

REGION XI SPRING CRC MOTIONS

Last Revised: 03/20/2018

Regina Chapter – Motion 29 (06/27/2017):

That ASHRAE join the Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance, effective 01 July 2017.

Answer: This motion failed. This is already being pursued by the ASHRAE Chapters in Canada.

Update ASHRAE 2018 Chicago Conference: Members Council approved the following motion from the Grassroots Government Advocacy Committee, “That Society join the Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance.”

Background: With ASHRAE becoming more involved in the Government Advocacy role outside of the United States, the Society needs to join some of the Alliances in other countries similar to the ones that ASHRAE is currently involved with in the United States. As ASHRAE has no Canadian advocacy staff compliment, the Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance (CEEA) could assist ASHRAE in providing a voice at the Federal level of the Canadian government. The CEEA is associated with the Alliance to Save Energy (ASE) of which ASHRAE is a member and this is a natural extension. **(Complete)**

Northern Alberta Chapter – Motion 18 (06/27/2017):

That the Society establish a section within each member profile on the Society website where Chapter members can pay their local chapter dues independently of Society dues. As an associated feature of this proposed change, a report of chapter dues paid through the Society website should be available to the chapters for record keeping purposes.

Answer: This motion failed. Chapters can elect to go through the ASHRAE Chapter Dues Program and have done what the chapter is asking for in their motion. **(Complete)**

Inland Empire – 2017 Spring CRC Motion 10:

That the Mid-Columbia Chapter be dissolved based on the results of a grassroots consultation by Special Meeting and Proxy Vote, with the following exception to the MCO 11.9:

- a. That the financial assets of the Mid-Columbia Chapter be directly transferred to the Inland Empire Chapter with the intent that these funds will be accessible to a future Mid-Columbia Section sponsored by the Inland Empire Chapter. The responsibility for the student branch of Wenatchee College will be reassigned to the Inland Empire Chapter,” will be postponed until the 2017 Fall Meeting of Members Council.

Status: This motion was not presented to Members Council. Region XI will continue communication with members of the chapter before a recommendation is made. **(Open)**

Regina Chapter – Motion 18 (06/28/2016):

That ASHRAE append the Rules of the Board (ROB) for the Nominating Committee section 2.415.002.2 – Qualifications, to read as follows (double underline is additional text):

2.415.002 Membership

2.415.002.2 Qualifications

- B. Each member of this committee shall hold the grade of Member or higher in the Society. Each shall have been a full Member in good standing in the Society for a period of at least 5 years at the time of selection. All members must have had a minimum society experience as a Member of the Regional Executive Committee (Regional YEA Representative, Regional Historian, Regional Treasurer, RVC, RMCR, DRC or member of a standing committee.)



Answer: Members Council postponed this motion. An ad hoc group was assigned to review this motion and make a recommendation to the council during their fall meeting. **(Complete)**

The following substitute motion was made:

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Qualifications B. Each member of this committee shall hold the grade of Member or higher in the Society. Each shall have been a full Member in good standing in the Society for a period of at least 5 years at the time of selection. All members must have a cumulative of at least three (3) years society experience as a member of any of the following:

- The Board of Directors or;
- One of the Councils of the Society (Members, Technology, or Publishing and Education) or;
- One of the Standing Committees of the Society.

This motion failed. It was determined that additional wording for this Rule of Board is not needed at this time. It is up to the DRCs to work with their chapters.

Saskatoon Chapter – Motion 19 (0628/2016):

That ASHRAE members who sit as a voting member on any technical or project committee for which transportation reimbursement is not offered shall receive a reduced conference attendance rate (recommended 20% to 33%) and free access to the virtual conference.

Answer: This motion failed. ASHRAE currently subsidizes the winter and annual conferences, the virtual conferences are not well attended and TCs do not have time to attend the conference which makes the motion not feasible. **(Complete)**

Oregon Chapter – Motion 20c (06/28/2016):

That the Distinguished Service Award/Exceptional Service Award application and associated points tally form be revised to reassign the Region Members Council Representative (RMCR) from the general Members Council line item (Category B) to a new discrete line item under Category A. Point assignment to be revised to 2 points per year.

Answer: This motion was referred to the Honors and Awards Committee. The H&A Committee will include the Region Members Council Representative to the DSA/ESA Point Tally Form under Category A: Society Officers/Board of Directors/Regional Positions/Chapter Officers/Chapter Board of Governors/ Other Listed Chapter Positions receiving one point per Society year. **(Complete)**

Northern Alberta Chapter – Motion 20d (06/28/2016):

That any financial contributions made online to ASHRAE Research Canada are automatically in Canadian Dollars.

