## **Board Candidate Application**

Provider Candidate: Chris McTaggart

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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

For the past three terms, I've represented RESNET Accredited Providers on the Board of Directors. Over this tenure, I have consistently represented the interests of the member class which I represent - Providers - who are the engine that drives RESNET; there would be no RESNET if it were not for the business solutions provided by Providers. As a member-focused Director, I put the interests of members above my own, as well as above external special interests which seek to influence RESNET for their own benefit. I commit to continuing this effort if elected to another term.

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

I have chosen to run again as the next two years could be "make or break" for RESNET. The organization has benefited from favorable Federal policy/incentives, a strong national economy, and buoyant housing market since I've been on the Board, leading to tremendous growth and the development of a professionally-staffed organization. However, there are headwinds that could affect that growth trajectory. Furthermore, with a new Executive Director taking leadership of the organization, ensuring success in this transition is paramount. I believe my demonstrated record of critical thinking and objectivity will be more crucial than ever at this time of transition.

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

I have fulfilled three successful terms on the Board, During this tenure, I have a demonstrated track record of being present at meetings, observant, collaborative and objective - including being positive/praising - as well as critical - of the organization, its policies, its leadership, etc. where appropriate. This is the job of a Director - not to be a passive, politician or exceedingly deferential. Furthermore, I am aware of both the duties and legal obligations of a Director to a California nonprofit organization such as RESNET.

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

I have fulfilled three terms on the RESNET Board of Directors. Additionally, I have served on both regional and local nonprofit Boards. This multidisciplinary nonprofit leadership experience allows me to understand the

opportunities and challenges operating within the nonprofit Board governance space. Furthermore, as the coowner of a Provider organization for the past 15 years, I understand how Providers operate; most are small-tomedium businesses. We have staff with families, experience growing pains/market challenges more acutely, and RESNET policy changes potentially affect us and our businesses more dramatically. Providers need representation from someone who understands and unwaveringly represents their best interests.

## 5. What would you contribute to the RESNET Board?

Sustained, objective leadership. A willingness to ask the hard questions where necessary, and to analyze policies under the lens of potential benefit or harm to Providers and their operations. Should RESNET Provider members allow me another term to represent their interests, they can trust that I will always show up for them. Aside from my contributions as a collaborator, I have been an innovator for the organization as well, championing new business initiatives that - if acted upon effectively by RESNET's staff - could help secure the future of our industry as the go-to source for all energy verification services.



# Potential Sources of Bias / Conflict of Interest Statement of Affiliations and Interests for Candidates for the RESNET® Board of Directors

September 6, 2023

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.

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: Accredited Provider		Today's Date: 10/6/2025

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.

- 1. **ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS**. Enter information as requested below.
- 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.
- I am co-owner and President of BER. BER works with 500+ RESNET Certified Professionals nationally as their RESNET Rating QA Provider, as well as a handful of other RESNET Provider organizations in delivering other QA and/or training services. Furthermore, I am co-owner of BER LTD, a Canadian organization with a similar mission, but focused on the Canadian market. Furthermore, I am owner of Dream DET, a small local energy efficiency consulting business in metro Detroit that occasionally performs HERS ratings and affiliated services.
- 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.

BER is a member of ICC.

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.

I currently serve on the RESNET Board of Directors as well as an energy code focused task group designated by the Board. BER staff also have representation on SDC 200 and staff advisory groups related to QA.

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'.

Self-funded

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.		
BER has previously within the past two years received funding as a subcontractor to a Primary contractor serving the EPA ENERGY STAR and Indoor AirPlus programs as a training development vendor. That contract has since been voided by the federal government and is inactive.		
Furthermore, BER has a business relationship with the ICC in a co-branded version of the ICC section 79 Residential Energy Code Plans Examiner/Inspector training that remains active.		
Furthermore, BER has had a business relationship with the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA), as it pertains to fulfilling contracts relating to energy code studies and/or training.		
2. <b>PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND POSITIONS</b> . 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.		
<ul> <li>Several presentations and trainings led at the RESNET Building Performance Conference from 2015 to 2025.</li> <li>Presentations at the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA) energy codes conference on the role of Raters in energy code verification from 2015-2025</li> <li>Trainings and presentations at the Passive House Institute US (Phius) conference and events related to the role of raters in program verification.</li> <li>Presentations to the ICC on the role of Raters in energy code verification from 2015-2025</li> <li>Presentations at various homebuilders and code official meetings on the role of Raters in energy code verification from 2015-2025.</li> </ul>		
☐ I have no relevant public statements or positions (double-click box to mark).		
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Chris McTaggart 10/6/2025 SIGNATURE 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®		

### **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 as a 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.