



MEMBERS COUNCIL

MINUTES

Winter Meeting – January 21 &
February 3, 2026

NOTE: These minutes were approved by Members Council
on June 30, 2026.

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PRINCIPAL APPROVED MOTIONS

MO#	PG#	PRINCIPAL MOTIONS
4	6	That Motions #25-5-1 and 25-9-9 as amended be approved: <u>Amended Motion: 25-5-1 and 25-9-9</u> That funding for the Chapter Leadership Academy be included in the Society's 2026–2027 budget at a level of \$70,400 and that this funding be allocated on an ongoing basis to support the development, implementation, and sustainability of the program as a critical resource for advancing the Society's mission and fostering leadership at the chapter level.
5	7	That the restructuring of Members Council, as presented in the streamlining proposal, effective July 1st, 2027 be approved.
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9	8	That the Regional Treasurer's role be expanded to train and guide the Chapter Treasurers.
10	8	That the transportation costs for Chapter Treasurers to attend the Finance Workshop at their region's CRC be covered by Society.
11	8	That Chapters in Regions IV, IX, and X be given the option to have their chapter dues (when collected by Society via the online join and renewal forms) be mandatory for all ASHRAE members selecting a Chapter in their Region from the dropdown menu, including Life Members.
13	8	That Motion 25-6-5 be approved: <u>Motion 25-6-5</u> That Society updates the PAOE spreadsheet download to allow for easy sorting and include an overall PAOE category summary
15	8	That Motion 23-6-5 be approved: <u>Motion 23-6-5</u> That ASHRAE Society establish a DEI Category for PAOE points by July 1, 2023.
18	9	That the Dach Chapter, sponsored by Region XIV, whose headquarters will be Zurich, Switzerland, whose geographic area of activity will be Germany, Austria, and Switzerland be approved.
19	9	That the Shenandoah Section (Roanoke Chapter), located in Shenandoah, Virginia be dissolved.
20	10	That the following Section transfers in consent motions a. through b. shown below be approved: a. Florida West Coast Chapter (Region XII) recommends to Members Council that the Central America Section be transferred to the Miami Chapter. b. Southwest Florida Chapter (Region XII) recommends to Members Council that the Dominican Republic Section be transferred to the Miami Chapter.
21	10	That the following Student Branch charters in consent motions a. through m. shown below be approved: a. That the charter of the Ngee Ann Polytechnic Student Branch, (Ngee Ann Polytechnic), located in Singapore, and sponsored by the Singapore Chapter be approved. (Region XIII)
		b. That the charter of the National Sun Yat-sen University Student Branch, (National Sun Yat-sen University), located in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, and sponsored by the Taiwan Chapter be approved. (Region XIII)
		c. That the charter of the BUCEA Student Branch, (Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture), located in Beijing, China, and sponsored by Region XIII - Other be approved. (Region XIII)
		d. That the charter of the UCLouvain Student Branch, (Louvain Institute for Landscape, Architecture, Built Environment), located in Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium, and sponsored by the Benelux Section be approved. (Region XIV)
		e. That the charter of the BVRIT - Narsapur Student Branch, (B V Raju Institute of Technology – Narsapur), located in Telangana, India, and sponsored by the ASHRAE Deccan Chapter be approved. (Region XV)
		f. That the charter of the BVRIT - Hyderabad College of Engineering for Women Student Branch, (BVRIT Hyderabad College of Engineering for Women), located in Telangana, India, and sponsored by the ASHRAE Deccan Chapter be approved. (Region XV)