Answer: This motion was referred to IT Staff to identify the costs for automatic modifications. Because of financial impact, it is not feasible to reprogram the current system for credit card processing. The processor used cannot determine US funds vs. International funds when online contributions are made via credit card through ASHRAE Research Canada. ASHRAE does not have the software that determines any form of currency other than US (Canadian dollars are adjusted manually). Contributions received by check from Canada are processed as Canadian dollars. ASHRAE Canadian members receive credit in Canadian dollars when the currency amount is converted by the member at the time the online contribution is made. **(Complete)**

Oregon Chapter – Motion 25 (06/28/2016):

That the ASHRAE travel voucher be modified to note that electronic copies of the voucher and associated receipts can be submitted to a Society email address upon approval by DRC, committee chair or other officer via electronic or scanned hardcopy signature.

Answer: This motion failed. This is already available on the ASHRAE website. It is noted in the delegate and alternate package for the CRCs and in the email they receive. Some regions are already using the online e-voucher. The e-voucher is set up to go to the corresponding sections in ASHRAE, i.e., delegate and alternate e-vouchers are emailed to the regioninfo@ashrae.org email address which are sent directly to Tammy and Vickie. MP, RP, SA, CTT, GGA are all emailed to the appropriate staff. The e-vouchers are sent to the DRCs for approval or the DRCs can provide a list of names via email of those approved for reimbursement. **(Complete)**

Alaska Chapter – Motion 26 (06/28/2016):

That the PAOE point entry system be further simplified and automated to interface with the membership database to account for changes in membership grade, transfers, or other membership events associated with PAOE points.

Answer: This motion failed. Staff is trying to automate as much as feasible in PAOE. This is on the IT project list, however, several other high profile projects have come up and put ahead of the other PAOE projects. IT is optimistic that by the end of calendar year 2016, they will have made progress in automating several aspects of PAOE. This gives IT more flexibility in what should be changed in the database. **(Complete)**

Saskatoon Chapter – Motion 27 (06/28/2016):

That ASHRAE provide a combined dual unit (IP/SI) print version for each of the Handbooks, where equations, tables etc., are presented in both units on adjacent areas on the same page.

Answer: This motion failed. ASHRAE Publisher, Steve Comstock provided the following comments:

Printing the Handbook in a combined IP and SI edition would press manufacturing limits. While it is accurate that files used to produce the Handbook IP and SI editions have both sets of units embedded, to output pages for the print book with both sets of units would mean Handbooks would exceed 1,000 pages per volume. (It may not even be possible to print the Fundamentals volume with both sets of units without changing paper weight and sacrificing page opaqueness.)

The problems resulting would be:

- Binding would become more expensive per unit than for smaller books;
- Higher degree of binding failures
- Significantly higher postage rates because of additional weight per volume
- Greater rate of delivery failure overseas where postal carriers often use public transport or scooters for delivery.

It is likely costs would increase annually by \$75,000 for increased printing cost, postage cost and replacement cost. Lastly, over the years most members have expressed a preference for Handbooks to be published in separate unit editions since most members work exclusively in one set of units. For those who work in both sets of units, the Handbook CD and Handbook Online allows for easy toggling.

(Complete)

Saskatoon Chapter – Motion 18 (06/30/2015):

That the option to pay chapter dues with society membership fees be made “Yes” by default in both web and printed membership renewal forms with an opt-out option provided for all chapters who have elected to have their chapters’ dues collected by Society.

Answer: This motion failed. This process is already in place on the online and paper copy of the dues notice. **(Complete)**

Manitoba Chapter – Motion 13 (07/01/2014):

That the Honors and Awards (H&A) Committee reconsider the current criteria for the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) and the Exceptional Service Award (ESA) adopted within the committee and made effective February 2013 and revert back to the criteria previously in place.

Answer: This motion was referred to the Honors and Awards Committee (H&A). The H&A approved the changes below to be reflected in the DSA/ESA Instructions and Point Tally Form and on the H&A webpage. **(Complete)**

Three points are required in at least three (3) categories (A-F) for DSA.

Seven Three points are required in each of at least three (3) categories (A-F) for ESA.

Regina Chapter – Motion 15 (07/01/2014):

That the Society Honors and Awards Committee maintain an expanded list of members having received Regional and Society awards, including members who have passed away, to be distributed regularly to all chapters.

