



NATIONAL ENERGY & UTILITY AFFORDABILITY COALITION

Agenda – NEUAC Board of Directors Winter Meeting

Tuesday, December 1, 2020; 1:00 - 4:00 PM (EST)

Attendance: Cheryl Stowell, Mike Sullivan, Bonnie Temme, Rhonda Harper, Chere Coleman, Billie Kaumaya, Joe Diamond, Kathy Kerr, Lisa Gilhooly, Mary Wilkins, Deb Brown, Connie Sanchez, Kim Rikalo, Akm Rahman, Ariel Drehobl, Brian Caudill, Sarah Schaffer, Celia Andrade, Bridget Doran, David Conn, David Rinebolt, Edward Gingold, Faye Kinner, Frank Rapley, Gerri Drummond, Haly Laasme, Ian Gray, Jacquie Moss, Jenn Whiting, Jess Jubran, John Rich, Keelie Gustin, Kelly Caplan, Kim Campbell, Liz Berube, Lorena Shah, Maria Delaplain, Michael Bell, Mike Bradford, Scott Thach, Sheila Ruffin, Sheila Pressley, Silvia Aldana, Steve Whitworth, Susie Holmes, Tanasia Poke, Theresa Kullen, Enrique Hernandez, Katrina Metzler, Erica Lambert
Arriving late – Britton Gabel, David Carroll, Patrick Strickland

Welcome, call to order, roll call

Rhonda Harper

- Establish quorum – Erica confirmed we have a Quorum
- Rhonda called to order at 10:05PST, with 48 participants
- Motion to approve minutes of last meeting- Motion by Joe Diamond, Celia Andrade seconded the motion, vote casted – motion carried

Finance Report – Finances are looking good overall and better

Mary Wilkins

- Finances re looking good overall and better than what we looked like at the last meeting Finances. Fiscal year for NEUAC is a calendar year.
- Motion on financial reports –Motion by John Rich, seconded Kathy Kerr the motion, vote casted – motion carried

Updated Documents for Nominations/Elections

Erica Lambert

- Erica provided the details via the zoom and had provided previously
- Provided time during break to review
- Make change to the time listed in document 11:59 in your time zone through out the document and update the date and year. Motion on Nominations/Elections documents –Motion by Celia Andrade, seconded Cheri Colman the motion, vote casted – motion carried

Committee Updates

- Executive **Rhonda Harper – Attachment One**
 1. Explore the United Nations consultative status, and then decide later about the application process and become part of this. Two nonprofits provided us some feedback and deep discussion with them.
 - Motion on Exploring United nations status –Motion by Bonnie Temme, Silvia Aldana seconded the motion, vote casted – motion carried
 2. Accept recommendation to go virtual 2021 conference and send letter to Hotel. Letter drafted by attorney.
 - Motion to go virtual 2021 conference –Motion by Kathy Kerr, Michael Bradford seconded the motion, vote casted – motion carried
 3. Send letter to Hyatt on Capitol Hill declaring force majeure. Letter drafted by attorney.

- Motion on Letter to Hyatt–Motion by Bonnie Temme, Steve Whitworth seconded the motion, vote casted – motion carried
- Conference **Tanya Jones or Co-Chair Kim Rikalo provided update**
 - AgendaforPlanningMeeting – went out yesterday for meeting tomorrow
 - Asked to have folks come prepared to speak to the topics, really a brainstorming session. Really need your help.
 - RequestforPresentations
 - 23 responses so far, so we have left it open
 - Recommendations to board – none so far this year
 - Questions – None were raised
- Membership/Fundraising **Steve Whitworth**
 - Update on renewals, campaigns
 - Meeting on November 18 – 56 renewed, last year had 72
 - 2021 email went out on that day
 - 22 members have upgraded to the \$500 level based on change
 - Fundraising - \$281,500 as of the 18th
 - Sponsors have not pledged yet
 - Team will send out emails for membership renewal, etc.
 - 2021 Goal - 230
 - Recommendations to board – nothing that is needed to vote on and encouraged to get the word out.
 - Questions – up or under from a year ago, Steve repeated above information
 - Up to 74 members as of today based on Katrina’s input
 - We should look at pricing and get executive or board approval for the cost
- Public Policy and Advocacy **Brian Caudill/Jess Jubran**

 - Policyupdatepost-election
 - Good positive numbers in support of LiHEAP
 - Expect a Biden administrative to be more supportive. Note the Obama administration kept program at \$3 billion, and wanted to reduce the amounts.
 - Package is about ½ of the Pelosi idea, and double what Mitch McConnell would like. Couple republicans are still engaged. Will it pass and COVID relief package?? Not sure if president will sign
 - Biden – Initial policy idea will be another COVID package
 - Next Congress – need to come up with number. NEADA is voted and/or approved \$10 billion dollar ask – emergency relief money. Don’t doubt data or methodology – are utilities and non profits comfortable. This is a politics and a data concern.
 - Conversations around moratoriums, debt forgiveness is on the table for low income in California, trying to be proactive.
 - Recommendations to board
 - AllPartiesLetterlanguage
 - Letter updated to improve, language was getting stale
 - Asked to add Veterans in the first portion of the letter if it is not locked down.
 - Motion on All Parties Letter –Motion by Celia Andrade , Mary Wilkins seconded the motion, vote casted – motion carried
 - FY22 Funding Appropriations – already discussed above

- COVID19 Relief – already discussed above
- SiteSelectionCommittee **Rhonda Harper**
 - Meeting monthly
 - Reviewing the site selection document and updating, still have a few more changes needed
 - Have not yet selected 2023 conference site, waiting on outcome of Sheraton negotiations.
 - Before regions decided by location, would like to change to same as LiHEAP regions.

Executive Director's Report

Katrina Metzler

Admin updates

- Telework since March 16, and starting 1/1/2021 plan to meet in office 1-2 times per month as required by the auditors, while observing social distancing.
- Contracts
 - Office space rental contract - Alliance to Save Energy
 - Expires 12/31/2020
 - \$1,497/month
 - Considering reducing the space, no longer using intern and pandemic and really don't need the full space we have today
 - Contract is not ready, when it is ready will take to Executive Committee to vote on
 - MSI contract nearing end and will be discussion going forward and will need input from members especially planning team
- Team is encouraged to Test out All parties letter technology
- LiHEAP action day, changed date based on no need to base on hotel block
 - Team voted and wanted to move the Meeting for NEAUC to the following week and not the same week as action day activities
 - Dates will be coming
 - Sign up for LiHEAP action day
- Members only training – LiHEAP
 - Asked for feedback on the training and how offered
 - Should we charge, doesn't know yet based on we don't want to compete with conference
 - Market – “Have you thought about joining NEUAC?”
- Thank you to everyone for the support and the renewals, etc. Very grateful for prioritizing NEUAC!!

National Partner Announcements

- Nothing

Board Member Announcements/Other Business

- Rhonda – Update about Santeel – Sent a message out to a couple of members. Referenced the story and will share the link – Kelly Caplan shared the link to the story. She is doing well.

Motion To Adjourn at 1:09pst. –Motion by Bonnie Temme , Sylvia Aldana seconded the motion, vote casted – motion carried

Next Board Meeting: Virtual Meeting Details TBA

Conference Planning Meeting: Tomorrow, December 2, 1-3 pm ET