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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM EDT (GO-TO MEETING)

Approved 12-02-2021.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Chad Smith, Chair
Darryl Boyce, Vice Chair
George "Billy" Austin
Cindy Callaway
Bryan Holcomb
Mike Wolf
Sheila Hayter
Meghan McNulty
Nanette Lockwood
Artorius "Arthur" M. Reyes
Mike Genin
RJ Hartman
Tim Ashby
Louis Van Belle
Beth Tomlinson
Jessica Gardner
Damon McClure
Colin Laisure-Pool
Daryl Collerman
Tim Theriault
Yew "Albert" Sin
George Pantelidis
Gian Chand Modgil
Sonya Pouncy
Ken Fulk
Eduardo Conghos

Members Absent

Andrea Phillips
Ginger Scoggins

Guests

David Underwood

Staff

Alice Yates
Jeremy Pollack
Emily Porcari

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chad Smith called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. EDT and welcomed the attendees.

ASHRAE CODE OF ETHICS

Smith read the summary of the Code of Ethics commitment.

ASHRAE Code of Ethics Commitment



In this and all other ASHRAE meetings, we will act with honesty, fairness, courtesy, competence, inclusiveness and respect for others, which exemplify our core values of excellence, commitment, integrity, collaboration, volunteerism and diversity, and we shall avoid all real or perceived conflicts of interests.

(Code of Ethics: <https://www.ashrae.org/about/governance/code-of-ethics>)

(Core Values: <https://www.ashrae.org/about/ashrae-s-core-values>)

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Smith reviewed the agenda and asked if there were any items or modifications to the agenda. George Pantelidis asked to add international standards to the agenda; Smith said Pantelidis could report on this during his Region XIV RVC report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Smith made two announcements:

1. The GAC includes a new non-voting member, Eduardo Conghos, who will serve as a Consultant, with a focus of supporting the international chapters in Region XII. He may be used for support in some other regions as needed and directed by the Chair.
2. .GAC Subcommittee meeting appointments are only sent to subcommittee members; the full schedule of subcommittee meetings can be found in Basecamp in the “Key Resources” folder; if you are interested in attending, just email GovAffairs@ashrae.org or the Staff Liaison for the Subcommittee. For the Winter GAC Subcommittee Meetings, invitations will be sent to subcommittee members, and non-subcommittee members will be included in the “optional” line.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 16, 2021 MEETING

Smith asked to review the minutes from the last GAC meeting on June 16, 2021.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 16, 2021 as written.

Motion made by Darryl Boyce and seconded by Sonya Pouncy.

MOTION PASSED: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (CNV). NO OBJECTIONS.

REPORT FROM THE EPIDEMIC TASK FORCE

Smith reported that the ETF continues to meet, and new information is being posted online. The key area of focus has been on schools, and this is an area where the GAC can get the ETF technical information to school boards, superintendents, etc. A generic presentation on these resources is available for your use.

REPORT FROM THE TASK FORCE FOR BUILDING DECARBONIZATION (TFBD)

Smith reported on the work of the TFBD, and noted that GAC should be getting information to the TFBD on what government officials and policy makers are looking for.

ACTION ITEM: GAC members, including through your chapter chairs, are to provide a list of needs (resources, tools, educational products, etc.) that policy makers and elected officials are looking for from a technical perspective; please provide these lists to Chad and/or GovAffairs@ashrae.org In the list you send, please provide the name of the government group that was looking for this information, and/or the context for the request. **DUE DATE:** October 22

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND MBO STATUS

Chairs of each of the GAC Subcommittee reported on the work of their subcommittees and provided updates on their MBOs (see Attachment A for a summary of the updates).

Executive Subcommittee – Smith reported that their first meeting had full attendance of all subcommittee members, and is starting work on their MBOs.

Policy and Programs Subcommittee - Tim Ashby reported that they had good attendance at their first meeting and assigned reviews of the PPIBs (see Attachment B). Their next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 21.

