

Board of Directors - 8.8.19

Mission: To advance sustainability in the built environment through community education, measurable standards and regional action.

(5:30) **WELCOME**

(5:35-5:55) CONSENT AGENDA Antonio motions to approve the consent agenda. Stephens seconds. All in favor.

- a. Cari is pregnant! Congratulations. The baby is due in January.
- b. Approval of Treasurers Report for July
- c. Green Built/LEED: In July there were 14 Green Built NC homes certified and 361 total registered; 0 certified LEED Homes and 33 total registered. For 2018 we had 160 Green Built certified 302 LEED projects (one was a 248 multifamily project). In 2017 we had 148 Green Built NC homes certified and 51 LEED projects. There is a total of 1696 GBH certified.
- d. Membership: As of today we have 299 current members. July was a great month for new memberships
- e. Directory: We have the proof and are making the final edits.
- f. Annual Party September 5th at 5:30. We need Silent Auction donations
 - i. Antonio volunteered a bike and talking to some clients.
 - ii. Robin will bring a gift basket
 - iii. Stephens might bring a kayak
 - iv. Chrissy will offer a quilt
- g. Fundraising:
 - On 8/5/19 we submitted a \$20,000 LOI request to CFWNC People in Need Grant for ESN
 - ii. We submitted \$2,000 Grant to All Soul Cathedral to support ESN work in Latino communities
 - iii. We have been encouraged to apply for a \$5k grant for ESN to pay for a part time team leader.
 - iv. We have submitted a \$25,000 grant to Community Foundation of WNC to fund marketing efforts for Blue Horizons Project.
 - v. We have submitted a 4 year \$375,000 LOI to the Nathan Cummings Foundation for ESN.
- h. Appalachian Offsets:
 - IDES PV- We are moving forward with a smaller system based on the nearly \$350,000 raised. Next step is to meet with the school board to discuss the revision. We will keep raising money for this project until the funds transfer.
- i. Blue Horizons Project- We are doing many events, LEAF, Get off the Grid Fest, and others plus teaching workshops and facilitating projects for entities like Givens Estates.
- j. Low Income Weatherization- We are now receiving rebates from Duke for weatherization measures and payment for Health and Safety retrofits. We are doing 16-20 houses or mobile homes per month.
- k. Commercial EE- We have started a commercial EE campaign via Blue Horizons Project in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, Duke Energy, Lime Energy, and LOS Waste Reduction Partners.
- I. Education:
 - i. Fall Workshop Schedule: Please share these dates with your networks.

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Status	Date	Workshop	speaker	location						
confirmed	8/21/2019	Net-zero energy	Amy Musser and Emily Boyd	IRU						
confirmed	9/6/2019	Buildings as Carbon and Storage	chris magwood	AB Tech						
confirmed	9/6/2019	Design your own sustainable home	chris magwood	AB Tech						
confirmed	9/7-8/2019	Hempcrete	Chris Magwood	AB Tech						
pending	10/16/2019	IAQ and materials	Sean and Laura (Living Stone)	IRU						
pending	11/20/2019	Biophilic design	Liz Calabrese	IRU						
pending	12/4/2019	Making existing homes more EE	Jonathan or Sam	IRU						
pending	12/18/2019	Sustainable sites	Jennifer Bauer, Brandon Greenstein	IRU						

m. Videos- We will be filming all of the fall workshops.



- n. Ciderfest- October 12th. We need your help with the GBA Booth and other setup and breakdown needs. As of this writing 8/5/19, we have sold 592 tickets. We plan to sell out at 2000.
- o. Retirement fund for staff- We are investigating a 403b (similar to a 401k) for GBA staff.

(5:55-7) **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Meet Joan Walker from Sierra Club
- B. Email vote on Eric Howell and Joan Walker after the meeting
- C. Revisiting the discussion we had about the Climate Bill of Rights. What and who are we willing to oppose. One of the points brought up was the danger of opposing Duke who is our partner. We all agree that we let our values lead our decisions regardless of who the adversary might be.
- D. Staff did a racial equity training recently with Marisol Imenez. It was great. Do we want to do that with the board?
- E. Josh attended a recent work day with ESN. It was good and bad. There still might be some communication issues going on. Overall good work but a little lacking of professionalsim. The crew was late and the homeowner was confused about the measures she was getting. There was also an aspect of bigotry in the home that could be uncomfortable for a volunteer.

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Jamie Shelton				X									
Eric Schilling					X								
Heath Moody	X				X								1
Steve Farrell				X									
Chrissy Burton													
Rob Johnson		X			X								1
Jessica Arrowood		X			X								1
Robin Cape		X											1
McGregor Holmes		X	X	X	X								2
Jose Ruiz	X			X									1
Raymond Thompson			X	X	X								1
Antonio Grion													
Josh Littlejohn		X											1
Leigha Dickens			X	X									1
Ben Yoke				X									

