

Nebraska Energy Codes Compliance Collaborative Minutes | July 7, 2015

1. Introductions

- a. In attendance at the meeting: Chris Burgess, MEEA; Lynn Chamberlin, NEO; Jim Harper, Retired; Bruce Hauschild, NEO; Tim Hemsath, UNL; Delrae Hirschman, NE Green Builders; Roger Hunt, NPPD; Danielle Jensen, NEO; Kevin Jensen, Consolidated Supply; Gene Knaggs, Jesse Krivolavek, AEA; Garry Ruliffson, OPPD; Joe Sanuik, AIA-NE; Rick Schwarz, Christensen Lumber; Ron Ulrich, Consolidated Supply; Steve Walker, NPPD; Steve Zach, NPPD
- b. In attendance via phone: Maria Ellingson, BCAP; Trevor Fitzgerald, Urban Affairs Comm.; Rick Hauffe, ICC; Ruth Heitbrink, Black Hills; David Holtzclaw, Transduction Technologies; Shelley Schneider, NDEQ;
- c. The meeting was held in the basement conference room of the Executive Building, 521 South 14th Street, Lincoln, NE (Nebraska Energy Office)

2. Vandermusser Study

- a. Lynn Chamberlin explained the background of why Vandermusser was chosen and the savings associated with the code.
 - i. http://www.neo.ne.gov/home_const/iecc/documents/2015EnergyCodeStudy.pdf

3. State Energy Program Federal Funding

- a. Danielle went over the funding available for energy code work under the State Energy Program grant.
 - i. Three trainings: one for code officials only and the other two will be builder specific, HVAC or lighting
 - ii. Energy Codes 101 Sessions: Danielle and Lynn will deliver 6 presentations across the state. Partner with area utilities for promotion, energy efficiency tips, etc.
 - iii. Consumer brochure to be given to code jurisdictions
 - iv. Nebraska Codes Official Association membership

4. Committee Progress Reports

- a. Training and Verification & Measurement - Joe S. and Jesse K.
 - i. Jesse reviewed the questions on the survey and suggestions were offered.
 1. He will make the edits and send for review by the middle of August.
 2. David H. will assist
 3. We will most likely use Survey Monkey
 4. Get survey to local groups and ask them to send to their members; try to impress it is important to help determine training needs for future:
 5. Perhaps introduce the survey by saying something like "The State wants to know..." or "Help us help you..."
 - ii. The committee discussed training ideas:
 1. Anything by Joe Lstiburek
 2. Lighting Design / Controls for commercial buildings
 3. HVAC 62.2 Bob's House
 4. Advanced framing
 5. Host webinars (to reach more people)
 6. Danielle and Lynn will look into trainers and ideas, and ask the Collaborative for final input.
- b. Outreach
 - i. It was decided to publish articles quarterly to start off, perhaps related to upcoming training.

1. Articles will be sent to our contacts on the Collaborative and they will be asked to distribute / publish the articles to their members. Danielle will get permission to repost articles.
 2. Danielle will categorize the articles
 3. Links/videos are OK
 4. Maria Ellingson of BCAP was added to the committee
 5. Members should send article ideas or links to articles to Danielle so she can distribute.
 6. Articles will be posted on NEO's website as well, under the Codes Compliance section to be created.
- ii. Energy Codes 101
1. Ideas for groups to present to: League of Muni's, HBA's (webinar), Chamber of Commerce, City Councils, Nebr. County Officials Assoc., State Banking Assoc., NIFA, Tech schools/community colleges, all members of Unicameral
 2. NEO will work with local utilities to have them participate in the presentation, and speak about energy efficiency
 3. Perhaps use a Webinar service to reach more people: Mega Meeting was suggested as one possible provider
- c. State and Local Policy
- i. LR 174 is the interim study: Trevor explained that it was a broad survey, including:
 1. Review current code, 2012 IECC and 2015 IECC
 2. Interaction between all I-codes
 3. Compliance roles
 4. 111(d)
 - ii. There are no rules at Interim Study. It is geared to gathering information; no pro vs. con testimony
 - iii. Hearing date is October 23rd at 1:30 p.m. LR174 is currently scheduled as the second hearing that afternoon.
 - iv. EPA is expected to release the final rules for 111(d) in August.
 - v. Danielle, Trevor and Lynn reviewed the meeting with Sen. Crawford; it went really well.
 - vi. Danielle gave an overview of LB 469 which has two charges for NEO:
 1. Review a State Implementation Plan that the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality develops in response to 111(d)
 2. Develop a State Energy Plan.
- d. Securing Funding
- i. Danielle mentioned that NEO is considering resubmitting the NET grant with modifications based on the comments received from the Trust.
5. **Old Business (none)**
6. **New Business**
- a. Danielle mentioned the Consumer Energy Showcase that will be a part of this year's Wind and Solar Conference (November 3rd)
 - i. It will feature home energy efficiency ideas and some of the Collaborative members may want information about it

-- THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:20 P.M. --