Member Mobilization Subcommittee - Colin Laisure-Pool reported that they had a good first meeting and are working on developing plans and targets to meet the GAC goals for the Government Outreach Events (See Attachment C)

Global Affairs Subcommittee - Gian Modgil reported on the status of his MBOs (see attachment).

Rules Subcommittee - Darryl Boyce reported that their first meeting was Aug. 31, at which they reviewed responsibilities of the subcommittee. Boyce will be assigning individual subcommittee members to review specific governing documents. Boyce also reported that as the GAC representative, he will be attending the Members Council PAOE Subcommittee meeting next week.

Boyce also reported on a proposed change to the ROB involving the PPIB development, review and approval process that was passed by the committee.

MOTION: To approve the proposed changes to the PPIB process in the ROB, as shown in Attachment D.

MOTION PASSED: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Nominating Committee - Sheila Hayter reported that they have two subcommittee meetings scheduled, one in December and one in January. Please send recommendations concerning GAC leadership roles (including subcommittee chairs) to Hayter.

ACTION ITEM: GAC members, in particular those currently in GAC leadership roles, should send recommendations to Hayter for SY22-23 GAC leadership. **DUE DATE:** November 30.

REPORTS FROM REGIONAL VICE CHAIRS

The GAC RVCs reported on highlights from their regions.

- Region I – Artorius Reyes reported for Region I
- Region II – Mike Genin reported for Region II
- Region III – RJ Hartman reported for Region III
- Region IV – Tim Ashby reported for Region IV
- Region V – Louis Van Belle reported for Region V.
- Region VI – Beth Tomlinson reported for Region VI.
- Region VII – Jessica Gardner reported for Region VII.
- Region VIII – Damon McClure reported for Region VIII
- Region IX – Andrea Phillips was not present, but provided a written report for her region, which Smith summarized.
- Region X – Colin Laisure-Pool reported for Region X
- Region XI – Darryl Collerman reported for Region XI.
- Region XII – Tim Theriault reported for Region XII.
- Region XIII – Albert Sin reported for Region XIII
- Region XIV – George Pantelidis reported for Region XIV.
 - Pantelidis also reported on the International Standards Task Force.
- Region at Large – Gian Modgil reported for Region at Large.

REPORTS

- a. ExO Report - Ken Fulk did not have anything formal to report.
- b. Communications Coordinator Report - Sonya Pouncy stated that she is reviewing the webpages, per the MBO assigned (see below) and will also be seeking input from PPSC and MMSC.

MBO #9: Improve the effectiveness of the Government Affairs Website (in cooperation with the PPSC and the MMSC)

- c. Technology Council Representative Report: Billy Austin reported that the Council will be meeting in November, and he will track the PPIB/PD ROB proposed changes.

- d. Members Council Representative Report - Bryan Holcomb was not present when we got to this item in the agenda.
- e. Pub-Ed Council Representative Report - Cindy Callaway reported that she will be reviewing the Pub-Ed Winter Meeting Agenda, and will flag any items relevant to the GAC.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Smith noted that he is making committee liaison assignments. Meghan McNulty provided a report from the EHC (see Attachment E).

OTHER BUSINESS

The list of upcoming Winter Meetings (subcommittee meetings virtual, full committee meeting in Las Vegas) has been distributed to GAC members and is posted on Basecamp

NEXT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

The next committee conference call meeting is scheduled for:

**Thursday, December 2
9:30am-11:30am EST**

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m. EDT

Respectfully submitted,
Alice M. Yates, Staff Liaison

**GAC MBOs
SY2021- 2022**

Status Update: 09-30-2021

MBO	Subcommittee Assigned	Status
1. Develop a long-term strategic plan for the GAC that will maximize the impact of member engagement.	Executive Subcommittee	A preliminary plan will be brought to the GAC in January 2022.
2. Increase the participation of ASHRAE members in Government Outreach Events and other advocacy opportunities by hosting promotional GAC meetings, webinars, and other events to non-GAC ASHRAE members to increase awareness about the GAC.	Member Mobilization	GAC “Office Hours” are planned for late November. There will be 3 separate U.S., Canadian, and global office hour events. Polls with potential dates for each of the office hours events will be sent out to the relevant GAC RVCs.
3. Increase effectiveness of volunteer members through formalizing the GAC member mentorship program and the multi-module training system.	Member Mobilization	MMSC staff liaison is reviewing the Manual for Chapter Operations, as well as contact Members Council staff, for any other relevant documentation regarding guidelines for committee mentorship programs.
4. Build the foundation of a consistent global government engagement program by planning and identifying country- or region-specific events attended by government officials for the purpose of outreach and advocacy.	Global Affairs	RVCs are working with their Chapter Chairs to get input.
5. Identify ASHRAE resources and develop advocacy materials that can help state, provincial, federal, and global governmental entities reach their 2030/2050 goals	Policy & Programs	Spreadsheet prepared by staff with information about 2030/2050 goals was distributed to members.
6. Work with International Standards Task Force to increase ASHRAE advocacy efforts, including through the tracking and adoption of ASHRAE standards around the world.	Global Affairs	George Pantelidis is the liaison with this group; GASC will discuss how to best interact and leverage the work of this group.

MBO	Subcommittee Assigned	Status
7. Assess how EHC and Residential Committee Emerging Issue Briefs can be used to inform ASHRAE advocacy	Policy & Programs	Subcommittee members are reviewing Emerging Issue Briefs.
8. Establish a GAC Advisory Board made up of senior staff from various government bodies; this group would advise ASHRAE on what technical resources they need.	Policy & Programs	Due to the lack of input last year on this MBO, PPSC is considering whether another form of this group may work better for the GAC – perhaps soliciting feedback from the GOEs through a more structured framework would work better for obtaining this input.
9. Improve the effectiveness of the Government Affairs Website	Communications Coordinator, in cooperation with PPSC and MMSC	Communications Coordinator is reviewing website, and seeking input from PPSC and MMSC.

PIIB Methodology/Process for GAC PPSC

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Earliest Approval Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
September 22 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assign PPSC members to review existing PPIBs. Hold discussion on potential new topics. 	✓
October 21 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make Recommendations to update, retire or keep PPIB. Have motions prepared to approve any new topics. Assign PPSC members or an ASHRAE member with the correct technical expertise to make updates where needed or draft new PPIB. (Deadline: Mid-November) 	
Early-December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss updates to PPIB and drafts for new PPIBs. (Subcommittee members should review them in advance). Pass motions to make updates to the PPIBs or approve new PPIBs. 	
Winter Meeting (January 2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass any PPIBs that still need to be approval. (All PPIBs will be sent to the GAC together) 	

***See chart below for updates on specific topics**

Existing PPIBs	GAC PPSC Member Responsible	Recommendation
Building Decarbonization	Nanette Lockwood	
Building Energy Benchmarking	Artorius Reyes	
Climate Change and the Built Environment	Gian Modgil	
Consensus Standards- Expert Solutions to Meet Global Needs	Andrea Phillips	
Environmental Tobacco Smoke	Tim Ashby	
Indoor Air Quality	Nanette Lockwood	
Refrigerants and Their Responsible Use	Nanette Lockwood	
Resiliency in the Built Environment	RJ Hartman	
STEM Education & Workforce	Damon McClure	
Potential New PPIB Topics	GAC PPSC Member Responsible	Recommendation
Wildfires and Indoor Environmental Health	Tim Ashby	
ENDS	Tim Ashby	
Carbon Pricing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nanette sent draft to Tim Ashby for his review. - Still under consideration. -

TRACKING GOVERNMENT OUTREACH EVENTS SY2021-2022

PROGRESS CHART

	Target	Held	Scheduled	Planned	Delta
City/Local	32	0	0	0	-32
State	24	2	0	0	-22
Federal	15	2	0	0	-13
Global	13	2	0	0	-11
In-Person		0	0	0	0
Virtual		6	0	0	6
Total	83	6	0	0	-77

Note: Delta assumes that ALL planned and scheduled events are held (negative indicates that we are behind the goal).