Answer: This motion failed. ASHRAE currently has an active and inactive list of award recipients. When a chapter requests a list of award recipients they normally receive the active list unless it is specified in their request to receive all past recipients. Since the awards lists could be requested from numerous staff in different sections in ASHRAE, there is no effective way to ensure that the chapter would receive both reports. **(Complete)**

Saskatoon Chapter – Motion 2.4 (05/23/2012):

That ASHRAE members are provided with the opportunity to opt out, at the time of renewal, from receiving the printed copy of ASHRAE Journal and Insights and receive only the electronic version.

Answer: This motion was referred to Publishing and Education Council. PEC approved this motion. PEC fully debated and reviewed the motion concluding that: procedures are already in place to allow for member opt of print editions of ASHRAE Journal and Insights; while it might seem the fiscal impact would be positive in reducing print circulation, it is believed that fiscal impact could be negative due to loss of advertising revenue if notice for opt out is provided at time of renewal; PEC understands the environmental advantages of digital vs. print circulation and has already taken steps to transition to broader digital only distribution; PEC will continued to monitor publishing and advertising trends so that when it is determined fiscal impact will not be negative, opt out at time of renewal can be implemented.

PEC suggested that the opportunity to provide an unwanted print copy of the Journal to a student might have long term beneficial benefit. If a member wishes to have a hold place on their paper copy, they may call, fax, write or email the customer service section at ASHRAE to indicate. **(Complete)**

Saskatoon Chapter – Motion 2.5 (05/23/2012):

That ASHRAE members are provided with the opportunity to receive only the ASHRAE Handbook Online at no extra cost, at the time of renewal.

Answer: This motion was referred to Publishing and Education Council. PEC approved this motion. PEC discussed the membership benefits and business impacts of including Handbook online as a membership benefit with the decision made by the chair of PEC to include the subject as a council MBO for the 2012-2013 fiscal year because of the many positive benefits that the proposal presents. PEC assigned the



subject to Handbook Committee and will communicate with Members Council once all aspects of the proposal can be better understood. **(Complete)**

Inland Empire Chapter – Motion 2.6 (05/23/2012):

That Society research the feasibility of issuing an improved “plastic” membership card that would replace the current “paper” version. This feasibility report should be ready for the 2013 Winter Meeting.

Answer: This motion was referred to the Membership Promotion Committee. MPC was not in favor of this motion and the motion was defeated 14-0-0 by MPC. The committee agreed the \$23,000 increase in cost, and possible delay of two additional weeks processing (currently a one week process, which would increase to three weeks) to get these delivered to our members makes this an unrealistic approach. The committee agrees members don’t use membership cards in a capacity to warrant these changes, and if anything we need to pursue a better way to digitize the membership card for members. **(Complete)**

Oregon Chapter – Motion 7.3 (06/27/2011):

That the Honors and Awards Committee include points for participation on the Society level Research Advisory Panel in the Distinguished Service & Exceptional Service Award (DSA/ESA) point tally form.

Answer: This motion was approved. The Honors and Awards Committee reviewed this recommendation and will add one (1) point per year for the Chair of the Research Advisory Panel and ½ point per year for members of the Research Advisory Panel with a total not to exceed 3 points for either. Staff will post the updated DSA/ESA Point Tally Form on the H&A webpage by March 1, 2012. **(Complete)**

Southern Alberta Chapter (06/2011):

That ASHRAE investigate hosting a Centralized CRC for all Regions hosting a Spring CRC and have a report back to the 2012 Spring CRC.

Answer: This motion was withdrawn because this is a regional issue and should be determined by the DRCs of the three regions with Spring CRCs. **(Complete)**

Northern Alberta Chapter: (6/2011)

That Members Council support the Hot Topics program beyond the pilot program stage, to create an ongoing Hot Topics program in support of CTTC activities.

Answer: This motion was withdrawn. Based on CTTC’s recommendation, the money in the 2011-12 budget will be used for more DL visits to the chapters. **(Complete)**

Saskatoon Chapter – Motion 8 (06/28/2010):

That ASHRAE publish an industrial building energy-saving design guide.

Answer: This referral was referred to Technical Activities Committee (TAC) and the following are responses from Mike Vaughn, MORTS and Mick Schwedler, incoming Advanced Energy Design Guide (AEDG) Steering Committee Chair.

