



## IBPSA-Boston Chapter Meeting minutes

**Date:** February 22, 2011 – 8:00 am to 9:30 am

**Location:** Harvard Graduate School of Design  
Gund Hall , Stubbins (Room 112)  
48 Quincy St.  
Cambridge, MA

**Attendance:** 23

### **Summary:**

#### Action Items:

Send a meeting follow-up note to participants on the sign-in sheet with instructions on how to:

- Submit /nominate others for board positions
- If nominating yourself, also submit 150 words max (bio, interest statement, etc) that will be posted on the website for others to review
- If nominating others – we will send a note to them requesting the ‘150 words’
- Summarizing the election process
- Explanation of upcoming survey (unless we include it within this note)
- Feedback/Ranking on Topics. Also could ask who they might recommend as a speaker? We could just pick five topics and ask them to rank 1 to 5? (something simple)

#### Next Meeting:

Target late March (could propose a few dates for feedback) to keep the momentum going. Also the audience was split on what time of day (8 a.m. or 10 a.m.), so we can get some feedback on topics, but ultimately for the next meeting I think it will come down to us to decide day, time, and location.

- Two locations were generously offered to host future meeting (NSTAR office and Sasaki office), however neither are 'T' accessible.
- A thank you note to the speakers!

## Boston Chapter Linkages - to consider/pursue

- Explore the potential for a Chapter Council Call (coordinate idea with Shanta in NYC)
- Joint meetings with ASHRAE Chapter and USGBC-MA Chapter. Other potential organizations include IES (Illum. Eng. Society) and AEE. Note that the DC chapter held their first event yesterday as well, and it was a joint meeting with the two groups mentioned above in their area.
- Social Networks presence - LinkedIn and Facebook
- IBPSA-Boston presence at NESEA conf. in 2012

## Event/Meeting Ideas:

- A software demo show (longer than a meeting)
- An all day workshop tour

## Topics of Interest for Presentations

- Overarching theme that the topics should have incorporated = existing buildings
- 5 minute presentations from members to express what they do, their interest, vision, etc. (could hold 1-2 per meeting each time?)
- Passive House
- War Stories (a.k.a. Lessons learned by the Wily Veterans) and chapters of War Stories at different stages.
- The Big '4' Ugliers (note sent to Eric Studer to define further)
- The relationship of Energy Modeling, Controls and Manufacturers
- Stretch Code
- Utilities
- Links to Business - (One interpretation of this) How the Business Community could utilize simulation to inform decision making at different stages.
- Models vs. Reality
- M&V Calibration
- Architects Managing the Energy Modeling Process
- The Future of Practice
- Energy Modeling for Low Energy Buildings - What makes it different? And where the errors are and could be?
- Consider the larger scale - Net Zero Energy Communities
- Code Dynamics
- Other types of Simulation Tools (other than energy)

## Additional Interim Board Members:

Secretary - Carlos Alonso-Niemeyer, NSTAR (cc'd on this note)  
VP - Kevin Settlemyre

**Notes by: Kevin Settlemyre**