



RESIDENTIAL GREEN BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Next Meeting

Date: September 20, 2011. There is no August meeting but a newsletter with an updated events calendar will be sent in August

Location: To be determined. Suggestions include the Yova Café in Oak Park

Time: 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Location: Chicago Community Loan Center, 29 East Madison, Chicago

Attendees:

Jason La Fleur, Chairman

Katie Kaluzny, Associate Director, USGBC
– Illinois Chapter

Brandon Weiss, HBA liaison

Elizabeth Richards, Affordable Housing
Coordinator

Sarah Coulter, RGB Advocate

Eric Barton

Mark Jackson, Secretary

Board Level Reports

I. Board Level Report

1. Jason La Fleur opened the meeting with attendee introductions and thanked Elizabeth Richards for hosting the meeting.

Secretary Report

Mark Jackson provided the Secretary's Report

1. The minutes from the June 21, 2011 have been posted on the website
2. Mark reminded the attendees to review the U.S. Green Building Council – Illinois Chapter Anti-Trust Compliance Statement.

3. Mark said that the Chapter office has a conference call number which is available for the RGB Committee meetings however, it is a toll call so that the charge for the meeting host and participant call ins will depend on their long distance provider. Mark will continue to work with the meeting host prior to each meeting to determine if the host has a toll free conference call number that can be used for the meeting and if not, if the Chapter's conference call number can be used by the host for the meeting.
4. Mark asked the attendees to inform him of events that they believe should be included in the monthly newsletter

Chapter Announcements and Report

Katie Kaluzny provided the Chapter report

1. Effective August 1, 2011, Chapter members who register the day of a Chapter or Branch event or are a walk-in registration the day of an event will be charged the non-member registration fee. Day of registrations have increased which increases the difficulty of planning for the event. In addition it is difficult to determine who is a member and not a member during day of registration.
2. To encourage more national members, USGBC has issued a national membership challenge to all Chapters. Chapters will receive a referral fee if a new national member joins USGBC and the member references the Chapter that referred the new member. If anyone is aware of potential national members, please encourage them to contact USGBC and to reference the Illinois Chapter when they join.
3. The next Operations Circle meeting for Chapter leaders is August 8. Topics include discussing formalizing the Branch and Committee election process and the Chapter's 3 year Strategic Plan
4. RFPs will be sent in August to parties who have expressed an interest in presenting an education program at a Chapter or Branch event in 2012. Announcements will be sent to the entire Chapter and a designated Chapter group will review the RFPs.
5. A credential maintenance session has been scheduled for November at the Merchandise Mart. The session is for LEED APs and LEED Green Associates who want to fulfill credential maintenance requirements.
6. Katie reminded attendees who have the LEED AP without specialty that the deadline for electing a specialty is approaching.

Vice Chair Report

Dan Rappel was unable to attend so Jason gave Dan's report

1. Residential Green Building Systems: A Comparison will be presented by Jason at the Chicago Center for Green Technology on July 28
2. On August 9 at the Chicago Center for Green Technology Bill S., Dan R., and Chris M. will present Leveraging Financial Incentives for Green Home Building and Financing
3. On November 16, Sarah C will discuss Green MLS at a N/NW Branch event

4. We are working with the Central Illinois Branch to develop an idea for a Branch event.
5. On October 6, Jason will discuss the LEED Multifamily certification program at the Chicago Center for Green Technology
6. On July 26, the Rockford Branch is hosting a tour a Chapter Officer Mike Dudek's private residence in Woodstock.
7. Garrett Hovest is rescheduling the EEBA lecture and boat tour to possibly coincide with the Chapter's networking boat tour on August 16th. Katie is working with Garrett on this potential lecture/boat tour event.
8. The Chapter reserved a larger boat this year for the August 16 boat event so seats are still available.

Chair Report

1. Jason discussed the Central Illinois Green Expo in Peoria on September 9 and 10
2. Jason discussed the Speakers Bureau training sessions. A new date has since been set for a Speakers Bureau training webinar and an announcement has been sent to the full RGB member list.
3. Other upcoming events include an event in Evanston on September 24 and an event at Cantigny Golf Club. The Secretary will look for details on each event and add them to the newsletter.
4. Jason discussed an Alliance for Environmental Sustainability report on how to find a green appraiser.
5. Al Medina is no longer with the NAR and Kristin Short is now our NAR liaison. Sarah C said that Midwest Real Estate Data has created a Green MLS Advisory Support group. They are looking for a downstate Illinois member. The next meeting of this group is August 3.

RGB Updates

I. Affordable Housing

Elizabeth Richards reported. Energy Impact Illinois is accepting enrollments now. Go to their website for incentive details. There is a pilot program with Habitat Pro/Windy City Habitat to help build affordable housing and provide Chapter members with work experience that can be used for LEED AP Homes accreditation.

II. Chicago Green Homes

No Report

III. LEED for Homes

No report

IV. Existing Homes Subcommittee

No report

V. HBA

No report

VI. PR

No report

VII. Advocacy

Sarah Coulter provided a report. It has been a quiet legislative session. Our pitch to legislators is that USGC is a non-profit and an excellent green resource for them. USGBC and others continue to push to reopen PACE for the residential market. USGBC has supplied a position paper.

VIII. Education

No report

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adjournment

Jason adjourned the meeting.

Anti-Trust Compliance Statement

Organizations like the U.S. Green Building Council - Illinois Chapter may engage in a number of educational activities for its members and the public. For example, the Chapter may create an educational program about or distribute to participants, customers, members, and the public information about green building products and services. However, since organizations like the Chapter involve interaction and communication between competitors, they are also subject to scrutiny under antitrust laws. It is the policy of the Chapter to comply fully with antitrust laws. To avoid creating any issues under the antitrust laws, the members of the Chapter should not engage in any discussions or agreements concerning the following topics either in formal meetings or informal social gatherings:

1. Prices, price changes, price quotations, bids, pricing policies, pricing philosophies, price levels, price differentials, mark-ups, discounts, or allowances;
2. Any element of price, including credit, warranties, or other terms and conditions of sale;
3. Output, production, profits or costs;
4. The customers to whom a company sells;
5. The territories in which a company sells;
6. The amount that a company pays for goods or services;
7. The selection, rejection, or termination of customers or suppliers;
8. Business plans or strategies;
9. Restrictions on the development or use of technology;
10. Exchange of any competitive information.

Please note that this statement is not complete and is only a general guide. The intent of this statement is to remind the members of the importance of continued compliance with the antitrust laws.

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