

4th Annual Westford Building Science Education (BSE) Update

For invitees to the 20th Annual Westford Building Science Symposium who have an interest in building science education, please *join us* for the annual Westford BSE Update. Your input and guidance is important for this coming year's work. The BSE Update will be held at Joe's Clubhouse (above the rear summer camp kitchen) on Sunday afternoon, July 31, 2016 starting at 2:30 p.m.

Since we last met in Westford, the [Joint Committee on Building Science Education \(JCBSE\)](#), working together with the NIBS BETEC Education Committee and others, has had a very productive year. Some highlights include:

- [NIBS/ASTM/JCBSE Workshop on Building Science Education in North America](#) in January,
- [BSE Session](#) at Penn State 3rd Residential Building Design and Construction Conference in March,
- Support of the [2016 Race to Zero \(RTZ\)](#) and input to the 2017 RTZ guidelines, as well as expansion of resources for RTZ faculty and students,
- Implementation of a research plan for BSE infusion in traditional courses, and much more.

The preliminary agenda for this year's BSE Update discussions include:

- Update on recent past and [upcoming BSE events](#) and research¹;
- Preview of the new DOE/PNNL Building Science Education Solution Center – Sam Rashkin, Cheryn Metzger;
- Discussion on new and planned resources (textbooks, references, etc.) – Joe Lstiburek, Pat Huelman, others [Note: Please contribute input on citations and brief description of resources.]
- Development of a new *“hygrothermal analysis guide”* to support RTZ faculty and students
- Progress on infusion of BSE into traditional courses for future design professionals – Sam Taylor

Also, during the networking opportunities, we look forward to having further discussions with you on how we can improve building science education in our universities.

See you at Westford!

¹ A [BSE Update](#) is planned for Dec. 6, 2016 in Clearwater, FL at [BUILDINGS XIII](#).

