

**RGB Meeting Agenda & Minutes**  
**Feb 15, 2011**  
**4:00 – 5:30 PM**  
**Revolution Brewing – Logan Square**

Submitted by Katie Kaluzny

- Attendees: Jason La Fleur (Chair), Jesse McGrath, Bill Seeger, Brandon Weiss, Bill Styzinski, Sarah Coulter (RGBA), Tony Janowski (Board), Steve Pohlman, Jamie Peters, Scott Madlener, Al Medina, Elizabeth Richards, Sylvia?, Chris Payne, Eric Barton, Steve Pincuspy, Ruth Mortensen, Max Rohr, Jase Frederick, Katie Kaluzny (Staff)
- Chapter Announcements:
  - Membership dues increased on 2/1. New membership rates on the website as well as option for 3-year membership. Membership reached an all-time high of almost 1650 members last week! (Katie)
  - Chapter will announce new education program purchase packages starting March 1. Members will be able to purchase a “LEED Continuing Education Bundle” as either a 5 or 10-session price (10 classes for the price of 8 or 5 for the price of 4). Purchasers will be able to use a registration code to choose the classes to take. (Katie)
  - The Chapter’s Governance committee is beginning to look at the Chapter’s Strategic Plan that was implemented in 2008. After 3 years it is time to re-address the plan and begin referring and analyzing it more on a quarterly basis to ensure the Chapter’s endeavors are staying on track with the organization’s strategic goals. (Tony)
  - 3/8 Chapter Business Meeting in Oak Brook @ Hamburger University.
    - Need RGB Volunteers for info table to help Dan Rappel.
    - Steve Pohlman volunteered.
- Committee Business:
  - Secretary Report: Motion to approve minutes from January by Bill Seeger. Jesse McGrath seconds. Minutes approved.
  - RGB Advocates (RGBA) Report – Sarah Coulter
    - Sarah and Pam Garetto are dividing RGBA tasks into booths and speakers. Sarah will handle all speaker requests and organizing training for residential speakers with Pam Jackson (staff). Pam Garetto will handle all booth / festival requests.
    - Upcoming requests to staff tables at residential related fests and sessions include:
      - Feb. 24 Green Business Summit - Chicago;
      - March 8 Chapter Business Meeting – Oak Brook;
      - March 15 Residential Real Estate program at Green Depot - Chicago;
      - March 22 – 23 – IL Lumber Materials & Home Builder Association expo in Peoria, IL
      - April 9 – Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo

April 10 – Niles North High School  
May 1 – Green Earth Fest in Naperville  
May 21 – Oak Park Earth Fest  
May 21 – Homer Glen Earth Fest

If you would like to speak on behalf of the USGBC Illinois and become an advocate, working one of these events is the perfect training opportunity. Contact Pam Garetto if you would like to help.

- Vice Chair Report (Education programs) – Dan Rappel (update by Jason and Katie)
  - South Suburban Branch event 2/9: Leveraging Residential Incentives for Green Remodeling (Moraine Valley CC). Contact Karin Barden [kbarden@usgbc-illinois.org](mailto:kbarden@usgbc-illinois.org) for sponsor or partner ideas.
  - Chicago Branch event 3/15: Green Residential Real Estate & Added Value to Homes from 6 to 8 @ Green Depot (following March RGB meeting).
    - Looking to do this program again in the NNW Branch w/ the HBA – Brandon main contact to organize w/ Sarah.
  - Fox Valley Branch event 5/13: Blunk Residence home tour. Rose Marie and Brandon are the Fox Valley/RGB contacts for this program.
  - Katie and Jason working to develop further residential education partnership with Steve Pincuspy at CCGT with their Green Tech U program. CCGT has much of the public/consumer audience we are looking for with some of our RGB education topics. Katie/Jason/Dan will work with Steve to propose topics and dates for joint programs for Summer and Fall.
    - Volunteers to assist include: Jase Frederick, Sarah Coulter, Jamie Peters, Sylvia(?), Steve Pohlman & Al Medina
- Chair Report – Jason La Fleur
  - ECW – Better Buildings, Better Business (B4) from March 2 - 4 [www.ecw.org/betterbusiness](http://www.ecw.org/betterbusiness). (Wisconsin)
  - ECW – USGBC IL summit Feb. 2012 (like B4). There is an organizing meeting to plan for this conference in the Chicago area coming up. Contact Jason if you are interested in helping with this project.
  - GreenHomeGuide.com content. National USGBC looking for us to contribute content to Know How section. Volunteers needed. Scott Madlener will be the point person for interested volunteers. The target audience for this USGBC resource is consumers.
  - New LEED Home scoring tool near release to public: <http://www.leadforhomes.org/OST/Homepage.aspx>.
    - Please submit any issues regarding the use and functionality of the LEED for Homes Scoring Tool or other related inquiries to