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

SY21-22 SUMMARY TOTALS (to date):	Number of Attendees (ASHRAE Members)	Number of Meetings	Number of Events
Local	0	0	0
State	2	2	2
Federal	3	3	3
Global	8	2	2
TOTAL:	13	7	7

In Comparison

PREVIOUS YEAR (SY20-21)	Number of Attendees (ASHRAE Members)	Number of Meetings	Number of Events
State and Local	171	66	47
Federal	7	4	4
Global	126	54	24
TOTAL:	304	124	75

RVC GOALS FOR SY21-22

Region	Local Goal	State Goal	Federal Goal	Global Goal	Total
1	4.0	5.0	1.0	0.0	10.0
2					0.0
3					0.0
4					0.0
5					0.0
6	5.0	10.0	8.0		23.0
7					0.0
8	10.0	2.5	1.0	2.5	16.0
9	10.0	3.0	2.0		15.0
10					0.0
11	3.0	3.0	3.0	7.0	16.0
12					0.0
13					0.0
14	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0
RAL					0.0
TOTALS	32.0	23.5	15.0	12.5	83.0

Notes:

1. Where an RVC provided a range, the average was used to develop the goal.

STATE	Meeting Description	Date	Chapter	Region	Number of Attendees (ASHRAE Members)	Number of Meetings	Govt Outreach Form Submitted?	Note if Virtual	Comments
Held	Flood Resistant Design TAG Meeting with MN Dept. of Labor and Industry	7/20/2021	Minneapolis	6	1	1	yes	virtual	Discussion of flood-resistant design and code revisions
	MN Dept. of Labor and Industry and MN Home Builders	8/4/2021	Minneapolis	6	1	1	yes	virtual	Home builders recommended changing footing depth levels based on changing ASHRAE Climate Zones.
	Total State Held:	2			2	2		2	
Scheduled									
	Total State Scheduled:	0			0	0		0	
Planned									
	Total State Planned:	0			0	0		0	

FEDERAL	Meeting Description	Date	Chapter	Region	Number of Attendees (ASHRAE Members)	Number of Meetings	Govt Outreach Form Submitted?	Note if Virtual	Comments
Held	Meeting with Sen. Warnock's office	8/24/2021	Atlanta Chapter	IV	1	1	yes	yes	staff requested Building Decarbonization background; we sent PPIB
	Meeting with Jessica Northridge (DOE EERE?)	9/1/2021	Gold Coast Chapter	XII	1	1	yes	yes	EISA 432 compliance (Discussed usage of ASHRAE Standard 211 to complete Level 1 Energy Audits, and Building EQ to assist in completing the audits)
	Meeting with Sen. Ossoff's office	9/14/2021	Atlanta Chapter	IV	1	1		yes	
	Total Federal Held:	2			2	2		2	
Scheduled									
	Total Federal Scheduled:	0			0	0		0	
Planned									
	Total Federal Planned:	0			0	0		0	

GLOBAL	Meeting Description	Date	Chapter	Region	Number of Attendees (ASHRAE Members)	Number of Meetings	Govt Outreach Form Submitted?	Note if Virtual	Comments
Held	Meeting with the Office of Efficiency Canada and Natural Resources	8/19/2021	multiple	Region II and Region XI	6	1	yes	yes	possible consensus on HVAC&R Standards and Guideline on Single Family Dwellings
	Meeting with Barbados Government	9/9/2021	CARICOM Chapter	Region XII	2	1	yes	yes	discussion on training in Standard 62.1 to mitigate COVID-19 transmission, and promoting additional training and ASHRAE standards
	Total Global Held:	2			8	2		2	
Scheduled									
	Total Global Scheduled:	0			0	0		0	
Planned									
	Total Global Planned:	0			0	0		0	

1.300 POSITION DOCUMENTS AND PUBLIC POLICY ISSUE BRIEFS

(85-06-27-52/88-05-21-53/91-01-24-39/92-07-02-53/
93-01-28-48/95-06-29-39/01-02-01-92/03-07-03-25/
05-02-10-55/05-06-26-15/08-01-20-08/11-02-02-12)