“Technical committee (TC) 9.2 – Industrial Air Conditioning feels that they do not have the volunteer resources and full capabilities of handling this type of project on their own, but TC 9.2 will assist in the development of an industrial building AEDG, if needed. Since the referral background is essentially asking for an Advanced Energy Design Guide focused on industrial building, even if it is not necessarily part of the AEDG series, it seems like the AEDG Steering Committee should have the final say on whether this project proceeds so that the project, if it proceeds, does not dilute or confuse the AEDG brand. Therefore, the consensus of TAC and TC 9.2 is that this referral should probably go to the AEDG Steering Committee.”



Below is the response from Mick Schwedler, incoming Advanced Energy Design Guide (AEDG) Steering Committee Chair.

“Energy use in Industrial facilities is based primarily on the industrial process itself rather than the further-reaching AEDG integration of the architectural, lighting and HVAC systems.

- ASHRAE 90.1 excludes industrial facilities from its scope, so there is no baseline from which to estimate energy savings
- Outside of ventilation loads, industrial processes are decoupled from climate-specific parameters considered in AEDGs
- The present funding method for AEDGs is from sources that do not support development of guides for industrial savings
- The vast number and type of industrial processes are extremely specialized and do not lend themselves to the more general design process and design recommendations in the AEDGs

Given these, the AEDG Steering Committee does not believe that the AEDG process should be used to produce an Industrial AEDG. With that said, the potential energy savings of industrial facilities are significant, ASHRAE’s Industrial Technical Committees have expertise (although some of it is nearing retirement age), and there is interest in the subject.

Therefore, the AEDG SC believes that industrial process energy reduction could make a very good special publication, assuming funding and technical expertise are both available. The AEDG SC could provide input and guidance to a special project committee tasked with development of a guide for energy use reduction in industrial facilities.”

The Chapter, at its discretion, may wish to initiate a regular special project request through Technology Council’s Special Projects Subcommittee to pursue an industrial facility energy saving design guide. Relevant information on [Special Projects procedures](#) is attached. ASHRAE Staff, Lilas Pratt, Special Projects Manager (lpratt@ashrae.org) or the Special Projects Subcommittee Chair, Larry Markel can assist in this process. **(Complete)**

Regina Chapter – Motion 9 (06/28/2010):

That the Membership Promotion Committee remove Life members from the chapter delinquency report and create a separate report for delinquent Life members.

Answer: This motion was not approved. The additional report may not be necessary. The Delinquency Report is now in Excel and chapters can filter out Life members from appearing on the report. Life members do not show up on any reports as unpaid at anytime due to the fact that their membership packages are at zero dollars. It is merely a matter of renewing when their memberships need updating. **(Complete)**

Regina Chapter – Motion 10 (06/28/2010):

That the position of Regional Treasurer be added for inclusion to point totals for the following awards DSA (Distinguished Service Award) and ESA (Exceptional Service Award).

Answer: This motion was referred to the Honors and Awards Committee. H&A has added the regional treasurer position to the form. **(Complete)**

Mid-Columbia Chapter – Motion 11 (06/28/2010):

That the ASHRAE scholarship program be extended to make scholarships available to students who enroll in technical schools or community colleges related to the HVAC&R technicians and maintenance fields.

Answer: This motion was referred to the Scholarship Trustees. The Trustees appreciate and are in full accord with the intent of the subject motion. The Scholarship Trustees addressed this concern, which is



based on a real shortage and weakness in the link between design and use of a building. As part of that discussion we noted the following: a) as an engineering professional society our main effort in the form of scholarships is to aid students in engineering and engineering-related programs. Currently, the number of very qualified applicants far exceeds the available funds. We do offer scholarships to “engineering technology” students, some of which are in two-year programs; however, these do not address the constituency noted in the motion from the Mid Columbia Chapter, and b) we have encouraged ASHRAE to partner with other organizations such as AHRI, NATE, RSES, PHCC in addressing methods to overcome the shortage of well trained technicians. We would be delighted to have a representative from the Mid-Columbia Chapter meet with the Scholarship Trustees and discuss potential strategies and approaches to meet the worthy goal of enhancing the training of technicians. Maybe this could be scheduled for Las Vegas. **(Complete)**

Regina Chapter – Motion 12 (06/28/2010):

That ASHRAE establish a Canadian office or a Canadian mailing address for ASHRAE to use for Advocacy within Canada. Once this location is established, create a subcommittee of the Advocacy Committee with representatives from both regions in Canada.