MO#	PG#	PRINCIPAL MOTIONS (continued)
		g. That the charter of the Shri Vishnu Engineering College for Women - Bhimavaram Student Branch, (Shri Vishnu Engineering College for Women), located in Andhra Pradesh, India, and sponsored by the ASHRAE Deccan Chapter be approved. (Region XV)
		h. That the charter of the Shri Prince Maratha Boarding House's College of Architecture Student Branch, (Shri Prince Maratha Boarding House's College of Architecture), located in Kolhapur, Maharashtra, India, and sponsored by the Pune Chapter be approved. (Region XV)
		i. That the charter of the Symbiosis Institute of Technology Student Branch, (Symbiosis Institute of Technology), located in Pune, Maharashtra, India, and sponsored by the Pune Chapter be approved. (Region XV)
		j. That the charter of the ASHRAE MUET Student Branch, (Mehran University of Engineering and Technology), located in Sindh, Pakistan, and sponsored by the Pakistan Chapter be approved. (RAL)
		k. That the charter of the ASHRAE OOU Student Branch, (Olabisi Onabanjo University), located in Ago Iwoye, Nigeria, and sponsored by the ASHRAE Nigeria Chapter be approved. (RAL)
		l. That the charter of the Applied Science University in Bahrain Student Branch, (Applied Science University), located in Manama, Bahrain, and sponsored by the Bahrain Chapter be approved. (RAL)
		m. That the charter of the Sheetmetal Workers Training Center Student Branch, (Technical Institute), located in Mather, CA, and sponsored by the Sacramento Valley Chapter be approved. (Region X)
22	11	That DL budget be increased by \$40,000, effective July 1, 2026.
23	11	That Motion #25-14-1 be approved: Motion 25-14-1: That PAOE points should be created to recognize professional training courses organized by chapters.
24	12	That Motion #25-12-8 be approved. Motion 25-12-8: That the timeline to access the free conference benefit for new members be extended to three (3) years, implemented by July 1st, 2026.
25	13	That changes to the GAC MOP regarding the Council Representatives be approved.
26	13	That changes to the GAC MOP regarding the Communications Coordinator Position be approved.
27	14	That the Excellence in Chapter Communication Award with the first presentation occurring at the 2028 Annual Conference Plenary be approved.
32	16	That access be granted to the Grassroots Committee Consultant(s), Vice-Chair(s), and Chair to their Chapter and Regional Reports applicable to their respective committee, within the ASHRAE reporting system no later than June 30, 2026, to support committee oversight, mentoring, and continuity of operations.
33	17	That Motion #25-2-3 be approved. Motion 25-2-3: That student members are allowed to be official chapter-level Student Activity Chairs.
37	19	That Members Council recommends to the Board a one-time expenditure from the Future Fund to hire a consultant with Canadian expertise to advise all Canadian Chapters on incorporating as a registered not-for-profit with regards to structure, liability for executive and tax implications so that work may begin by July 1, 2026.

ACTION ITEMS

Winter Meeting W26 - Action Items

AI#	PG#	Action Item	Duty	Due Date	Status
1		DEI Ad Hoc to define DEI member and integrate into PAOE if deemed appropriate (from PAOE motion 22-12-1A)	DEI Ad Hoc		

MINUTES

MEMBERS COUNCIL WINTER MEETINGS

JANUARY 21 AND FEBRUARY 3, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Maston, Chair
Ashish Rakheja, Vice Chair

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

<u>January 21, 2026</u>			<u>February 3, 2026</u>		
Deanna J Adkison	Keith H Reihl	Adeeba Mehboob	Deanna J Adkison	Daniel C Russell	Adeeba Mehboob
Ibrahim M Semhat	Daniel C Russell	Thursten Simonsen	Gen Lussier (ALT)	Colin Laisure-Pool	Thursten Simonsen (v)
Matthew Archey	Colin Laisure-Pool	Meghan K McNulty	Matthew Archey	Jeffery D Hurd	Luis Alvarado (ALT)
Chris A Adams	Jeffery D Hurd	Louise G McKenzie	Chris A Adams	Keiron D Nanan	Louise G McKenzie
Jack J Kibort	Keiron D Nanan	Haley Goslinga	Jack J Kibort	V Leewattanakit	Haley Goslinga
Elizabeth M Zakelj	Eduardo Maldonado	Bob Snow, III	Elizabeth M Zakelj	Eduardo Maldonado	Bob Snow, III
Carrie R Kely	Aakash A Patel	Elise Kiland	Carrie R Kely	Aakash A Patel (v)	Elise Kiland
			Keith H Reihl		

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

<u>January 21, 2026</u>			<u>February 3, 2026</u>		
Sherry Abbott-Adkins	Carrie A Brown	Genevieve Lussier	Sherry Abbott-Adkins	Carrie A Brown	Scott B Peach (v)
M Bassel Anbari	Rob Craddock	Scott B Peach	M Bassel Anbari	Rob Craddock (v)	Buzz Wright
Charles J Bertuch, III	Mahroo Eftekhari	Buzz Wright	Charles J Bertuch, III	Mahroo Eftekhari	

GUESTS PRESENT:

