

REGION XIII FALL CRC MOTIONS

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Motions - 2022 Fall CRC

Philippines Chapter - Motion 31 (08/19/2022):

That the membership rates (all membership grades) be reduced back to prior, pre-pandemic rates for developing economies for Society Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (Referred to Finance; Complete)

Answer: Finance Committee recommends applying for hardship under the ASHRAE Hardship Policy. ASHRAE Rules of the Board Section 2.103.003.4, Hardship Cases, states that Members Council shall be responsible for determining what constitutes a hardship case and provide guidance to staff for determination of special consideration with respect to dues and other member benefits, issues not covered by this guidance shall be ruled on by the chair of Members Council in consultation with staff. Complete; Sent response describing and recommending ASHRAE Hardship Policy.

Motions - 2017 Fall CRC

Malaysia Chapter – 2017 CRC Motion 39:

That CTT Committee insert into Manual of Procedures (MOP) of CTTC under the ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturers Program the following clause:

That any Distinguished Lecturer who visits any Professional or Engineering Institution/ Association, Trade Association or Government Agency of another country to conduct lectures, seminars, conferences, workshop etc. in his personal capacity which is not under a DL program be strongly encouraged: To notify the local ASHRAE Chapter and ASHRAE of his/her planned visit to participate in events such as lectures or seminars or conferences or workshops with any Institution/Association/Government Agency of the local chapter such that ASHRAE and the local Chapter are **aware** of his/her involvement with the local Institution/Association/Government Agency prior to the event and his/her visit. However, this request for notification is not required if a DL is engaged for his/her services in a commercial deal with a *private corporation* and provided it does not ultimately involve the participation of any Institution/Association/ Government Agency. It also does not apply to a DL visiting any chapter within North America but only for visits to *another country*. (Referred to CTTC; Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) The Committee felt that it was not appropriate to ask a DL to notify a Chapter of his/her plans if he/she is not traveling on ASHRAE related business. There was concern that notifying a Chapter, as outlined in the motion, could cause conflicts or confusion regarding what the DL's time should be used for. There was also concern that there was a strong potential for conflicts of interest. There is nothing to stop a DL who is traveling on non ASHRAE related business from contacting a Chapter just to provide notification of his/her travel or to arrange a Chapter visit. However, the Committee felt it was best to leave this entirely to the DL's discretion and allow the lecturer to use his/her judgement.

Motions - 2016 Fall CRC

Hong Kong Chapter – Motion 4s (10/14/2016):

That Society maintain the examination fee of ASHRAE Certification at US\$295 (for ASHRAE members) for the promotion of ASHRAE Certification. (Referred to PubEd; Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) Motion was later referred to the Certification Committee.

The Certification Committee presented fiscal information to PEC; PEC agreed that the application fee would not be maintained at \$295:

- The Certification Committee considered and approved the application fee increase from \$295 to \$395 for members on December 16, 2015.
- A strict rate of inflation increase from \$295 in 2007 would have been \$345 in 2016, however:
 - For the additional 30 minutes of testing time for non-native English speakers, ASHRAE's exam delivery partner charges ASHRAE an additional \$25 per international exam candidate.

- ASHRAE certifications were more valuable in 2016 than they were in 2007. More than 30 local, state and federal entities now recognize ASHRAE certifications, four of which are ANSI-accredited. In the next 6 months, two will be DOE approved.
- Though all applicants pay the same fee, it costs ASHRAE \$70 more to deliver a computer-based exam

Hong Kong Chapter – Motion 4t (10/14/2016):

That Society launch a pilot voluntary scheme of “ASHRAE Publication Care Program” for local chapters to handle undelivered ASHRAE handbooks and journals. (Referred to PubEd; Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) Because of the expense, ASHRAE does not pay for return of undeliverable Journals and Handbooks to members outside of the US or Canada. Also, additional costs are incurred for a return to an address other than the shipping address, increasing costs still further. Also, major problems for delivery success are theft in the postal stream and postal inefficiencies, rather than delivery failure.

