

# HERS Rater Candidate Application

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## **1. Please describe in light of the responsibilities of the RESNET Board why you are the right person to be a member of the RESNET Board of Directors**

With 15 years in the building performance industry, including 10 in leadership at Southern Energy Management, I have firsthand experience as a rater and understand the challenges and opportunities in our field. I am passionate about creating systems that empower raters to excel and view their work as a meaningful contribution towards a more sustainable future. As a RESNET board member, I will advocate for raters, ensuring their voices shape policies and standards. My focus will be on better training, streamlined processes, and tools to help raters deliver greater value to homeowners and builders, balancing technical rigor with customer satisfaction.

## **2. Why is this the right time for you to serve on the RESNET Board?**

This is an exciting time to contribute to RESNET, especially as the construction industry faces growing demands for energy-efficiency and sustainable solutions. I'm well-positioned to offer both my experience and insights during this pivotal period, helping RESNET and its rater partners navigate new opportunities while continuing their leadership in home energy efficiency.

## **3. Please explain your knowledge and/or experience in terms of each of the primary responsibilities of the RESNET Board**

**Governance:** At Southern Energy Management, I've overseen compliance with building codes, program standards, and regulations, ensuring integrity and transparency.

**Strategic Planning:** I've led strategic initiatives at SEM and in roles with the Green Home Builders of the Triangle and NCBPA, analyzing trends and developing growth plans.

**Stakeholder Engagement:** I've built relationships with stakeholders like builders, developers, and trade organizations, fostering collaboration that I'll bring to RESNET's board.

**Financial Oversight:** I've managed budgets and financial planning at SEM, ensuring both technical and financial success, a responsibility I would carry to the RESNET board.

## **4. Describe your experience in either leadership and/or serving on the board of a non-profit organization.**

In addition to my leadership role at Southern Energy Management, which I have held for 10 years, I have also gained valuable board and leadership experience by serving for 4 years (2013-2017) on the executive committee of the Green Home Builders of the Triangle, a subcommittee of the Durham/Orange and Raleigh/Wake Home Builders Associations. I also served as a board member of the North Carolina Building Performance Association (NCBPA) from 2020-2022, where I contributed to shaping industry standards and advancing the organization's mission.

## **5. What would you contribute to the RESNET Board?**

During my industry tenure, I've had the opportunity to view our business and the industry through various lenses.

This diverse background enables me to bring a well-rounded perspective to the RESNET board. I understand the needs of key stakeholders—raters, providers, builders, developers, and the trade base—and I am committed to finding solutions that balance these interests. My focus will be on fostering collaboration and identifying opportunities to advance energy

efficiency and sustainability in new construction. I plan to bring an active voice and will be will not be afraid to share unpopular opinions if it means advocating for raters.

## Potential Sources of Bias / Conflict of Interest Statement of Affiliations and Interests Form

<b>RESNET® Board of Directors</b>	
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RESNET® Membership Category: Rater in good standing	Today's Date: 10/11/24
<b>All sections of this form must be completed. The use of "None", N/A, or no response to answer these inquiries is not acceptable. Incomplete forms will be rejected and the terms for application for nomination to the RESNET® Board of Directors e will not have been met.</b>	
<p>1. <b>ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS.</b> Enter information as requested below.</p> <p>A. Report any business relationships (such as an employee, owner, officer, director, consultant, etc.) in the fields of home energy ratings, building performance and/or other areas that RESNET® provides services within the last two years.</p> <p>Co-owner, Business Development manager at Southern Energy Management</p> <p>B. Report any memberships or volunteer non-business relationships that your company/organization has with such groups such as BPI, ACCA, NAHB, ASHRAE, USGBC, RESNET®, etc. within the last two years.</p> <p>There are no applicable membership or volunteer relationships</p> <p>C. List all your organization's employees that serve on the board of directors, advisory groups or working committees with such groups such as BPI, ACCA, BPI, NAHB, ASHRAE, USGBC, RESNET®, etc. within the last two years.</p> <p>Maria Kingery – AMICUS solar cooperative board</p> <p>D. Disclose any direct sources of funding for your time and/or expenses to participate on the RESNET® Board of Directors. If you currently pay for your own expenses, please enter 'self-funded'.</p> <p>Self funded</p> <p>E. Disclose sources of funding, the amount of funding received and services provided that your organization has received from such federal agencies as Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Energy, etc. and such groups such as BPI, ACCA, NAHB, ASHRAE, USGBC, RESNET®, etc. within the last two years.</p>	

Neither I nor SEM has received any funding from the agencies listed

2. **PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND POSITIONS.** List articles, testimony, speeches, etc., by date, title and publication (if any) in which they appeared that you provided about RESNET® and home energy ratings. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please mark the box below only if applicable.

I have no relevant public statements or positions (double-click box to mark).

*Taylor Fearrington*  
SIGNATURE

10/11/2024  
DATE

*The completed and signed form must be sent to RESNET® Executive Director as indicated in the instructions accompanying this form.*

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