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GRASSROOTS GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE CALL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015 – 9:00 AM EDT (USA)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bert Phillips, Chair
Keith Reihl, Vice Chair
Dru Crawley, Communications Coordinator
David Underwood, CO
Douglas Cochrane, Region II
Dunstan Macauley, Region III
Kelly Crow, Region VI
Brian Lynch, Region IX
Mark Bender, Region X
Jeffery Hurd, Region XI
Ng Yong Kong, Region XIII
Ahmed Alaa Eldin Mohamed, Region-At-Large
Tom Watson
Steve Kennedy
Cesar Lim
Tim Wentz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rob Craddock, Vice Chair
Charles Culp, ExO
William Dietrich
Richard Vehlow, Region I
Bryan Lampley, Region IV
Sonya Pouncy, Region V
Chad Moore, Region VII
Dan Merkel, Region VIII
Scott Seigel, Region XII
Ross Montgomery
Jim Wolfe

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Scarborough, Staff Liaison, GGAC
Mark Ames, Staff Liaison, Advocacy Committee

GUESTS PRESENT: Ron Gagnon

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillips at 9:05 am ET.



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REVIEW OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 23-24, 2015 MEETING

Chairman Watson moved and Mr. Crawley seconded approval of the minutes as written.

MOTION PASSES: 11-0-0 CNV

REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Scarborough went through the list of the outstanding Action Items.

EXO REPORT

There was no ExO report today since Mr. Culp was not in attendance.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Ames gave the federal report. Much that is happening at the federal level was in last week's *Government Affairs Update*. There is likely to be a comprehensive energy bill coming out of the US House of Representatives.

Mr. Scarborough gave the grassroots report. There are several bills in various legislatures that would change the code cycles. Utah and New Mexico are two of those in particular. Chicago will hold a conference call soon to review the first year of data on that city's benchmarking ordinance. Mr. Scarborough reported on the *Day on the Hill* held as a collaborative by the two Chapters in Oklahoma, which was very successful.

Mr. Watson asked if we need to have a study conducted to obtain empirical information on the issues of cost to the consumers regarding the code cycle. Mr. Macauley noted there is an ASHRAE study currently underway by TC 2.8 that could be expanded to include this. Mr. Phillips asked if ASHRAE could work with US DOE on this study. Mr. Ames said the DOE study would take three years and perhaps ASHRAE on its own could move more quickly. Mr. Macauley will approach TC 2.8 about expanding the scope of their current study on AEDGs to include code cycles.

A. BILL TRACKING NEEDS

Mr. Scarborough asked the RVCs about the information he sent out last week on bills in each Region. Mr. Macauley indicated he thought this was a good start and he is going through his list now and will be forwarding information out on the various bills to the Chapters in his states.



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Chairman Phillips asked Chairman Watson and Mr. Wentz if they have particular items for the agenda. They did not have any additional items.

RVC/CHAPTER REPORTS

Dr. Mohamed gave the Region at Large report. He has met with a few Chapters since our Chicago meeting as well as some government agencies, most notably in Egypt. He will be traveling to Istanbul in two weeks to meet with a governmental energy efficiency committee.

Mr Ng has been working with some hospitals to have ASHRAE standards adopted.

Mr. Hurd noted he has been reviewing the information that Mr. Scarborough sent out on legislation in his Region.

Mr. Bender will be seeking out a joint meeting with an IAPMO Chapter. He is also going to take action on the updating of the California Energy Commission and its public comment period on energy efficiency which is underway now.

Mr. Lynch had no new information.

Mr. Crow commented on the Clean Jobs Coalition. This is from Illinois. Mr. Scarborough is waiting for information from the Coalition to pass on to the Committee as the Coalition would like ASHRAE to endorse them.

Mr. Macauley noted he is working with PA on HR34, an energy efficiency bill that originally was put forward last year.

Mr. Cochrane reported that President Elect Underwood and a few others met with government officials in Ontario. This was more discovery about what everyone wanted but bEQ was discussed. The Province of Quebec last week held an energy roundtable to develop a new energy policy.

President Elect Underwood said he would like someone from bEQ to be available for a follow-up meeting in March. President-Elect Underwood noted he might not be able to attend that meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Reihl noted that both the candidates submitted for the Government Activities Award were approved and are moving forward.

Mr. Craddock was unable to attend today.



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COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES

Mr. Crawley had no new information to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. LEGISLATIVE TRACKING SOFTWARE

There was no new information the legislative tracking software.

B. VERMONT

Mr. Scarborough reported on the public hearing two weeks ago in Vermont on the MOE issue. Rich Vehlow, the RVC for Region I, was in attendance as was the Chapter President from Vermont and several of his employees. The Vermont Professional Engineer Licensing Board did not vote at this meeting to endorse or oppose adding MOE to the licensing statute in that state.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 2015
9:00 am ET (US)
Conference Call

ADJOURN

Chairman Phillips adjourned the meeting at 10:03 am ET.



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ACTION ITEMS: From June 2014 GGAC Meeting

1. The question arose about creating a format in NetForum so that Chapters can go in and download their lists of officials. Mr. Scarborough will check with IT about how to do that.

DUE DATE: Immediately after June GGAC Meeting. **PENDING**



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ACTION ITEMS: From July 2014 GGAC Meeting

1. Mr. Scarborough will be in contact with Mr. Dain Hanson about the possibility of combined Chapter activity between ASHRAE and IAPMO.
DUE DATE: August 2014 GGAC Meeting. **PENDING**



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ACTION ITEMS: From September 2014 GGAC Meeting

1. Mr. Riehl and Mr. Scarborough will work together on promotional materials for National Engineers Week in February.

DUE DATE: October 2014 GGAC Meeting. **ONGOING**



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ACTION ITEMS: From January 2015 GGAC Meeting

1. Staff will work to create a list that can be sent out to Chapters on what materials (e.g. Standards, publications, etc.) are currently available for Chapters to use with code officials or other government agencies.

DUE DATE: March 2015 GGAC Conference Call. **PENDING**

2. Dr. Mohamed will Chair a Task Force of the RVCs who represent non-US areas as well as the Chair and 2 Vice Chairs of GGAC to develop a set of ideas and a road map to moving forward on issues of concern in the non-US community.

DUE DATE: March 2015 GGAC Conference Call. **PENDING**