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GRASSROOTS GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY COMMITTEE GOTOMEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

2:00 – 3:00 PM EDT (US)

Note: These minutes were approved by the Grassroots Government Advocacy Committee on June 23, 2018.

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GRASSROOTS GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Wolf, Chair
Robin Bryant
Mo Hosni
Bill McQuade
Terry Townsend
Ron Gagnon
Mike Witkowski
Tim Ashby
Jim Arnold
Chad Powell
Jessica Errett
Dave Palty
Jeff Hurd
Nate Boyd
Vikram Murthy
Ng Yong Kong

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Underwood
Chad Moore
Michael Bilderbeck
Andy Manos
Ryan Williams
Chad Smith
Vorasen Leewattanakit
Stephen Gill
Maged Hashem

STAFF PRESENT: Alice Yates

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chair Jim Wolf called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. After welcoming the members, he asked staff to conduct a roll call. A quorum was present.

ASHRAE CODE OF ETHICS COMMITMENT

Mr. Wolf read the excerpt from the Code of Ethics.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

The Agenda was accepted as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 20, 2018 WINTER MEETING

MOTION: To approve the minutes as written

Motion made by Mr. Hosni and seconded by Mr. Murthy.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous by voice vote, chair not voting.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GGAC EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE RETREAT

Update on Retreat Outcomes

Mr. Wolf summarizes the activities of the GGAC Executive Subcommittee Retreat, and referred to the summary report from the retreat. He noted that it was very useful for the subcommittee to meet in person, and that it was a productive use of time. Mr. Wolf asked Ms. Yates to provide a brief summary of her observations. Ms. Yates thanked the members for attending, and noted that they spent a weekend of their own time doing ASHRAE work. Mr. Murthy reported that the retreat enabled the subcommittee to think about the long-term vision of the committee, something that is important, but not always done. Mr. Witkowski noted how important Workforce Development is in the draft Public Policy Priorities, and that without a Workforce, none of the other priorities could be realized.

Approval of Public Policy Priorities 2018-19

Mr. Wolf noted the draft public policy priorities from the retreat are largely similar to the ones from SY2017-18, and will help with continuity of activities. (Per the ROB, the proposed public policy priorities would then need to be submitted to Members Council and ExCom for approval.)

MOTION: To approve the draft Public Policy Priorities (PPPs) for SY2018-19.

Motion made by Mr. Hosni and seconded by Mr. Murthy.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous by voice vote, chair not voting.

Action Item: Staff (Yates) will send the PPPs to Members Council and ExCom for approval.

Recommendation on Name of Committee

Mr. Wolf explained that the Society's Executive Committee wants GGAC's recommendation on whether to rename the GGAC and the DOTH. There is increasing awareness that words like "grassroots" and "advocacy" do not translate well to those in many parts of the world where English is not a first language.

Mr. Wolf reported that at the Retreat, the Executive Subcommittee recommended the GGAC should be renamed to "Government Affairs Committee." Retreat participants agreed that the "grassroots" term doesn't translate well internationally, and the committee does much more than advocate for specific policies, as ASHRAE wants to be known as a technical resource to elected officials and policy makers.

MOTION: To recommend to Member’s Council changing the name of the committee from GGAC to “Government Affairs Committee.”

Motion made by Mr. Townsend and seconded by Mr. Ashby.

MOTION PASSED: By voice vote, chair not voting. Mr. Palty voted against the motion.

GGAC will make a motion at the Members Council meeting in Houston for a name change of the Committee. (Note that if Members Council approves, the name change recommendation from Members Council would then be sent to the ASHRAE Executive Committee for approval.)

Action Item: Staff (Yates) will send to the Executive Committee information that the GGAC has voted to change the name of the committee, and that GGAC will make a motion at the Members Council meeting for this name change.

Recommendation on Day on the Hill title

MOTION: To approve the name change of “Day on the Hill” event to “Government Outreach Day.”

Motion made by Mr. Hurd and seconded by Mr. Gagnon.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous by voice vote, chair not voting.

Action Item: Staff (Yates) will send to Members Council and ExCom as an information item.

Recommendation on Grassroots Government Advocacy Award title

After the April GGAC retreat, Mr. Craddock noted that the name of the GGAC award may need to be changed if the committee name is changed. This issue was discussed briefly, and it was widely agreed that the award name should reflect the name of the committee. (i.e., committee members recommend changing the name “Grassroots Government Advocacy Award” to “Government Affairs Award,” if the name of the committee is changed to “Government Affairs Committee.”)

Mr. Wolf said that this item would be forwarded to the Rules Subcommittee for its action. (This recommendation would also need to be sent to Honors & Awards and Members Council for approval.)

OTHER REPORTS

Days on the Hill

The number of Days on the Hill (DOTH) events have increased from 8 DOTHs in SY 2016-17 to 16 DOTH in SY 2017-18 (12 DOTH have been completed to date, and an additional 4 DOTH will occur in June.)

Federal Outreach Days

In addition, two Federal outreach days took place in Arizona at the district offices of two Congressional House Members. To implement more Federal Outreach Days, staff are preparing a target list of members who sit on Congressional committees relevant to ASHRAE.

UPDATE ON ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Yates reported that the only outstanding Action Item from the previous meeting was assigned to her, and it was for staff to contact Ms. Abrams in the Atlanta office regarding the outreach between ASHRAE Chapters and AIA local chapters. This action item is **complete**. Ms. Yates noted that a Task Group has been created (Chaired by Darryl Boyce) that is exploring ways the organizations can enhance collaboration and to recommend a structure that formalizes those efforts. Mr. Palty also noted that ASHRAE is working in partnership with the AIA on a solar training course (Sunshot Solar Training).

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the committee.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

It was announced that the next GGAC meeting will be held at the:

**ASHRAE ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018
8:00 AM – 12:30 PM
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

ADJOURN

Mr. Wolf adjourned the meeting at 2:33 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice M. Yates, Staff Liaison