<u>January 21, 2026</u>			<u>February 3, 2026</u>		
Devin Abellon	Suzanne LeViseur	Maggie Moninski	Akshay Bhargava	Steve Grant	Anmol Prabhu
Akshay Bhargava	Ong Ching Loon	Mike Pouchak	Chris Boerkei	Elizabeth Jedrlinic	Charlie Reifenberger
Don Brandt	Corey Metzger	Dave Yashar	Darryl Boyce	Suzanne LeViseur	Matthew Rowe
			John Brittle	Dunstan Macauley	Drew Samuels
			Doug Cochrane	Kevin Marple	Madison Schultz
			Wade Conlan	Erony Martin	Chandra Sekhar
			Ioan Dobosi	Eman Mohamed	Shrief Shrief
			Rob Druga	Lan Nguyen Weekes	Reaz Usmanali
			Sanja Dubljevic	Shaun Nienhueser (v)	Carmen Watson
			Blake Ellis	Bert Phillips	Ali Zahedi
			Vanessa Friedberg	Mike Pouchak	

STAFF PRESENT:

<u>January 21, 2026</u>			<u>February 3, 2026</u>		
Tammy Catchings	Jeanette McCray	Joslyn Ratcliff	Tammy Catchings	Jeanette McCray	Anne Wilson
Neil Gavigan	Ragan McHan	Stephanie Reiniche	Vanita Gupta	Selina Parks	Alice Yates
Megan Gotzmer	Tanisha Meyers-Lisle	Lizzy Seymour	Daniel Gurley (v)	Kirstin Pilot	
Vanita Gupta	Julia Mumford	Pacia Williamson	Jacob Karson	Joslyn Ratcliff (v)	
Daniel Gurley	Selina Parks	Craig Wright	Jeff Littleton	Lizzy Seymour	
Jeff Littleton	Kirstin Pilot	Alice Yates	Staci Loeffer (v)	Leigh Lain Walker	
Rhiannon Masterson			Rhiannon Masterson (v)	Pacia Williamson	(v) = virtual attendee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Winter Meeting of Members Council was called to order by Sarah Maston, Chair, Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 8:30 am via Webex and recessed at 10:00 am. The Members Council Meeting reconvened Tuesday, February 3, 2026, in Florentine IV (P), Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada.

2. ASHRAE VALUE STATEMENT

In 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 shall avoid all real or perceived conflicts of interest. Our culture is one of inclusiveness, acknowledging the inherent value and dignity of each individual. We celebrate diverse and inclusive communities, understanding that doing so fuels better, more creative and more thoughtful ideas, solutions and strategies for the Society and the communities our Society serves. We respect and welcome all.

[Code-of-Ethics](#) | [ASHRAE-Core-Values](#) | [Diversity-Equity-and-Inclusion-DEI](#)

3. ROLL CALL

Those in attendance are included in the list above.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes

5. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

It was moved by Sarah Maston and seconded by Keith Reihl

(1) **MOTION:** That the draft minutes from the October 16, 2025 Fall Meeting of Members Council be approved.

MOTION 1 PASSED. (unanimous voice vote; chair not voting)

6. MEMBERS COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Planning Subcommittee Report (Attachment A)

The following was reported by Colin Laisure-Pool, Planning Subcommittee Chair

(2) **MOTION: The Planning Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-12-1 be defeated.**

Motion 25-12-1 - Region XII; Argentina Chapter:

Argentina chapter recommends to the Region 12 Chapter Regional Committee and Members Council to make the following revisions to ROB 3.300.003.1 (B). The proposed amendments are as follows:

"The Director and Regional Chair (with advice of the outgoing Region Members Council Representative, if possible) shall review the prioritized list of candidates, ~~rank the list as deemed necessary,~~ and send the approved list to the chair of the Members Council.

If the DRC deems it necessary to change the prioritized ranking from the CRC Nominating Committee/Caucus recommendations, before the following caucus starts, shall convene an Executive Session explaining their recommendations, and how that was a benefit to the Region."

(Planning Subcommittee vote: 0-8-0, cv) Planning Subcommittee defeated motion because motion adds an additional step that the subcommittee feels will not work. Subcommittee feels the motion could be revisited when reviewing Manuals.

MOTION 2 (TO DEFEAT) PASSED. (18-0-0; chair not voting)

(3) **MOTION: The Planning Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-12-3 be defeated.**

Motion 25-12-3 - Region XII; Argentina Chapter:

Argentina chapter recommends to the Region 12 Chapter Regional Committee and Members Council to make the following revisions to the nominating caucus form, BF-5, as shown below and in Appendix BF. The proposed amendments are as follows:

(Original) "The DRC recommends that the President-Elect appoint the following for: The DRC should list his/her recommendations below, sign and send to Staff. Recommendations will be forwarded to the President-Elect by Staff.

