

Built Environment and Energy Advisory Committee (BEEAC): Bylaws, Roles and Priorities

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BEEAC Bylaws:

Merged Mission and Function

- Merged committee of Energy Advisory Committee (EAC) and Intergovernmental Green Building Group (IGBG)

Inception:

- EAC – 1974
 - IGBG – 2006
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- Combined purpose and mission
 - Collect and analyze pertinent energy and green building data
 - Monitor trends and developments
 - Emphasis on issues that are emerging in renewable energy, building energy codes and energy efficiency
 - Function: standing technical committee to CEEPC

BEEAC Bylaws:

Modifications

- Committee Officers
 - Chair and 2 Vice Chairs
 - Term: 1 year with option to extend
 - Implementation Target: February/March 2015
- Reports to the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC)
 - Elevated role: raise issues up to CEEPC or carry out work as assigned from CEEPC
 - Committee updates at CEEPC, as needed
 - Starting in January 2015
- Voting/Non-voting Members
 - Voting: 1 vote per jurisdiction
 - Non-voting: industry, nonprofit, and/or other non-jurisdictional professionals

2014 BEEAC Survey:

Preliminary Evaluation Questions

1. Meeting agendas are appropriately focused and cohesive.
2. Meeting frequency and length are appropriate.
Recommendations:
 - Bimonthly
 - Bimonthly and 3-4 hours
 - Add 30 minutes -1 hour to existing time
3. Meetings should allow for sufficient time for substantive discussion around agenda items.
4. Background information is distributed sufficiently before the meeting.
5. Committee management reports are effective and timely.
6. BEEAC meetings present a balanced and diverse approach in addressing the interests of its member jurisdictions.

2014 BEEAC Survey:

Top Five BEEAC Focus Areas in 2015

1. Efficiency
2. Solar
3. Benchmarking
4. Alternative Fuel Vehicles/Electric Vehicle Technology
5. Energy Resiliency

2014 BEEAC Survey:

Recommended Improvements/Changes

1. Regional meetings;
2. Greater emphasis and resources directed to Maryland specific programs, such as projects and legislative efforts;
3. Enjoy the outside speakers/experts paired with the jurisdiction presentations of concepts;
4. Less frequent meetings, resources are limited in many jurisdictions;
5. Change meeting date to second Thursday;
6. Send speaker materials presenters in advance, ask presenters to # slides and refer to when presenting;

2014 BEEAC Survey:

Recommended Improvements/Changes

7. Development of local government contact lists for various areas of focus of the committee--who to call or e-mail for information about a particular locality's efforts;
8. More time for discussion about what members are working on presently, not just milestones and fewer topics;
9. Better connection to CEEPC and more sense that BEEAC is making a contribution;
10. Clear committee goals; and
11. Encourage participation from broader range of jurisdictions.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION