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GRASSROOTS GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEES CONFERENCE CALL

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015 – 9:00 AM ET (USA)

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bert Phillips, Chair, GGAC
Tom Watson, Advocacy Chair
Rob Craddock, 1ST Vice Chair, GGAC
Keith Reihl, 2ND Vice Chair, GGAC
Tim Wentz, Advocacy Vice Chair
Dru Crawley, GGAC Communications Coordinator
Charles Culp, GGAC ExO
William Dietrich, GGAC Consultant
Richard Vehlow, Region I
Douglas Cochrane, Region II
Dunstan Macauley, Region III
Dan Merkel, Region VIII
Brian Lynch, Region IX
Mark Bender, Region X
Scott Seigel, Region XII
Ng Yong Kong, Region XIII
Ahmed Alaa Eldin Mohamed, Region-At-Large
Steve Kennedy
Cesar Lim
Ross Montgomery
Jim Wolfe
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Underwood, GGAC CO
Bryan Lampley, Region IV
Sonya Pouncy, Region V
Kelly Crow, Region VI
Chad Moore, Region VII
Jeffery Hurd, Region XI
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Scarborough, Staff Liaison, GGAC
Mark Ames, Advocacy Staff Liaison
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Erich Binder
Nate Boyd
Chuck Gullede
Vorasen Leewattanakit
Bjarne Olesen
Chad Powell
Jeff Vestal



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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillips at 9:04 am EDT (USA). Roll Call was held and a quorum was declared.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 21, 2015 GGAC MEETING

Mr. Craddock moved and Mr. Reihl seconded approval of the minutes as written.

MOTION PASSED: 14-0-0 CNV

REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

There was only one outstanding Action Item and Dr. Mohamed was not on the call at this time to give an update.

ExO REPORT

Dr. Culp does not have an ExO report today.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Ames gave the US federal government report. There is a current bill in Congress that would ban the US DOE from being involved in providing technical support for any standards for high-performance buildings. There would be no staff time or funding provided either. The President has indicated he would veto this bill.

Mr. Ames also presented on the Portman-Shaheen energy efficiency bill. He also presented on Blackburn-Schrader, which ASHRAE opposes.

Mr. Scarborough gave the grassroots report. New software has been obtained for the government affairs work and will be phased in over the next few weeks. There are a significant number of state legislatures that have adjourned. Various special sessions are being held as some state legislatures did not pass budgets. In Hawaii, legislation passed to move that state to 100% renewal energy by the year 2045. Several Chapters across the country have coordinated visits with US Senators in those states. Mr. Scarborough is also working with David Caughran on follow-up to the recent ASHRAE Leadership Meetings.

Mr. Wentz reported on the EE Global 2015 Forum last week, where he presented. Much of the material presented revolved around energy efficiency and public policy. Building performance/system efficiency was also a big topic. Roland Risser from DOE was on the same panel with Mr. Wentz and gave an update on DOE programs.



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RVC/CHAPTER REPORTS

Mr. Vehlow reported for Region I. The big issue in that Region is the MOE issue in Vermont. The state licensing board voted 4-1 not to support MOE in that state so it is dead for now. He also had a Chapter visit to New Hampshire. He will not be in Atlanta next month due to the pending birth of his new child.

Mr. Cochrane reported for Region II. The stakeholders meetings there are over and he is waiting for the comments to come back. bEQ training is planned for mid-September with Terry Townsend coming to present in Toronto. He is also going to the Halifax Chapter for their 50th anniversary.

Mr. Macauley reported for Region III. Montgomery County just north of DC is working on its benchmarking ordinances. Three ASHRAE certifications are part of that ordinance for performing audits (BEAP, CPMP, OPMP). He has recently been to Hampton Roads Chapter. They have been asked to help with codes for the US Navy for NAVFAC. He is hoping to get bEQ integrated into this.

Mr. Merkel reported for Region VIII. Their CRC was just held. Great report on the effectiveness of the Oklahoma Day on the Hill. The Austin Texas Chapter will likely be organizing a Day on the Hill for Texas and the Mexico Chapters are looking at one for the Mexico legislature.

Mr. Lynch reported for Region IX. Twelve out of 13 Chapters are doing well in the PAOE category.

Mr. Bender had no report for Region X.

Mr. Seigel reported for Region XII. Mr. Montgomery has just been to South America to meet with that Chapter in Argentina and there is a conference call with that Chapter next week. Mr. Boyd reported that the City of Orlando will be moving forward with its city building energy ordinance in late July-early August.

Mr. Ng reported for Region XIII. He is working with one of the states in Malaysia to promote ASHRAE standards. Will be using one of the PowerPoint presentations for that.

Dr. Mohamed reported for the Region at Large. He has signed a new MOU on behalf of the Falcon Chapter.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Craddock and Mr. Reihl had no reports for their subcommittees.

COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES



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Mr. Crawley had no report today.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. World Standards Day/Week

INSERT WEB LINKS

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday and Saturday, June 26-27, 2015
9:00 am ET
Atlanta Hilton, Room 204 (2), Atlanta, Georgia

ADJOURN

Chairman Phillips adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am EDT (USA).



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ACTION ITEMS: From January 2015 GGAC Meeting

1. 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**