(Proposed Amendment) "The DRC The DRC recommends that the President-Elect appoint the following for: The DRC should list his/her recommendations below, sign and send to Staff. If the DRC deems it necessary to change the prioritized ranking from the CRC Nominating Committee/Caucus recommendations, before the following caucus starts, shall convene an Executive Session explaining their recommendations, and how that was a benefit to the Region. Recommendations will be forwarded to the President-Elect by Staff."

If Motion 25-12-1 is passed ultimately by the BOD, this motion will be considered a process motion and the nominating caucus form referenced will be updated. While Nominating Committee owns the BF-5 form, Nominating Committee does not own the appointment procedure documented in ROB 3.300.003.1 (B) that is explained on the form. If the ROB 3.300.003.1 (B) is updated then this form will be updated as an administrative change.

MOTION 3 (TO DEFEAT) PASSED. (18-0-0; chair not voting)

(4) **MOTION: The Planning Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motions #25-5-1 and 25-9-9 be approved as amended.**

Amended Motion: 25-5-1 and 25-9-9

That funding for the Chapter Leadership Academy be included in the Society's 2026–2027 budget ~~at a level of \$70,400~~ and that this funding be allocated on an ongoing basis to support the development, implementation, and sustainability of the program as a critical resource for advancing the Society's mission and fostering leadership at the chapter level.

Motion #25-5-1 - Region V; Central Indiana Chapter:

That funding for the Chapter Leadership Academy be included in the Society's 2026–2027 budget at a level of \$70,400 and that this funding be allocated on an ongoing basis to support the development, implementation, and sustainability of the program as a critical resource for advancing the Society's mission and fostering leadership at the chapter level.

Motion #25-9-9 - Region IX; Nebraska Chapter:

That funding for the Chapter Leadership Academy be included in the Society's 2026–2027 budget at a level of \$70,400 and that this funding be allocated on an ongoing basis to support the development, implementation, and sustainability of the program as a critical resource for advancing the Society's mission and fostering leadership at the chapter level.

Planning Subcommittee Comments: The Planning Subcommittee wants to review how the program is marketed and its name to address confusion with the nature of this program. There are other programs that should be coordinated to determine if there's overlap. Allocations per region should also be looked at.

MOTION 4 PASSED. (24-0-1; chair not voting)

- (5) The Planning Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that the restructuring of Member's Council, as presented in the streamlining proposal attached as background to this motion, effective July 1st, 2027 be approved.

MOTION 5 PASSED. (12-11-3; chair not voting)

- (6) The Planning Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that ASHRAE amend *Rules of the Board Section 2.104.015.1 – Meeting Registration Fees* by adding a new Section C as follows:

C. TC/PC/SC Members – Meetings Only:

Technical Committee (TC), Project Committee (PC), and Standing Committee (SC) members shall receive complimentary "Committee Meetings Only" registration for Annual and Winter Conferences. This registration includes access to committee meetings, Board of Directors meetings, Plenary Session, Members Lounge, and conference WiFi/power. Access to the technical program is not included but may be purchased at the published member rate.

MOTION 6 PASSED. (23-2-1; chair not voting)

Planning Subcommittee Information Items

1. The Planning Subcommittee is considering a motion to amend ROB Section 2.104.015.1 Meeting Registration Fees (Attachment C)

Motion: Move that ASHRAE amend *Rules of the Board Section 2.104.015.1 – Meeting Registration Fees* by adding a new Section C as follows:

C. TC/PC/RVC Members – Meetings Only:

Technical Committee (TC), Project Committee (PC), and Regional Vice Chair (RVC) members shall receive complimentary "Committee Meetings Only" registration for Annual and Winter Conferences. This registration includes access to committee meetings, Board of Directors meetings, Plenary Session, Members Lounge, and conference WiFi/power. Access to the technical program is not included but may be purchased at the published member rate.

