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GRASSROOTS GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEES CONFERENCE CALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015 – 9:00 AM ET (USA)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Craddock, 1ST Vice Chair, GGAC
Keith Reihl, 2ND Vice Chair, GGAC
Charles Culp, GGAC ExO
Douglas Cochrane, Region II
Dunstan Macauley, Region III
Bryan Lampley, Region IV
Kelly Crow, Region VI
Brian Lynch, Region IX
Mark Bender, Region X
Scott Seigel, Region XII
Ahmed Alaa Eldin Mohamed, Region-At-Large
Tom Watson, Chair, Advocacy
Tim Wentz, Vice Chair, Advocacy
Steve Kennedy
Cesar Lim

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bert Phillips, Chair, GGAC
Dru Crawley, GGAC Communications Coordinator
William Dietrich, GGAC Consultant
David Underwood, GGAC CO
Richard Vehlow, Region I
Sonya Pouncy, Region V
Chad Moore, Region VII
Dan Merkel, Region VIII
Jeffery Hurd, Region XI
Ng Yong Kong, Region XIII
Ross Montgomery
Jim Wolfe

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Scarborough, Staff Liaison, GGAC

GUESTS PRESENT: Nathaniel Boyd
Ron Gagnon
Vorasen Leewattanakit
Vikram Murthy
Chad Powell
Jeffrey Vestal
Michael Witkowski



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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Rob Craddock, 1st Vice Chair, in the absence of Bert Phillips, Chair.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 17, 2015 GGAC MEETING

Mr. Macauley moved and Mr. Lim seconded approval of the minutes as written.

MOTION PASSED: 14-0-0 CNV

REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Scarborough went through the current Action Items. On the first one, a draft document was circulated yesterday for the committee. There was no update at this time on the second item.

EXO REPORT

Mr. Culp gave a brief report.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Ames sent out a federal report yesterday as he was unable to attend today due to a death in his family.

Mr. Scarborough gave a report on state and local issues. He reported specifically on bills in Arizona and North Carolina.

PUBLIC POLICY ISSUE BRIEFS

It was decided to send out a letter ballot to approve the PPIBs. The deadline for that will be May 15th. Mr. Scarborough will check with Mary Townsend on the ROB for a letter ballot.

RVC/CHAPTER REPORTS

Mr. Cochrane gave a report from Region II. The Province has put out a report on minimum standards in Ontario. The ASHRAE Chapter in that Region is asking for 90.1 and bEQ to be included as alternate paths.



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Mr. Macauley gave a report for Region III. He has a request from the Hampton Roads Chapter regarding an inquiry from the military. Mr. Seigel said he would be happy to help with that.

Mr. Lampley gave a report for Region IV. Two big items are the possible benchmarking ordinances in Atlanta and an anti-LEED bill in the state legislature there.

Mr. Crow had a brief report from Region VI.

Mr. Reihl gave a report from Region VIII in the absence of Mr. Merkel. A bill has been introduced in Texas that the 2015 code could be adopted but trying to move to a six year cycle. This is still in legislative committee. Mr. Merkel sent an email report which is included at the bottom of these minutes.

Mr. Lynch gave a report for Region IX. The City of Denver is moving toward the ICC 2015 codes. He has had a Chapter visit in Montana.

Mr. Bender gave a report for Region X. The Arizona chapters have been very active opposing the legislation in that state.

Mr. Seigel gave a report for Region XII. Last week he spent in Bogota, Colombia with that Chapter. He met with several government officials in that country. He reported that Certification is very big with the government there. Mr. Seigel asked if there were additional funds to help cover travel costs to developing countries beyond what is in our budget. Mr. Wentz noted this has come up in the Developing Economies Task Force on more than one occasion. Mr. Seigel requested that the ExCom look into appropriating more funds for this type of travel as the local Chapters in South America will pay for his lodging but cannot afford to pay for his travel. He suggested an additional \$5,000.00 for travel to Central and South America and Puerto Rico.

Mr. Boyd gave a brief report on what is happening on benchmarking for the City of Orlando. They are seeking to have bEQ become the path to compliance across Florida.

Dr. Mohamed gave a report for the Region at Large. He has visited 4 chapters in the last month. He has been to Turkish Chapter. CRC will be in Istanbul this year. He has been to Hellenic Chapter, Cairo Chapter and Abu Dhabi. He has been fortunate to meet with a number of government officials in each of these locations.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Reihl reported for the Member Services Committee. He wrapped up for Engineers Week. Several Chapters got proclamations. Also CRCs will be coming up soon. He encouraged the Regions to create a web presence for information on their CRCs.

Mr. Craddock had no report for the Operations Subcommittee.



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COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES

- a. New Bill Tracking-Legislative Action Network Software

Mr. Scarborough reported that Votility-Bill Track 50 has been selected as the vendor and the new software will begin on May 1.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Building Safety Month – May 2015 (see detailed description below)

Mr. Scarborough will have a link added add a link from the GGAC web page to the ICC page.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 19, 2015
9:00 am ET (USA)
Conference Call

Mr. Scarborough will send out a calendar invite for the annual meeting in June in Atlanta.

ADJOURN

Mr. Craddock adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am EDT (USA).



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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**



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ACTION ITEMS: From April 2015 GGAC Meeting

1. A request that the ASHRAE Executive Committee look into appropriating more funds for travel to assist the local Chapters in developing economies. It was suggested an additional \$5,000.00 for travel to Central and South America and Puerto Rico be appropriated.

DUE DATE: Immediately referred to ExCom.



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BUILDING SAFETY MONTH AGENDA

This year's nationwide campaign theme is “***Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes.***” In addition, each week during the month of May has a unique theme and sponsorship opportunity to reflect dedication to resilience and safety:

- Week 1 (May 4-10) Don't Get Burned–Build to Code
- Week 2 (May 11-17) Bounce Back Faster from Disaster–Build to Code
Sponsored by PCA
- Week 3 (May 18-24) Water Safe, Water Smart–Build to Code
- Week 4 (May 25-31) Save Energy–Build to Code
Sponsored by AGA
- May 27 Building Safety Month Reception in Washington, DC
Sponsored by NAHB



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REPORT FROM DAN MERKEL REGION VIII

My apologies, I won't be able to be on the call this morning.

A couple of notes from Region VIII:

This week is our CRC in Fort Worth. We are expecting a good turnout.

I have received several reports of chapters obtaining multiple members for their committee. Lately, I have been hearing good reports regarding ASHRAE standards training in local areas for both members and officials alike.

I am excited to hear about these training classes occurring and have been sharing this information with other chapters.

This month in North Texas, SPEER hosted a conference and I am already hearing good news from Oklahoma and other cities in TX about it.

Thanks for your time and let me know if any other questions come up.

Take care,

Dan