CODE INTERACTION SUBCOMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

Tuesday, February 9, 2020 8:00-10:00 AM

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1. Roll call (Humble/Toto) – Members / Non-Voting Members & Staff / Guests

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| x | Jonathan Humble |  | Hugo Aguilar, NVM | x | Armin Hauer |
| x | Dr. Essam Khalil | x | Martha VanGeem, NVM | x | Bill Walter |
| x | Cesar L. Lim | x | Emily Toto (Staff) | x | Greg Relue |
|  | Erick Phelps |  |  | x | Aaron Gunzner |
| x | Larry Schoen |  |  | x | Brian Rodgers |
|  | Steven Sill |  |  | x | Chris Haldiman |
|  |  |  |  | x | Doug Tucker |
|  |  |  |  | x | Greg Johnson |
|  |  |  |  | x | Gretchen Schimelpfenig |
|  |  |  |  | x | Ramiro Mata |
|  |  |  |  | x | Rusty Tharp |
|  |  |  |  | x | Charles Dorgan |
|  |  |  |  | x | Rick Heiden |
|  |  |  |  | x | Charlie Hon |
|  |  |  |  | x | Harshad Inamdar |
|  |  |  |  | x | Viken Koukounian |
|  |  |  |  | x | Don McComas |
|  |  |  |  | x | James Parris |
|  |  |  |  | x | Pete Quintela |
|  |  |  |  | x | David Stephens |
|  |  |  |  | x | Molobali Traore |

1. ASHRAE Code of Ethics Commitment & Antitrust Policy

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* ASHRAE participants are expected to adhere to the antitrust policy: https://youtu.be/ykisOzjHyZM

1. Minutes from 12/9/2020

Schoen moved and Lim seconded; 4-0-0.

Note: all motions recorded in these minutes are “chair voting” in order to achieve quorum

1. Review of agenda and CIS tasks for this current cycle (Humble)

**Scope and Purpose:**

The ASHRAE Code Interaction Subcommittee (CIS) provides a means for ASHRAE to represent the interests of ASHRAE members and to promote uniform adoption of ASHRAE Standards Committee Documents by U.S. Model Building Codes and other codes. CIS focuses on national model codes and parts of codes that affect ASHRAE member interests, including, but not limited to the Mechanical Code, Building and Fire Code provisions related to fire and smoke control and Building Code provisions related to HVAC and Energy issues. All ASHRAE Code Interaction shall be processed by and through the CIS.

**Assignment:**

We have many submissions to consider for this meeting and our goal is to review the proposals for:

* Is the submission complete (i.e. proposal, reason statement, cost impact, etc.);
* Is it consistent with the code or standard that ASHRAE is submitting to; and
* Format that conspicuously illustrates the text to be deleted and that which is to be proposed.

Please note we may be asking to re-visit some proposals as the International Code Council’s International Residential Code 2021 has not been published at the time of this meeting. This will be a further assignment for our next meeting.

1. Group A revised proposals – pending CIS approval:

UMC

* + SSPC 90.1 + AMCA - v2

Approve proposal: Schoen moved and Cesar seconded; 4-0-0.

Discussion: What if UMC committee wants to include the FEI table that is referenced? ASHRAE Publications would consider request to license these copyrighted materials.

SSPC 15 A2L Updates - v2

Approve proposal: Humble moved and Schoen seconded; 4-0-0.

Discussion: primary change was to insert a reference to machinery room requirements in ASHRAE 15 instead of providing a direct extraction of this length.

IMC

* + SSPC 15
    - Machinery Room Ventilation - v2

Approve proposal: Humble moved and Schoen seconded; 4-0-0.

Discussion: Same issue as A2L update proposal to UMC. Thanks to Mr. Julius Ballanco for his help in creating Table 1106.4.2 as a substitute for the full extraction from ASHRAE 15. Creative way to accomplish, need to articulate in future

* + - Piping - v2

Approve proposal: Humble moved and Schoen seconded; 4-0-0.

* + SSPC 154 Grease Duct Water Test - ~~v2~~v3 with typo correction

Approve proposal: Humble moved and Schoen seconded; 4-0-0.

Discussion: All updates from Standard 154. Committee voted to remove the light test and provide more explicit instructions on using the preferred water test.

The language about “alternative tests” is a compromise sentence we voted on at the last CIS meeting. Section 105 of the IMC is an administrative rule which allows the code official to review modifications to the code.

IRC

* 15.2 Reference Update: proposal has not changed; PPR3 draft now available

Draft will be sent to ICC by 2/15/21; final publication before fall hearings so reference can be included.

IPMC

* + ACCA – ASHRAE 180 Inspections

Approve proposal: Humble moved and Schoen seconded; 4-0-0.

Discussion: this is now a joint proposal between ASHRAE and ACCA. The revised proposal

contains clarified language about the scope and requirements.

1. New Business:
   * Approve submission of public comment to EPA’s Indoor Air Plus program to update 62.2-2013 reference to 62.2-2019.

Approve public comment submission: Humble moved and Schoen seconded; 4-0-0.

Discussion: expanded scope of 62.2 should not impact applicability to EPA IA+, which has a more narrow scope. ASHRAE staff will research and confirm.

* + Discuss possible comment submission to City of Austin Mechanical and Plumbing Codes. **There is a proposal to remove ASHRAE 62.1 as a compliance path for ventilation**: <https://publicinput.com/2021TechnicalCodeChanges>
    - Deadline to comment: Feb 21.

Approve comment submission to oppose the change: Humble moved and Schoen seconded; 4-0-0.

Discussion: Schoen/Toto will consult with Isenbeck (chair of 62.1) to draft a comment stating our position that 62.2 should remain an alternative compliance path in model and local codes. Staff will also attempt to determine COA’s rationale for removing this path.

* + FYI: 2022 Georgia IMC proposals being considered to include A2L requirements from 2019 versions of ASHRAE 34 and 15. Staff will continue to monitor.

1. Next meeting – select between May 10-14th, 2021 to review NFPA submissions as needed

Based on feedback received at this meeting, doodle poll will cover May 11-14 and May 19-21 at the normal time.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:13 AM**