- b. **Region Operations Subcommittee Report Subcommittee Report (Attachment B)**

The following was reported by Carrie Keltz, Region Operations Subcommittee Chair

- (7) **MOTION: The Region Operations Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-15-1 be defeated.**

Motion 25-15-1 - Region XV; ASHRAE Mumbai Chapter:

ASHRAE consider permitting partners to showcase their product features during technical conferences at student branches, chapter meetings and regional meetings in structured, clearly defined sessions, differentiated from technical papers and seminars, with the dual objectives of

(a) enhancing the technical knowledge of members through exposure to practical applications, product availability and (b) strengthening sponsorship opportunities to financially support chapters in hosting high-quality technical events.

MOTION 7 (TO DEFEAT) PASSED. (17-1-0; chair not voting)

- (8) **MOTION: The Region Operations Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-2-2 be defeated.**

Motion 25-2-2 - Region II; Halifax Chapter:

That ASHRAE permit READ-ONLY access to Chapter CIQ roles for all chapter BOG and Committee Chairs.

Region Ops Comment: Chapter Reports access is available to the positions listed below; Chapters can give access to BOG and Committee Chairs by listing in the CIQ as Administrator. The MCO will be updated to clarify duties of positions with access.

MOTION 8 (TO DEFEAT) PASSED. (26-0-0; chair not voting)

- (9) MOTION: The Region Operations Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that the Regional Treasurer's role be expanded.

MOTION 9 PASSED. (26-0-0; chair not voting)

- (10) MOTION: The Region Operations Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that the Chapter Treasurer's transportation be paid to attend CRC.

MOTION 10 PASSED. (25-0-1; chair not voting)

- (11) MOTION: The Region Operations Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that chapter dues be mandatory for Regions IV, IX, and X.

MOTION 11 PASSED. (18-5-3; chair not voting)

Region Operations Subcommittee Information Items

1. IT has developed a test calendar for CRC scheduling <https://tools.ashrae.org:8225/>
2. Received centralized training outline from Student Activities to create a virtual CT guide
3. Working on Section training and guidance with information received
4. Future items:
 - a. Create a survey for recommendations to modify the chapter health assessment
 - b. Create guide for moving chapter health status
 - c. Create Virtual Centralized Training Guidelines

c. PAOE Subcommittee Report (Attachment C)

The following was reported by Eduardo Maldonado, PAOE Subcommittee Chair

- (12) MOTION: The PAOE Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that amended Motion 25-6-1 be defeated:

Motion #25-6-1 Region VI; Cedar Valley Chapter:

That Society creates a new category of PAOE points for activities related to hosting CRC, beginning Society Year 2025-2026.

PAOE Subcommittee response: PAOE Subcommittee acknowledges the hard work of host chapters but does not agree with having PAOE points that can only be claimed by a limited number of chapters per Society year.

MOTION 12 (TO DEFEAT) PASSED. (17-0-1; chair not voting)

- (13) MOTION: The PAOE Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion 25-6-5 be approved:

Motion 25-6-5 Region VI; Minnesota Chapter:

That Society updates the PAOE spreadsheet download to allow for easy sorting and include an overall PAOE category summary

PAOE Subcommittee response: Staff had this improvement implemented by IT in November, 2025. PAOE Subcommittee sees this as a positive step.

MOTION 13 PASSED. (18-0-0; chair not voting)

- (14) MOTION: The PAOE Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion 24-4-4 be defeated:

Motion 24-4-4 Region IV; South Carolina Chapter:

That ASHRAE Society dedicate and outline the PAOE points & structure for Chapter Sustainability Chairs.

PAOE Subcommittee response: PAOE Subcommittee asked Region Ops for comment; Region Ops does not support a dedicated category (points & structure) for Sustainability. Sustainability Chairs can make submissions to PAOE for sustainability line items to be added to the Chapter Operations category. Regions Ops suggests that Sustainability Chairs be given access to PAOE to enter points that are already included in the PAOE User Guide. PAOE Subcommittee agrees with comment.

MOTION 14 (TO DEFEAT) PASSED. (18-0-0; chair not voting)

- (15) MOTION: The PAOE Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion 23-6-5 be approved:

Motion 23-6-5 Region VI; Minnesota Chapter:

That ASHRAE Society establish a DEI Category for PAOE points by July 1, 2023.

