



NATIONAL ENERGY & UTILITY AFFORDABILITY COALITION

**Agenda - NEUAC Winter Board of Directors Meeting**  
**(Virtual)**

**December 1, 2021 | 1-4:30 pm EST**

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- 1:00 PM **Call to Order/Welcome** **Rhonda Harper**
- i. Establishment of Quorum
  - ii. Welcome, introductions for any new NEUAC board representatives
- 1:05 PM **Approve minutes of last meeting** **Rhonda Harper**
- Motion to accept minutes as presented
  - Second
  - Further discussion
  - Vote (nay or abstain in chat)
  - Motion pass/not pass
- 1:10 PM **Committee Reports**
- **Finance Committee/Financial Report** **John Rich**
    - Motion to accept financial report
    - Second
    - Further discussion
    - Vote (nay or abstain in chat)
    - Motion pass/not pass

**Ongoing Discussions:**

    1. Committee agreed NEUAC would work with auditors to set the dates for the annual audit for next year
    2. Retirement Plan is in progress with Vestwell, a third party contractor for Corporate Payroll Services and should be available to employees about 45 days after enrollment. NEUAC will match 4%. Costs to NEUAC are \$125/mo.
  - **Conference Committee** **Liz Brister, Tanya Jones**
    1. Theme: "Rising with Resiliency"
    2. Save the Date went out (see packet)
    3. Draft Schedule (see packet)
    4. RFP ends this Friday - 28 responses thus far
    5. Plenary Speaker Options being explored -
      - a. Shalanda Baker, Tony Reames, Chandra Farley Energy Equity Panel
      - b. Ramsey Greene, Chief Resiliency Officer, New Orleans
      - c. HHS Dialogue with the Feds

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- d. Jennifer Granholm, Secretary of Energy
- e. Others are in progress...stay tuned!
- 6. Precon Options -
  - a. Racial Healing Circles
  - b. Water Affordability Summit
  - c. Energy Affordability Summit
  - d. More in progress
  
- **Membership/Fundraising** **Steve Whitworth**
  - 1. Campaigns for 2022 kicked off October 1
  - 2. Membership Goal for 2022: 230 members
    - a. 72 so far have renewed or joined NEUAC (33% renewed)
    - b. FYI in 2021, we had 29 new members
  - 3. Fundraising Goal for 2022: 5% increase in revenue
    - a. Thank you to those who have already pledged, keep them coming
    - b. We are at \$195K of \$430,219 (goal) from 25 donors

**Ongoing discussions:**

  - 1. Challenging our board members to help NEUAC reach our goals for 2022
  - 2. Involving conference in membership drive
  - 3. Possibility of raising membership costs for 2023 as price increases affect NEUAC
  
- **Public Policy and Advocacy** **Brian Caudill**
  - 1. Policy Update
  - 2. Infrastructure Bill Passed
    - a. \$500 million for LIHEAP over 5 years
    - b. Not yet distributed
  - 3. Extra Mile Award
  - 4. LIHEAP Action Day 2/23 with training the week before
    - a. Registration opening sometime this month
    - b. All Parties Letter will be released simultaneously
  
- **Site Selection Committee** **Chere Coleman**

**Reminders:**

  - 1. New Orleans 2022
    - Preconference June 27, 2022
    - Conference June 28, 2022
    - Sheraton New Orleans, \$189/nt
  - 2. San Diego 2023
    - Planning Meeting Sept 27, 2022
    - Conference June 13-15, 2023
    - Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, \$217/nt
  - 3. Chicago 2024
    - Planning Meeting TBA



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Conference May 22-24, 2024

Sheraton Grand Hotel, \$195/nt

4. 2025 tabled for now (previously looking at FL options)

- **Executive Committee**

**Rhonda Harper**

Decisions to be ratified by full board:

1. Approval of contract with Advocacy Associates for \$20,700 to set appointments, provide digital support for LIHEAP Action Day

**Ongoing discussion:** LIHEAP.org with Michael Bracy, planning for website, moving forward

3:30 PM

**Executive Director's Report**

**Katrina Metzler**

1. Welcome Erin Mao, Operations Director ☺
2. Updated budget for 2022 (see packet)
3. Article with CNN on energy affordability (see packet)
4. Collaboration with NCLC, ICU physician on medical protections
5. Presentations at NARUC in Louisville
  - a. Customer Assistance Panel: Energy Affordability for LMI Customers
  - b. Gas Subcommittee Panel
6. South Carolina Community Action Conference
7. Weatherize Ohio
8. Annual Report
9. NEADA Project – national application push

4:00 PM

**Other Business?**

**Rhonda Harper**

4:30 PM

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Rhonda Harper**

- Second
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- Vote (nay or abstain in the chat)
- Motion pass/not pass