



**RESIDENTIAL GREEN BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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**Next Meeting**

**Date:** April 19, 2011  
**Location:** Via Webinar  
**Time:** 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** The Green Depot

Larry Alport	Will Baker
Eric Barton	Laureen Blissard
Sarah Coulter	Jase Frederick
Pam Garetto	Scott Hansen
Katie Kaluzny	Jason LaFleur
Ruth Mortensen	Steve Pohlman
Jamie Peters	Dan Rappel
Bill Seeger	Rose Marie Reed
Bill Styczynski	Augy Rizo
Brandon Weiss	

**Chair Report**

- I. **Chicago Branch Event: RGB + Real Estate – Laura Reedy Stukel and Sarah Coulter presenters**
- II. **EEBA Houses that Work will be held 3/31 in Bloomington. Looking at Chicago for June 8<sup>th</sup>.**
- III. **Better Buildings, Better Business ECW – USGBC summit in January 2012. Plan is for education and trade show with full day workshops. Call for presenters will be going out in mid-April. Any interested volunteers, please contact Katie Kaluzny.**

- IV. **DOE Home Energy Score (HES) Program for existing homes is using Chicago as one of the pilot programs.** Illinois has a tremendous database where they collect property assessment and utility data that can be added to the DOE analyses. They are currently tweaking their calibrations tools to adjust for all 16 climate zones and BTU usages before a national rollout. Refinement is scheduled for August through December, with anticipated rollout in 2012. They are working with NREL to create a National Home Energy Registry. For more information go to: <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/homeenergyscore>

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#### Vice Chair Report

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- RGB discussed working with AIA's program "Working with an Architect. Katie and Dan to follow up and implement.

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#### RGB Updates

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- I. **Affordable Housing** – Working with volunteer organization: Windy City Habitat. Home Depot Grant funding has been pulled away from green homes
- Working with volunteer organization: Windy City Habitat; 2 RGB volunteers needed in April. Contact Chris Payne [topherpay@gmail.com](mailto:topherpay@gmail.com)
  - Brandon Weiss is a house captain working with the Rebuild Together for elderly couples. Emerging Young Professionals are spearheading this effort and looking for donated materials and volunteer labor for the 4/30 build date.
- II. **Chicago Green Homes** – Eric Barton is working on this, and Tim Heppner is coordinating. CCGT is currently working on 3.0 changes, which is being moved to be more performance driven than prescriptive.
- III. **LEED for Homes** – LEED Home scoring tool – information can be found at: <http://www.leadforhomes.org>
- IV. **GreenHomeGuide.com** – National is looking for us to contribute content to **Know How**.
- V. **Existing Homes Subcommittee** – National Marketing Plan is still in development. Want to remind everyone that we need to get more people listed and signed up for the Chicago Green Home Guide to help promote REGREEN. <http://greenhomeguide.com>

Steve Pohlman gave an overview of the HOAP program, along with updates from the recent meeting that included a sample HVAC presentation by Bronson Shavitz to give everyone an idea of where we are headed with our outreach, speaking, and presentation efforts. Steve also passed out the [Top 40 ReGreen Impact List](#) that gives an overview of design compliments and installation costs for a green home design within a \$500 to \$1,500 budget. Emerging Professionals are working on something similar, and EHS would like to see if we can get some of the EP members to participate with EHS to combine efforts.

The next EHS meeting is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Maze Branch Library in Oak Park.

- VI. **HBA** – Brandon Weiss will be acting as the liaison for the Northern Illinois Home Builders Association. HBA – Brandon Weiss is acting as the liaison for the Northern Illinois Home Builders Association. There is an “HBA Smart Series” available for educational opportunities, and their session on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. There will be an RGB event, *Greening Real Estate and Home Values* held in the West Suburbs. There is an “HBA Smart Series” available for educational opportunities. The brochure is attached.
- VII. **PR** – Scott Madlener will be handling the PR and website updates.
- VIII. **Advocacy** – Pam Garetto provided an overview of the Advocacy Team and Speakers Bureau. Looking for more RGBC members to volunteer to participate as speakers and for table staffing at events. Training will be made available to those interested. The first speaker training for 2011 will take place sometime between April 4 and 8. Advocacy opportunities begin April 9. See the schedule of Upcoming Events listed below. Contact Sarah Coulter or Pam Garetto for more information.
- IX. **Education** - National has created prerecorded webinars that are available to members to communicate to others through outreach. Contact Jason for more info.
- X. **Secretary Report** – Jason LaFleur motioned to accept last month’s minutes. Lauren Blissard second the motion.

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#### Upcoming Events:

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- I. **March 22-23 Peoria, IL** – Home Builders Association/Lumber Dealers Show/expo
- II. **April 9** - Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo, Merchandise Mart
- III. **April 10** – Skokie Spring Greening, Niles North High School
- IV. **April 16** – (*pending*) Green Metropolis Fair, Irish Heritage Center
- V. **May 1** – (*pending*) Naperville Green Earth Fair, McDonald Farm
- VI. **May 21** – Oak Park Green Fest, Oak Park River Forest High School
- VII. **Better Building Conference** - Katie and Jason announced we would initiate USGBC IL RGB Awards discussed last year to be launched at the B\$ Illinois conference. Volunteers are needed to create program and recognize best projects in five categories:
  - 1) Best gut rehab home
  - 2) Best new construction home
  - 3) Best green affordable housing development
  - 4) Best REGREEN remodel
  - 5) Best multifamily green buildingVolunteer to create awards program: Bill Seeger

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#### Open Discussion

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- I. **Green Builder Coalition** – Lauren gave an overview of this new endeavor, their strategies and goals. Lauren announced that the RGB matrix that many volunteers (Steve Pohlman, Corbett Lunsford, and others) worked on will be the genesis of an online comparison matrix available at [www.greenbuildercoalition.org](http://www.greenbuildercoalition.org). Lauren is looking for anyone that wants to help make this a useful tool for project teams. Please contact her at [blissardl@comcast.net](mailto:blissardl@comcast.net)
- II. Jason thanked Green Depot for hosting the venue

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**Adjournment**

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- I. Jason La Fleur motioned to adjourn meeting. Steve Pohlman second the motion.

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