PEC is currently investigating Handbook delivery methods, including the membership benefit package and Handbook formats as part of addressing this issue. PEC agrees it is a top priority for resolution. This solution, however, is not economically feasible. PEC continues to explore improvements of publication delivery service to members outside the US and Canada. For example, a new Journal mailing service is being used.

Malaysia Chapter – Motion 5i (10/14/2016):

That ASHRAE Bookstore does not declare the invoiced amount for the purchase of books as the Customs Value in the customs declaration form at the point of dispatch to overseas countries. ASHRAE Bookstore may declare the purchase of books as “no commercial value” instead, so that the recipients will not be subjected to payment of duties and taxes where applicable upon the clearance of customs at the destinations. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) It was determined that Publishing and Education Council is already investigating this action.

Hong Kong Chapter – Motion 7f (10/14/2016):

That Society recognize Chapters’ committee members in Region XIII for continuous support in Chapter and Regional ASHRAE activities. (Referred to H&A; Complete)

Answer: The Honors and Awards Committee felt that current awards adequately recognize members for their participation in Chapter and Regional level activities. Creating a new Society level award was not appropriate at this time.

Philippines Chapter – 2016 CRC Motion 67:

That Society furnish Region 13 with a list of members per Chapter who are unable to received their annual membership package such as ID’s, Membership Certificate and Handbooks whether electronic CD or Hard Bound. This way, each chapter can provide better services to both the new and regular members. (Complete)

Answer: An action item was assigned to Publishing and Membership Staff to investigate and determine the issues and provide chapters with a process of receiving missed packages. See responses below

From Publishing Director, Steve Comstock: A new Journal mailing service for international mailing has been implanted with improved delivery success and time reduction. A new plan for PDF delivery of the Handbook has been developed reducing the need for mailing. The process for distributing membership packages to new members is at the discretion of Members Council. PEC staff will provide cost information as requested. Also, it is recommended by PEC that the ability be provided online for members to print out certificates and membership cards upon renewal such as is typically available with medical insurance companies in the US.

From Membership Manager, Daniel Gurley: MP is also working with IT to provide a way for members to print member cards and certificates that mimic the ones they receive in the mail from their bio web page. The current temporary card online does not look like the official membership card members receive.

Motions - 2015 Fall CRC

Thailand Chapter – Motion 13o (11/5/2015):

That the Refrigeration RVCs be restored as grassroots in each region. (Referred to Tech Council; Complete)

Status: The CTTC Chair was sent a copy of the motion as an information item. Members Council defeated a similar motion from Region XIV during its February 2018 conference call because this motion was still open. It was noted during the meeting that refrigeration is covered at the grassroots level through CTTC.

Update (2018 Fall Members Council Meeting): Technology Council reported There are important differences between grassroots committees and standing committees, including expectations that every one of our 190 chapters has a Chair (and Committee) for each grassroots committee, that each of the Chapter Chairs is reimbursed for transportation to his/her CRC, that each Region has a Regional Vice Chair (RVC) for each grassroots committee, and that each RVC is reimbursed for transportation to the CRC and to each ASHRAE conference. Also, the Chair of each Society-level grassroots Committee by definition is a non-voting member of Members Council, so this position would be reimbursed for transportation to each MC meeting – we usually have 3 each Society Year. As a result, the fiscal impact for adding one more grassroots committee can be several thousand dollars each year. In addition, as is mentioned in the motion, Refrigeration was a grassroots committee in the past. Its status was changed because although refrigeration is a significant part of the industry in some geographic areas, it is not as significant in many others and because some Chapters find filling all currently “required” positions difficult.

A Members Council ad hoc committee may be assigned to further investigate.

