

# HPBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APRIL MEETING

## April 8, 2009

### Attendees

Get W. Moy, PE (GM), Chair  
Doug Read (DR), Secretary  
Mike Stark (MS)

### Staff

Earle Kennett (EK), NIBS Staff  
Sophia Greenbaum (SG), SBIC Staff

### Upcoming Dates

HPBCCC Historic Preservation Briefing	April 15, 2009
Executive Committee Call	May 6, 2009 - 10:00 AM
Senate Earth Day	April 21, 2009

### Minutes

#### 1. ICC Green Codes Effort & ANSI/EPA Green Standards

- Several members of the Executive Committee were attending an ANSI Workshop titled *Toward Product Standards for Sustainability*, held in conjunction with EPA ([agenda](#)). The workshop focused on the numerous green standards for products. EPA is concerned that these product standards not be lumped together haphazardly or reinvented.
- The HPBC shares a similar mission. The group will not be rewriting standards, but will be harmonizing them.
- DR suggested that the HPBC contact Cathy Zoi, the newly appointed DOE Secretary for EERE and share our perspective on where DOE should focus their attention for research and codes.

#### 2. Executive Committee Elections

- SG provided a summary of the election results. Approximately 20% of the HPBC membership voted on the election of a new member to the Executive Committee. Glenn C. Hourahan, PE of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America won the election with 44% of the vote. Nancy McNabb and Tom Meyer were the other candidates.
- **Action Item:** SG to contact Nancy and Tom via email to update them on the results of the election and update the Executive Committee roster and distribute to the group.
- **Action Item:** GM to contact Glenn to update him on the results of the election and invite him to participate in the next Committee meeting.

#### 3. Funding

- EK provided an update on Federal funding for the HPBC. The Federal agencies are facing numerous issues surrounding the stimulus funding and seem to be

- overwhelmed right now. Additionally, some have said that it is not their role to support the HPBC and recommended that NIBS go directly to Congress for support.
- NIBS is working with Congressional committees to find support for a line item appropriation, which would support their in-house initiatives like the Building Smart Alliance and the HPBC. The House Science Committee staff requested input from NIBS on the upcoming energy bill. The language could fund the HPBC and support the activities of Section 914.
  - DR suggested that the HPBC join the High-Performance Green Commercial Buildings Partnership, the group that will become the consortium addressing Section 422. Section 422 includes DOE funding for research and workshops done by the HPGCBP as a whole or by individual members. There was a concern that DOE tends to view high-performance buildings as green buildings only. The group decided to be listed among the HPGCBP with GM as a point of contact.
  - Regarding HPBC membership, as discussed during the last call, we will hold off on invoicing the membership until we have sufficient funds from elsewhere.
4. Annual Meeting
- The HPBC annual meeting will be held in early December at the Ecobuild conference in Washington, DC. All subcommittees will need to report to the membership on their work at that time.
  - GM requested that subcommittee chairs be prepared to report on their progress during the next conference call.
5. Next Meeting
- The next Executive Committee meeting will take place at 10:00 AM on May 6, 2009.

**Adjourn**