

REGION XIII FALL CRC MOTIONS

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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.

Answer: This motion was referred to Publishing and Education Council (PEC) for consideration and was later referred to the Certification Committee. Based on the information below, neither PEC or the Certification Committee were in favor of this motion. **(Complete)**

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.

Answer: This motion was referred to Publishing and Education Council (PEC) for consideration. PEC was not in favor of this motion. 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. **(Complete)**

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.

Answer: This motion failed. It was determined that Publishing and Education Council is already investigating this action. **(Complete)**



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.

Answer: This motion was referred to the Honors and Awards Committee for consideration. 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. **(Complete)**

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.

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. **(Complete, 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.

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

That the Refrigeration RVCs be restored as grassroots in each region.

Status: This motion was referred to Technology Council for consideration (the CTTC Chair was sent a copy of the motion as an information item). **(Open)**

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.

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. **(Complete)**

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.

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. **(Complete)**

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.

Answer: This motion failed. 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. **(Complete)**

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.

Answer: This motion was referred to the Membership Promotion and Student Activities Committees for consideration. The Membership Promotion and Student Activities Committees were not in favor of this motion. 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. **(Complete)**

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.

Answer: This motion failed. 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. **(Complete)**

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.

Answer: This motion failed. 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. **(Complete)**

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.

Answer: This motion was referred to the Membership Promotion Committee. The Membership Promotion Committee was not in favor of this motion because training was already implemented for Region XIII and the Region-At-Large. **(Complete)**

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.

Answer: This motion failed. 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. **(Complete)**

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

That ASHRAE provide reduced membership fees for student members in developing economies.

Answer: This motion was approved by Members Council and later referred to the Society Finance Committee for future consideration. **(Complete)**

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:

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

Answer: This motion was referred to the Membership Promotion Committee. The Membership Promotion Committee was not in favor of this motion. 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. **(Complete)**

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.

Answer: This motion failed. 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. **(Complete)**

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.

Answer: This motion failed. 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. **(Complete)**

Hong Kong Chapter – 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.

Answer: This motion was withdrawn. It was determined (based on RP figures) that adding this option would not benefit smaller chapters (less than 250 in size) across the board. **(Complete)**

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).

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

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.

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

Malaysia Chapter – 2008 CRC Motion 2:

That Society encourages all members worldwide support from chapters to attend the IAQ 2010 Conference by:

- 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.

Answer: This motion was withdrawn and the following substitute motion applied: "Motion 23 (10/25/2008) That Society encourage all members from all chapters to attend the IAQ 2010 Conference." **(Complete)**

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

That Australia and New Zealand remain in Region XIII.

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