Via email and posting

November 14, 2018

**TO:** NAESB Board of Directors, Executive Committee (EC) Members, EC Alternates, NAESB Members, NAESB Advisory Council, and Invited Guests

**FROM:** Rae McQuade, NAESB President

**RE:** Announcement of Board Meeting – December 13, 2018

Dear Board Members, EC Members, EC Alternates, NAESB Members, NAESB Advisory Council and invited guests,

As noted in other communications, we are pleased to announce the NAESB Board of Directors meeting to be held December 13 in Houston, Texas at the Marriott Marquis Hotel[[1]](#footnote-1) in downtown Houston. I hope you are able to travel to Houston for our upcoming board meeting, related committee meetings and our board dinner.

The specifics of the board meeting and related meetings are:

Events: Board of Directors Meeting, and related NAESB meetings

Where: Marriott Marquis Downtown Hotel, 1777 Walker Street, Houston, Texas 77010, phone: 713-654-1777

When: December 12 Leadership Meeting from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm C – *please note that at the suggestion of several participants, Michael Desselle collapsed the three leadership meetings into one meeting to avoid duplications for those that attend each one* (snacks served)

December 12 Board Reception and Dinner - 5:30 pm reception and 6:30 pm dinner seating (held at the Marriott Marquis)

December 13 Board of Directors Meeting from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm C, (a buffet lunch will be served during the meeting)

This board meeting serves as the last scheduled board meeting of 2018, during which we will review the financials, along with the progress made towards the 2018 plans, and updates from our committees, along with approvals for our 2019 budget and 2019 annual plans. We will also hear updates in key areas that are already a focus of NAESB, or may impact our work - including block chain standards development, Sandia National Laboratories surety assessment, and the Gas-Electric Interface Study completed this year by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council. In preparation for 2019, the board will be asked to approve the 2019 annual plans and the 2019 budget.

For our dinner, we are fortunate to have William F. Hederman as our dinner speaker to discuss cybersecurity issues specific to energy markets. Many of you may know Bill – he is an influential force in energy markets, as you can see from a brief biography, attached, and I know that I am looking forward to hearing his remarks. Cybersecurity is impacting all aspects of our markets and ties into much of the work we are doing now and have planned for 2019 – listening to Bill’s perspectives could not be more timely.

Please RSVP your intention to attend the board dinner or Board of Directors meeting or any of the related meetings, and your intention to bring a guest or colleague to the dinner at your earliest convenience ([vthomason@naesb.org](mailto:vthomason@naesb.org), [naesb@naesb.org](mailto:naesb@naesb.org), 713-356-0060).

As with all our meetings, these events are open to any interested party. For the meetings, conference calling will be available should you be unable to attend in person. Board materials and agenda should be available shortly. We look forward to your attendance at the leadership meeting and the dinner on December 12 followed by the board meeting on December 13. Please contact Veronica Thomason ([vthomason@naesb.org](mailto:vthomason@naesb.org), 713-356-0060) should you need additional information.

Best Regards,

**Conference Calling and Web Conferencing Details**

**for the December 12-13, 2018 Set of Board and Related Meetings**

The meetings are open to all interested parties, who may participate by phone if unable to attend in person. The Board meeting is also web cast.

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| Dec 12 | 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm C | Leadership Meeting (In person and Conference Call) | |
|  | Marriott Marquis Hotel,  1777 Walker Street, Houston, Texas | * Call in number * Access Code * Security Code | 866-740-1260  3560063  5812 |
| Dec 13 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm C | Board Meeting (In person and Conference Call/Web Cast) | |
|  | Marriott Marquis Hotel,  1777 Walker Street, Houston, Texas | * Call in number * Access Code * Security Code | 866-740-1260  7133560  6515 |

To join a conference call:

• Dial the 11-digit toll free call-in phone number shown above for the specific meetings

• An automated attendant will ask you to enter a seven-digit access code (shown in the table above)

• The automated attendant will ask you to record your name.

• Please note that if the conference leader has not yet initiated the conference call, you will be placed on music hold until the conference leader starts the conference.

•The automated attendant will then ask you for a four-digit security code (shown in the table above)

Please place your phone on mute unless you are speaking. For those participants that do not have a mute feature on your phone, please press (\*6) to mute your phone and (\*7) to un-mute your phone. Putting the conference call on hold may cause music to be played over the discussion and if so, the NAESB office will contact the on-hold line to have it disconnected.

If the meeting has the web conferencing feature enabled, to join the web conference, go to www.readytalk.com and enter the same access code and **s**ecurity code. Please note that if the conference leader has not yet initiated the web conference you will view a screen that states, “The Chairperson has not yet arrived. Please standby for your web conference to begin.”

ReadyTalk recommends that you test your browser and network connections for compatibility prior to participating in a web conference. To do so, go to http://test.callinfo.com. If you have problems joining a conference call or need technical assistance, please contact ReadyTalk Customer Care, 1-800-843-9166.

**Speaker Biography**

**William F. Hederman**

**Senior Fellow, Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, University of Pennsylvania School of Design**

**Independent Senior Advisor, Deloitte and Touche, LLP**

William Hederman is an independent senior advisor at Deloitte and Touche. He most recently served as senior advisor to U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz, providing leadership on Department of Energy (DOE) missions to Ukraine, the Baltics, and Germany. In this position, he was also the chief architect for the analytic framework developed for DOE's groundbreaking Quadrennial Energy Review.

He began his professional career as a systems integration engineer at Bell Labs in the directorate that later developed the cell phone system. He served on the RAND Corporation's research team, worked as the Congressional Budget Office's first energy and science budget analyst, and led the establishment of: the policy analysis department at INGAA (pipeline association), the International Energy Agency's gas technology center, and the Washington office for RJ Rudden Associates (now Black & Veatch). Additionally, he was vice president for Business Development and Strategic Initiatives at Columbia Transmission Companies on the management team that brought Columbia out of bankruptcy. During the Enron and California crises, he joined the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and formed the Office of Market Oversight and Investigations, which has been credited with playing a major role in the restoration of confidence in electricity and natural gas regulatory oversight.

He holds engineering degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Notre Dame, and a professional degree (M.P.P.) from the University of California at Berkeley.

1. Information on the Marriott Marquis Hotel, reservations and the room block availability, please access <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd121318hotel.docx>.  [↑](#footnote-ref-1)