

RESIDENTIAL GREEN BUILDING COMMITTEE (RGBC) CHAIRPERSON / CO-CHAIR

Qualifications

An RGBC Chairperson must be actively involved in the green home building market, and is strongly suggested to have been a member of the RGBC for at least 6 months, as well as a member of the chapter they will be serving. Ideal candidates will be individuals that have extensive experience in the green residential construction industry, whether as builders, contractors, developers, architects, designers, bankers, etc. The chairperson(s) will be required to lead monthly conference calls with the RGB Advocate (RGBA) and USGBC National. These will provide updates on the LEED for Homes program, introduce tools and information to help RGBC address the marketplace, and provide RGBCs with a forum for group discussion. Actual term length is negotiable with the new Chairs, depending on logistics of the two Chairs working together. A minimum one year term is expected for this position, but ideally an 18 month to 2 year overlapping term between new Chairs is suggested.

RGB Committee (RGBC) Overview: A chapter's Residential Green Building Advocate (RGBA) volunteers to serve as the local face of USGBC's LEED for Homes program, helping to build awareness and demand for green construction practices in the local homebuilding industry. Further, the RGBA may serve as chair or co-chair of a chapter's Residential Green Building Committee (RGBC). The work defined below is not the sole responsibility of the RGBA, but should be coordinated and delegated by the RGBA or the RGBC co-chairs.

Together, the RGBA and the RGBC will be on-the-ground champions for USGBC National's ongoing efforts in both marketing LEED for Homes; increasing local awareness of LEED for Homes and green homebuilding practices; and encouraging multi-faceted relationships between and among local and regional green homebuilding programs, local Home Builders Associations (HBAs), LEED for Homes Providers, and the USGBC chapter network. To that end, the RGBA and the RGBC will:

National Level

- Develop a working knowledge of the LEED for Homes Rating System, the REGREEN guidelines, the NAHB Model Green Homebuilding Guidelines, the forthcoming NAHB National Green Building Standard, and any active local green homebuilding program such as BIG's GreenPoint Rated Program.
- Participate in at least 1/3 of monthly RGBA conference call with USGBC National
 - o Updates from National / RGBAs /RHCs
 - o Regional updates
 - o Share Market Snapshot data
 - o Highlight successes / problem areas

Chapter Level

- Maintain the Residential Green Building Committee; Meet at least bi-monthly; keep minutes
- Encourage and develop a residential component of chapter make-up and scope of work
- Report up to Chapter President/ED on RGBC's plans, actions, and successes
- Develop and maintain a Residential Green Building Committee webpage, containing, at least:
 - Links to LEED for Homes webpage, greenhomeguide.org, regreenprogram.org, Information on upcoming Residential Educational opportunities and Contact information for the RGBA and/or RGBC co-chairs

Local Level

- Establish a regular information-sharing conference call with a nearby LEED for Homes Provider
- Establish a collaborative relationship with any nearby HBAs
- Establish a collaborative relationship with any nearby Apartment Associations
- Maintain a Market Snapshot and prepare updates quarterly
- Work with USGBC Education Dept. or Chapter to plan LEED for Homes Program and REGREEN workshops
- Work with local HBAs and Providers to plan joint educational events throughout the year
- Serve as the local face of LEED for Homes, answering green home-related questions from the public, and directing any technical/press inquiries appropriately
- Serve as the local face of LEED for Homes, appearing at local home shows, utilizing USGBC-produced marketing collateral to drive interest in LEED for Homes and green homebuilding