Motions - 2014 Fall CRC

Region XIII (Singapore Chapter) – Motion 19d (10/2/2014):

That the procedure to select a Regional Coordinator – YEA be standardize with the selection of other Regional Officers, i.e. the nomination will be submitted to the Nominating Committee and voted amongst the Region XIII Chapters before submitting it to the Society for acceptance. (Complete)

Answer: This motion was referred to an assigned YEA Ad Hoc Committee of Members Council. The council approved a motion from the YEA Committee for the following YEA Rules of the Board change:

- Committee Members shall reside in the Region they represent.

From the same motion to Members Council, the following YEA Manual of Operating Procedures were approved:

- The Committee Coordination Subcommittee is to identify top YRC candidates that will best serve the mission and functions of YEA as identified by the standing committee.
- A candidate will be supplied by the region’s DRC. This candidate will have been nominated at that region’s CRC.
- The Chair, Vice Chair and consultant will review the names set forth by the region and the subcommittee and submit recommendations to the BOD Ex-Officio and Coordinating Officer for consideration during the winter meeting.

Region XIII (Singapore Chapter) – Motion 19e (10/2/2014):

That Region XIII be allowed to support or endorse large exhibitions in their own countries, therefore the Chapters can promote ASHRAE, publicize their activities and potentially increase memberships during such exhibitions, especially if AHR Expo (IEC) does not have any large exhibition in the said country. (Complete)

Answer: This motion was referred to the ASHRAE/AHRI Joint Exposition Policy Committee. The committee discussed the potential for an AHR Expo® outside North America. Chair Bill Harrison referenced the referred motion from ASHRAE’s Members Council regarding a request from the Region

XIII Singapore Chapter, that they be allowed to support or endorse large exhibitions in their own countries. No action was taken on the motion. A task group was formed to explore opportunities and options for developing an AHR Expo® outside North America.

Region XIII (Singapore Chapter) – Motion 19 (01/27/2015):

That Society set up an account for each Region XIII Chapter and manage the balance of the cost or payments by / to the Chapter every quarter (3 months) so that it can minimize the handling charges by banks (both in US and local Chapter) and losses of the exchange rates. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) It was determined by the ASHRAE Comptroller that there is no staff in place to handle the reconciliation for all chapter accounts. However, the chapters could use the wire transfer services that's already offered by Society.

Motions - 2013 Fall CRC

Singapore Chapter – Motion 8 (10/5/2013):

That ASHRAE allow student members to start their “smart start program” after their mandatory period of national service in countries where such conditions prevail. (Referred to MP & SAC; Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) Instead the following motion from MP was approved by Members Council: That the modification of the Rules of the Board, Section 2.103.003.7, Item A to extend the Affiliate grade membership to honorably discharged veterans of all military services around the world, regardless of age. A member must be under 30 at the time of application to qualify, except if an honorably discharged military veteran within 5 years of discharge.

Hong Kong Chapter – Motion 12 (10/5/2013):

That ASHRAE provide members in different grades (Member, Associate, Affiliate, Student) an option to choose to receive hard copies or digital version of the ASHRAE Journal. The membership dues for those opting for digital version only can be reduced. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) The “opt-out” option is available but there is no money savings to ASHRAE because of the loss in advertising revenue. There is a loss in advertising revenue due to the reduced print publications.

Hong Kong Chapter – Motion 13 (10/5/2013):

That ASHRAE provide members of appropriate grades (Members and Associate Members) an option to choose to receive hard copies of ASHRAE Handbook or electronic CD version or ASHRAE Handbook Online. The membership dues for those opting for electronic/online version only can be reduced. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) Publishing and Education Council implemented this process last year, therefore, an option to opt out of the print copy of the ASHRAE Handbook is already in place. The membership dues are not reduced because there are no savings to ASHRAE when producing a digital version of the ASHRAE Handbook.

Hong Kong Chapter – Motion 23 (10/5/2013):

That Society provide MP Centralized Training (CT) for the Region XIII chapter MP Chairs at Region XIII CRC. (Referred to MP; Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) training was already implemented for Region XIII and the Region-At-Large.