1.300.001 Definitions

1.300.001.1 An ASHRAE Position Document is a BOD-approved document expressing the views of the Society on a current issue of importance to ASHRAE and its members. It includes a concise summary statement as well as supporting documentation, analysis and/or rationale, and recommendations. ~~Position Documents are automatically withdrawn if not reaffirmed or revised within 36 months of issue. Each version of a Position Document will contain the expiration date on the cover.~~

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1.300.001.2 An ASHRAE Public Policy Issue Brief(PPIB) is a one-page brief on current relevant legislative/regulatory issues that are of interest to ASHRAE. ~~An Issue Brief is developed by the Government Affairs Committee and approved by the Executive Committee (ExCom). Each version of an Issue Brief will contain the statement, "This version expires one year after the date of approval."~~ (07-01-31-23B)

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1.300.002 Initiation: Any ASHRAE officer, member, committee or council, or any responsible outside entity may suggest issues for which an ASHRAE Position Document or Public Policy Issue Brief should be developed or may suggest whether existing ASHRAE documents should be revised, withdrawn, or rescinded.

a. Position Document requests should be sent to the Technology Council chair for consideration. Position Documents are produced using the procedures and forms located in the Technology Council MOP. ~~Position Documents are evaluated by Technology Council at intervals not to exceed 30 months.~~

b. Public Policy Issue Brief requests are sent to Government Affairs Committee for consideration. Government Affairs Committee shall make recommendations to create a new PPIB; re-affirm, amend, or expire and remove existing PPIBs. ~~PPIBs are developed by the Government Affairs Committee. PPIB's are developed using the procedures located in the Government Affairs Committee MOP. PPIBs are evaluated by Government Affairs Committee at intervals not to exceed 12 months.~~

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1.300.003 Approval (14-07-02-29)

1.300.03.1 Technology Council recommends publication of Position Documents including changes, to the Board of Directors for approval.

1.300.03.2 Technology Council approves re-affirmation or withdrawal of Position Documents and reports to the Board of Directors for information.

1.300.03.3 The Board of Directors acts on Technology Council recommendations for publication of Position Documents) (14-07-02-29)

1.300.03.4 ~~GAC shall send newly developed, revised or reaffirmed PPIBs for After review and approval by Technology Council or its designee. After review by Technology Council or its designee, comments shall be sent to the GAC, and the GAC shall communicate to Technology Council how it has addressed comments received. GAC shall submit each revision, reaffirmation or withdrawal of existing PPIBs as an information item to ExCom. The GAC shall submit any new PPIBs. Public Policy Issue Briefs shall be sent to ExCom for approval, along with background information describing how it addressed comments received from Technology Council or its designee. Upon approval, information copies shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors, Members Council and Technology Council.~~

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1.300.004 Archiving, Publication and Distribution (12-06-27-19/12-10-26-11)

1.300.004.1 Position Documents

A. The Technology Department shall maintain information concerning the history of development and approval of Position Documents.

B. Position Documents are reviewed every 30 months and are automatically withdrawn if not reaffirmed or revised within 36 months of issue. Each version of a Position Document will contain the expiration date on the cover.

~~A. [The Publications and Education Department shall be responsible for final editing, publication and distribution of Position Documents.]~~

C. Current Position Documents will be posted on the ASHRAE website for free download.

D. Technology Council shall maintain the current list of Position Documents on the ASHRAE website.

1.300.004.2 Public Policy Issue Briefs (17-06-28-11)

A. Government Affairs Committee shall manage the current list of Public Policy Issue Briefs by evaluating each at least on an annual basis and formally decide to re-affirm, amend, or let expire and remove, each brief, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the ASHRAE Board of Directors.

B. The Government Affairs Committee shall be responsible for archiving, publication and distribution of Public Policy Issue Briefs. GAC shall maintain the current list of approved PPIBs on the ASHRAE website. Each version of a PPIB will contain a statement indicating when it expires and shall not be longer than one year after approval.