[lhstfeedback@usgbc.org](mailto:lhstfeedback@usgbc.org) and include your contact details.

- Affordable Housing Subcommittee – Chris & Elizabeth (co-chairs)
  - Announcement for volunteer organizations going out later this week after Chris, Elizabeth and Jason meet on 2/17 to discuss materials.
  - FREE Affordable housing webinars online at [usgbc.org](http://usgbc.org) > Education > Find Courses > type in “affordable housing”
  - Chicago Green Collar Jobs Initiative (CGCJI) next business meeting will host a panel on green affordable housing.
  - Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) Chicago is holding an open house on 2/24 for their “Practical Green” \$149,900 gut rehab green home.
- Existing Homes Subcommittee – Steve & Al (co-chairs)

Next meeting is 2/24 6:00 PM in Oak Park.  
Oak Park Library - Maze Branch  
845 Gunderson Avenue  
Oak Park, IL

- Discussing HOAP (home owners awareness program) kickoff. Looking at how to tackle low-hanging fruit and the impacts of these efforts.
- Looking into idea of public service announcements about greening existing homes – focused toward consumers. Scott and Jason will talk w/ EHS about this endeavor w/ the Chapter.
- This subcommittee will present more of their plans at the March meeting.

- Open Discussion / Other Announcements

- Jamie Peters (State & Local Government Committee Co-Chair) provided upcoming program announcements and links of interest.
  - Tuesday, March 1st Thermal Imaging Services, Inc. will be hosting Bob Dwyer with COSA (Carbon Monoxide Safety Association) for a full day class and evening class on carbon monoxide safety.  
[jpeters@mwalliance.org](mailto:jpeters@mwalliance.org) for more details
- Tony Janowski (Board Vice Chair) provided links to learn more about upcoming ICC free trainings.
  - The International Code Council will be training the industry on the new IGCC 2009 codes throughout the State of Illinois. The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters will be offering their facilities for the training on the below dates. .
    - April 7 IECC Fundamentals (1 Day)
    - April 8 IECC Fundamentals Res. Provisions for Builders (1 Day)
    - April 26 IECC Fundamentals Res. Provisions for Builders (1 Day)
    - April 27 & 28 IECC Performing Res. Energy Inspections (2 Day)
    - May 11 & 12 IECC Performing Res. Energy Inspections (2 Day)
    - May 16 & 17 IECC Performing Res. Energy Inspections (2 Day)

- May 24 IECC Fundamentals Res. Provisions for Designers (1 Day)
- May 25 & 26 IECC Performing Residential Plan Reviews (2 Day)
- Visit <http://www.iccsafe.org/DCEO> for more details
- Next issue of the Illinois Chapter's member publication GreenBytes will be on regional materials. If you have a story idea or would like to write an article, contact Scott Madlener.

9. **Next Meeting:** Tues. Mar 15, 4:00 PM @ Green Depot, 2500 N. Pulaski, Chicago

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