard 301-2014. The working group was composed
of Dave Bell, Steve Byers, Philip Fairey and Daran Wastchak. Language has been developed and will be shared with the board for review in the coming weeks.

Dave Bell made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:23 PM