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Government Affairs Committee Report to EHC

GAC Liaison to EHC: Meghan McNulty

Summer Conference, 6/21/21

Recap of GAC Progress SY20-21

- GAC Winter Meeting Motions, in review by Tech Council subcommittee.
 - “That the GAC recommend to Technology Council that the ASHRAE Position Document on Environmental Tobacco Smoke shall be amended and expanded with regards to cannabis smoke and electronic nicotine delivery.”
 - “That the GAC recommend to Technology Council that the ASHRAE Position Document on Indoor Air Quality shall be amended to make further reference to natural ventilation systems in emerging economies, and ASHRAE shall provide further guidance and design guides specific to natural and traditional ventilation systems.”
- GAC MBO SY20-21 to collaborate / provide feedback on EIB topics and updates, based on recent outreach.
 - See ETS Position Document table below for latest on indoor smoking policies – recent trends include carve-outs for vaping, marijuana, cigar use indoors. Can ENDS EIB be updated with latest research?
 - New Jersey casinos
 - Possible formatting change for EIBs, similar to GAC’s PPIBs ([Public Policy Issue Briefs](#))
- GAC uses ETF documents extensively in outreach efforts. ETS Position Document also very popular with American Lung Association and Americans for Nonsmokers’ Rights. Full list of Letters & Testimony related to EHC topics below.
- GAC recommended that ExComm engage with AASA, The School Superintendents Association. Short-term to share the ETF COVID-19 info, and long-term we can have some insight to school-specific environmental health concerns. Held a joint webinar on May 12th with Corey Metzger.
- Three conference events on Tuesday 6/29 related to GAC outreach this year: Keynote 1, Panel 5, and GAC Meet-up (informal virtual event). Details below.
- Goals next year include making GAC website easier to navigate, organize materials by topic rather than document type.

SY20-21 Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) Position Document in Action

So far, all positive responses to ASHRAE technical resources. ETS PD very much valued by advocates and policy makers.

Date	Location	Partner?	Issue	Outcome
June 2021	New Jersey	Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights (ANR)	Casinos were only indoor location to allow smoking pre-COVID; banned as part of state emergency public health order. Casinos want to resume indoor smoking, believe justified as they improved filtration systems for COVID.	In progress; President letter to NJ Casino Assoc under review by ExComm.
April 2021	Edmonton, Alberta		City ordinance to allow hooka and shisa lounges	Northern Alberta Chapter shared ETS PD; motion not passed
February 2021	Montana	Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights (ANR)	State bill to allow indoor smoking in cigar bars and lounges	GAC RVC sent letter to House Cmt with ETS PD; bill not passed.
February 2021	North Dakota	Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights (ANR)	State bill to allow indoor smoking in cigar bars and lounges	GAC RVC sent letter to House Cmt with ETS PD; bill not passed.
February 2021	Mat-Su, Alaska	Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights (ANR)	City ordinance to allow smoking marijuana indoors	Shared ETS PD with ANR, did not send letter (time constraint contacting Alaska Chapter); bill postponed indefinitely.
December 2020	South Fulton, GA	American Lung Association	City ordinance to strengthen smoke-free laws	Atlanta Chapter shared ETS PD and President letter; smoke-free law strengthened.

SY20-21 Letters and Testimony

From advocacy efforts that reference EHC materials during SY20-21. Updated 6/21/21.

<https://www.ashrae.org/about/government-affairs/policy-positions-and-issues>

Environmental Tobacco Smoke

- 2-16-2021 - [Big Sky Chapter Letter Re: Montana HB 285, "Cigar Bars"](#)
- 2-16-2021 - [Region IX Letter Re: North Dakota HB 1152, "Relating to Cigar Bars and Lounges"](#)
- 12-07-2020 - [Letter from President Gulledge to Mayor and City Council of South Fulton, GA re: Smoke-Free Ordinance](#)

Legionella

- 5-25-2021 - [Letter from President Gulledge to North Carolina House re: HB 909, "Legionnaires' Disease Prevention Act"](#)
- 5-17-2021 - [ASHRAE Letter to Administrator Regan re Legionella](#)
- 5-5-2021 - [Comments of President Gulledge to the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Policy Committee re: Legionella Prevention](#)

