



RESIDENTIAL GREEN BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Next Meeting

Date: May 17, 2011

Location: Chicago Center for Green Technology, 445 North Sacramento Blvd, Chicago

Time: 4:00 to 5:00 pm with potentially an event after the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Location: Webinar. The meeting was recorded. Will post meeting notes and exhibits on website.

Attendees: Jason LaFleur

Katie Kaluzny

Bronson Shavitz

Elizabeth Richards

Bill Seeger

Eric Barton

Scott Madlener

Sean O'Gorman

Pam Garetto

Al Medina

Dan Rappel

Elena Lugo

Steve Pohlman

Rose Marie Reed

Lisa Elkins

Sarah Coulter

Scott Hansen

Mark Jackson

Guest Speaker: Chris McTaggart

Board Level Reports

I. Board Level Reports

Secretary Report

1. Rose Marie asked for motion to accept minutes from the March meeting. Bronson seconded.
2. Mark Jackson was introduced as the incoming secretary with thanks to Rose Marie for her work.

Chapter Report

1. Katie said to let her or Dan know when anyone needs help with event planning and details.

2. The Emerald Gala is May 21. We have reached 300 committed attendees but hope to reach 500 for this annual fund raiser. Contact Joan Martin in the Chapter office if there is an interest in donating auction items. Contact Katie if you know a potential volunteer. The Chapter office is determining the need for volunteers.
3. The Chapter is looking for volunteers and materials for the April 30 Rebuilding Together day in Bellwood. Please contact Katie for information.

Chair Report

1. Interest in LEED for Homes continues to grow. Alliance for Environmental Sustainability was selected to conduct LEED workshops.
2. National USGBC needs LEED AP faculty in the Midwest. Call Jason for details.
3. Chapter was asked to participate in a LEED for Homes design competition, could be deployed on Second Life, a virtual design reality site. Contact Jason if you would like to discuss participating.
4. Discussed the RGB education menu for 2011 and asked for comments. (see posted power point for the listing). Sarah Coulter discussed her presentation at the Green Metropolis Fair sponsored by Mindful Metropolis.
5. Official comment period for the next version of the Chicago Green Homes Program ended on April 17 but our members are encouraged to continue to review and comment. Details: [Chicago Green Homes Program](#)
6. Helenowski Residence gut rehab tour on May 5. There is a coupon code for chapter members to attend "USGBCIL" ..

Vice Chair Report

1. Planned education events were discussed by Dan Rappel.
 - a. Rose Marie Reed is working on additional details for the Blunk House tour.
 - b. We may convene at Christy Weber Landscapes after the May 17 meeting. Still being discussed with more details to follow.
 - c. Chapter office is working on the details for the June Rockford Branch Real Estate event.
 - d. Dan said that we need help from Central Illinois members for the June Central Illinois Landscape Considerations event. Katie K. to provide Central Illinois chapter contacts.
2. In other initiatives, Dan discussed working with Barbara Gordon at Chicago Architecture Foundation on joint outreach programs. Katie said the chapter has worked with Barbara on other occasions. Lisa Elkins offered to help as well.

RGB Updates

I. Affordable Housing

The Volunteer Assistance program goals were reviewed by Elizabeth Richards. Chris Payne provides the outreach to RGB professionals through USGBC and Elizabeth provides the outreach to the non-profit community. Windy City Habitat is interested in volunteers and this may help provide experience needed for LEED AP Homes professional certification. Contact Chris for details and to discuss the potential application fee. Elizabeth also discussed the [Habitat Professional](#) program which links USGBC Chapter members with Habitat affiliates.

II. Existing Homes Subcommittee

Steve Pohlman discussed the consumer outreach programs which are being developed. He is looking for member comments on the Top 40 list of green improvements. He proposed using the Oak Park Earth Fest as the initial speed green panel.

III. HBA

Jason reported for Brandon Weiss. Brandon coordinated the April 20 Green MLS event in Naperville as part of the Northern Illinois Home Builders education plan. Sarah is the presenter.

IV. PR

Scott Madlener encouraged any members interested in blogging or writing articles about residential green building to contact him. Members were reminded about the informal discussion forum for RGB on [Linked In](#).

V. Advocacy

Sarah discussed the successful March trip to Springfield to meet with targeted legislators to discuss [HJR 45 Task Force Report](#). If you have follow up questions, contact Doug W and the Advocacy Committee. Sarah discussed the Advocacy Team Speakers Bureau training program and reviewed potential upcoming events. Contact Sarah or Pam G if you want training. Pam discussed opportunities for professional listings in the [Green Home Guide](#) and for members of the [Chicago Bungalow Association](#)

VI. Education

See Chair's report

Unfinished Business

- I. *None to report*

Additional Meeting Items

- I. Jason said there will be an overview of LEED for Homes on April 21 at Green Home Chicago. [The Better Buildings, Better Business](#) advanced residential building science expo will be held

- from Jan 31 to Feb 2, 2012 in Schaumburg. Organizers are looking for exhibitors/sponsors and eventually, presenters
- II. The local [Passive House Alliance group](#) meets the third Weds of every month.
 - III. A poll was taken and the participating RGB members asked for the June 21 meeting to be an Elgin LEED Home tour.
 - IV. Chris McTaggart presented a review of Energy Star Version 3. He discussed the 2011 specifications for Energy Star for Qualified Homes.
 - V. Steve Pohlman conducted an Existing Homes Subcommittee meeting.

Adjournment

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