Answer: Members Council determined that this motion may not be necessary since Darryl Boyce of the ASHRAE Research Canada (ARC) office is helping to put together a reference guide to explain the differences in advocacy and Erich Binder is working to get standards adopted in Canada. **(Complete)**

Inland Empire – Motion 7 (06/22/2009):

That ASHRAE solicit customer reviews after purchases have been made through the ASHRAE Bookstore and that these reviews be made public to assist potential buyers.

Answer: This motion failed. The bookstore is in the process of being revamped and this issue may be resolved after it is revamped. **(Complete)**

Manitoba Chapter – Motion 8 (06/22/2009):

That ASHRAE develop and publish a “COLD CLIMATE DESIGN GUIDE” to assist designers to optimally select systems and technologies which provide robust and maintainable HVAC&R systems in moderate to severe winter climates.

Answer: This motion was referred to Technology Council. Technology Council consulted with the TCs and there appears to be insufficient expertise at the TC level to write a regional specific guide. A previous TG4 Cold Climate Design was disbanded in the 1990s for the same reason. It is suggested that the region instead consider developing this guide internally. **(Complete)**

Regina Chapter – Motion 9 (06/22/2009):

That ASHRAE Society provide advocacy on energy issues to the government of Canada.

Answer: This motion was referred to the Advocacy Committee. ASHRAE member Darryl Boyce has been ASHRAE’s primary representative in Canada with regards to tracking and making recommendations on how ASHRAE should respond or influence 90.1 Code adoption. The ASHRAE Washington office staff (Doug Read and Ryan Colker) has been working with Darryl to develop a Canadian brochure similar to the “Transition” piece they developed for the new Obama Administration and Congress. Doug Read met with the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) in DC in June of this year. CSA is based in Toronto and CSA representatives were here in DC meeting with several standards bodies at that time. As a result, he has been in contact with Glenn Tubrett, CSA’s buildings manager in Toronto. Glenn attends code hearings across Canada and recently attended a Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes hearing in Saskatoon. The issue of energy efficiency of buildings and houses in Canada was prominent. Glenn and Doug are scheduled to meet in Washington on Nov 5th to discuss how ASHRAE and CSA can work together to promote 90.1, etc in the Canadian Provinces. The Washington staff would welcome help



from any ASHRAE member within Canada who has an interest in promoting ASHRAE standards. Regarding the building labeling program, Dieter Bartel participated in the ABEL committee and has been engaged with development of labeling in Canada. Ryan Colker recently attended an event at the Canadian Embassy in support of the Solar Decathlon teams where he met the Science and Technology Counselor. **(Complete)**

Northern Alberta Chapter – Motion 5 (06/23/2008):

That the due date for submissions of distinguished lecturers for Spring CRCs be changed from November to March of the same Society year.

Answer: This motion failed. The holding slots open late in the Society year will reduce the likelihood of full utilization of regional allocations and create complications for the remainder of the DL program. Instead of changing the schedule, CTTC will do a better job in working closer with the regions to make sure allocations are sued for CRCs. **(Complete)**

Northern Alberta Chapter – Motion 6 (06/23/2008):

That Society include the Rules of the Board relating to hardship cases in the Manual for Chapter Operations and more prominently on the website.

Answer: This motion was withdrawn. **(Complete)**

British Columbia Chapter – Motion 25 (06/27/2005):

That Society report to the chapters on the objectives and planned design of the new ASHRAE member database software, the status of its development and its planned implementation date by September 1, 2005.

Answer: This motion was approved. **(Complete)**

Regina Chapter – Motion 28 (06/27/2004):

That criteria for the Presidential Award of Excellence for the Technical Energy and Government Activities Committee recognize the time and efforts of chapter members participating in Society's technical committees (TCs), task groups (TGs) and technical resource groups (TRGs) and reviewing of technical papers to be presented at the Annual and Winter Meetings or published in the ASHRAE Journal.

Answer: During the 2004 Annual Meeting in Nashville, a recommendation was made to refer this motion to the PAOE Planning Subcommittee with no endorsement or rejection. **(Complete)**

Vancouver Chapter – Motion 28 (06/23/2002):

That ASHRAE Technology Award submittals be allowed and encouraged to be made in digital format and the points awarded for the 'presentation quality' judging criteria be modified to produce an incentive to submit in digital format.

Answer: This motion was referred to the TEGA Committee. The Chapter Technology Transfer Committee (CTTC) will implement this action after coordinating with the new CTTC processes for awards. **(Compleste)**