Singapore Chapter – Motion 27 (10/5/2013):

That ASHRAE society contributes hard copy or electronic copy of ASHRAE handbook or ASHRAE transactions to local chapters' universities and tertiary institutions as reference materials for students as a means of creating ASHRAE brand/products awareness. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) This issue was reviewed by Publishing and Education Council in the past. There were reported issues of fiscal impact, logistics, marketing and distributing out-of-date information to ASHRAE students and members. This does not preclude chapters from donating their materials to students if they choose to do this.

Indonesia Chapter – Motion 14 (01/29/2013):

That ASHRAE provide reduced membership fees for student members in developing economies. (Passed; Complete)

Answer: This motion was later referred to the Society Finance Committee for future consideration.

Motions - 2011 Fall CRC

Hong Kong Chapter – Motion 35 (11/5/2011):

That ASHRAE Headquarters to provide options to allow new and current Student Members to pay membership fees for multiple years (say, 2, 3 or 4 years) and attract them to do so at a discounted rate. For example, the discounted membership rate may be like this: (Referred to MP; Complete)

- 1 year membership = US\$20
- 2 years membership = US\$20 x 2 x 0.8 = US\$32
- 3 years membership = US\$20 x 3 x 0.7 = US\$42
- 4 years membership = US\$20 x 4 x 0.6 = US\$48

Answer: (Defeated) It was determined that it is not feasible given advertising regulations to create a four year membership. The committee has asked that the chapter revisit and develop something based on three years, including fiscal impact. The committee also discussed this with the Student Activities Committee and asked for their input.

Response from the Student Activities Committee: The committee reported this is a great idea, but they are concerned that it will be challenging to track students who are already mobile and for whom will be difficult to keep accurate records.

Motions - 2010 Fall CRC

Hong Kong Chapter – Motion 22 (10/24/2010):

That ASHRAE revise the membership application procedures so as to enable new ASHRAE members (including Members, Associates and Affiliates) to join the local chapter in Hong Kong and pay the chapter dues in the first year of membership. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) Society would need to have the vendor reprogram the system and it would be too expensive. Also, the chapter would miss the chance to contact the member and encourage them to participate and give info on the chapter events.

Malaysia Chapter – Motion 42 (10/24/2010):

That ASHRAE HQ commence a study with respect to membership affordability in countries outside US-Canada, in respect to membership growth. This is to prevent exclusion of talents due to affordability issues. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) The Membership Promotion Committee studied this extensively before determining using the World Bank designation and has done a thorough job on the economic factor. The fiscal impact could result in a decrease in member fees.

Hong Kong Chapter – 2010 CRC Motion 1:

That one (1) criteria be added related to the absolute dollar donated under Option 1 in calculating Research Promotion PAOE: i.e. "Add so many points per \$1,000 donated" and the amount of points/\$ donated shall be determined by HQ. (Withdrawn; Complete)

Motions - 2009 Fall CRC

Hong Kong Chapter – Motion 37 (10/25/2009):

That Society consider to move forward the ASHRAE Online Education Program's time or arrange some programs to 9am and 12noon EDT (9pm and 12 midnight = HK time zone). (Withdrawn; Complete)

Motions - 2008 Fall CRC

Hong Kong Chapter – Motion 22 (10/25/2008):

That Society combine the payment of Society dues and chapter dues together for annual renewal of membership. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) It would change policy and if this became mandatory the BOD would have to set the chapter dues for all chapters.

Malaysia Chapter – 2008 CRC Motion 2:

That Society encourages all members worldwide support from chapters to attend the IAQ 2010 Conference by: (Withdrawn; Complete)

- 1.) Sending a minimum of 3 participants from each chapter in Region XIII to participate in this event.



2.) Encouraging participants from all chapters from outside of Region XIII.

Motions - 2007 Fall CRC

Singapore Chapter – Motion 32 (09/21/2007):

That Australia and New Zealand remain in Region XIII. (Passed; Complete)