IAQ/COVID/schools

- 5-28-2021 - [Letter from President Gulledge to Nevada Senate re: AB 257, "Establishing provisions governing indoor air quality in public schools"](#)
- 5-25-2021 - [Letter from President Gulledge to Texas House re: HB 351, "Air filtration efficiency standards at certain educational and child care facilities"](#)

- 1-28-2021 - [Letter to U.S. Secretary of Education Nominee, Commissioner Cardona](#)
- 1-28-2021 - [Letter to the National Governors Association, Education and Workforce Committee](#)
- 1-28-2021 - [Letter to State and Local Education Commissioners and School Officials](#)
- 1-28-2021 - [Letter to the Department of Education](#)
- 11-24-2020 - [Letter from President Gullledge to New Jersey Assembly re: Assembly Bill 4855 \(A. 4855\), the Statewide Plan for Infection Control and Prevention Infrastructure Improvements in Nursing Homes](#)
- 11-20-2020 - [Letter from President Gullledge to New Jersey Senate re: Senate Bill 3033 \(S. 3033\), the School and Small Business Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program](#)
- 11-10-2020 - [Letter to Co-Chairs of President-Elect Biden's COVID Advisory Board](#)
- 08-26-2020 - [Missouri Chapters Letter re: Senate Bill 12, "Smart and Safe Schools Act"](#)
- 08-20-2020 - [Testimony to the Gwinnett County Board of Education, Suwanee, GA - Meghan McNulty](#)
- 08-07-2020 - [Testimony of Mr. Corey Metzger, P.E. Schools Team Lead of the ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force](#)
- 07-27-2020 - [Letter from President Gullledge re the California Assembly Bill 841 \(AB 841\), the School and State Building Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program](#)
- 07-21-2020 - [Letter to Education Secretary DeVos re COVID-19](#)
- 07-16-2020 - [Letter on COVID-19 Relief Package and the Energy Sector](#)

2021 Annual Conference Program

GAC events on Tuesday, June 29, 2021

10-11 am Eastern: **Keynote 1, The COVID-19 Pandemic and Built Environment: Update on ASHRAE's Response**, with outgoing GAC Chair Terry Townsend speaking about ASHRAE's outreach.

4-5 pm Eastern: **Panel 5**, discussion with Chapter members who used Epidemic Task Force materials in outreach efforts: **To Serve Humanity: The Efforts of ASHRAE Chapters to Help Reduce Risks of Building Related COVID-19 Transmissions**

Track: Future Proofing - Renewable, Regenerative, and Resilient

Sponsor: 7.3 Operation and Maintenance Management, Epidemic Task Force

Chair: Sonya Pouncy, Member, Building Vitals, Detroit, MI

The ASHRAE mission is "to serve humanity by advancing the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration and their allied fields." How do we do that, in general? And, how do we do that in the face of a foe like COVID-19? Panelist members from five chapters and three countries discuss their chapters' efforts to be a technical resource to their local communities as they respond to pandemic. Panelists share their strategies, what worked and what didn't, as well as future planned efforts to raise the profile and reliance on ASHRAE at local community levels.

1. Brazil Chapter's Experience Felipe Accorsi, Member, LG Electronics, Porto Alegre, Brazil
2. Toronto Chapter's Experience Doug Cochrane, P.E., Member, Independent, Toronto, ON, Canada
3. Gold Coast Chapter's Experience John M Constantinide, P.E., Member, Independent, Merritt Island, FL
4. Montreal Chapter's Experience Audrey Dupuis, Member, Pageau Morel, Montreal, QC, Canada
5. Detroit Chapter's Experience Sonya Pouncy, Member, Building Vitals, Detroit, MI

5-5:30 pm Eastern, **GAC "Meet Up"** (informal discussion): **ASHRAE Advocacy 101: How you can help ASHRAE serve society, hosted by the Government Affairs Committee**