MOTION 15 PASSED. (17-0-1; chair not voting)

(16) MOTION: The PAOE Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion 22-12-1A be approved:

Motion 22-12-1A Region XII; Central Florida Chapter:

Request for the insertion of one new score in the PAOE, which would be complementary, related to ~~female DEI~~ participation in the Chapter CIQ. 50 points would be added per ~~female DEI~~ member on the Chapter CIQ. This change should be for the Society Year 2024-2025, starting on July 1, 2024. (Amended by PAOE Subcommittee 9/26/2023)

MOTION 16 DEFEATED. (0-16-2; chair not voting)

PAOE Subcommittee Information Items:

1. PAOE ad hocs met with chair individually to update each category and streamline where possible.
2. Louise McKenzie to represent DEI on PAOE subcommittee and is working on the new Ad Hoc to have new PAOE category and points ready for the 2026-27 PAOE User Guide/Newsletter.
3. PAOE subcommittee will schedule a final meeting in February to complete draft of the 2026-27 PAOE and submit to President Elect Maston by the end of February for approval. Most of the PAOE preparation work has already been completed, significant work still needed only in two PAOE categories: Communications and, of course, the new, recently launched DEI.

7. MOTIONS FOR CHARTERS

It was moved by Sarah Maston and seconded by Ibrahim Semhat

(17) MOTION: That the Benelux Chapter, sponsored by Region XIV, whose headquarters will be Amsterdam, Netherlands, whose geographic area of activity will be Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg be approved.

Background: The proposed Chapter will combine the Benelux and Belgium Sections and has been in Section status since February 2025 (Benelux Section) and December 2023 (Belgium Section) and has a 3-year strategic plan to strengthen chapter activities. A minimum of 40 ASHRAE Members and Associate Members in good standing in the geographic area within the boundaries of the proposed chapter must sign a petition for a new chapter; 41 such members signed the petition for the proposed Benelux Chapter. The DRC of Region XIV and the Steering Committee Chair signed off on the petition to form the Benelux Chapter.

MOTION 17 PASSED. (18-0-0; chair not voting)

NOTE: The Benelux Chapter petition was deemed null and void due to identified irregularities in the petitioning process. The Board of Directors and all petition signatories have been notified and all chapter related operations will cease. (update as of March 19, 2026)

It was moved by Sarah Maston and seconded by Aakash Patel

(18) MOTION: That the Dach Chapter, sponsored by Region XIV, whose headquarters will be Zurich, Switzerland, whose geographic area of activity will be Germany, Austria, and Switzerland be approved.

Background: The proposed Chapter has been in Section status since February 2025 (Dach Section) and has a 3-year strategic plan to strengthen chapter activities. A minimum of 40 ASHRAE Members and Associate Members in good standing in the geographic area within the boundaries of the proposed chapter must sign a petition for a new chapter; 50 such members signed the petition for the proposed Dach Chapter. The DRC of Region XIV and the Steering Committee Chair signed off on the petition to form the Dach Chapter.

MOTION 18 PASSED. (18-0-0; chair not voting)

It was moved by Sarah Maston and seconded by Carrie Kelty

(19) MOTION: Region III recommends to Members Council that the Shenandoah Section (Roanoke Chapter), located in Shenandoah, Virginia be dissolved.

Background: The Shenandoah Section has struggled to maintain the minimum requirements indicated in

the Manual for Chapter Operations (MCO). Roanoke Chapter cannot find members that are willing to accept the responsibility of maintaining the Section requirements. The section has had zero members and no meetings since 2014.

MOTION 19 PASSED. (18-0-0; chair not voting)

It was moved by Sarah Maston and seconded by Eduardo Maldonado

(20) MOTION: That the following Section transfers in consent motions a. through b. shown below be approved:

- a. Florida West Coast Chapter (Region XII) recommends to Members Council that the Central America Section be transferred to the Miami Chapter.**

Background: After due consideration, the DRC in discussion with both chapters has determined that it would best serve the interests of the Society and the Region for the Central America Section to be transferred from the Florida West Coast Chapter to the Miami Chapter.

Both Chapters unanimously agreed to the transfer to be complete by July 1st, 2026.

- b. Southwest Florida Chapter (Region XII) recommends to Members Council that the Dominican Republic Section be transferred to the Miami Chapter.**

Background: After due consideration, the DRC in discussion with both chapters has determined that it would best serve the interests of the Society and the Region for the Dominican Republic Section to be transferred from the Southwest Florida Chapter to the Miami Chapter.

Both Chapters unanimously agreed to the transfer to be complete by July 1st, 2026.

MOTION 20 PASSED. (18-0-0; chair not voting)

It was moved by Sarah Maston and seconded by Keiron Nanan

(21) MOTION: That the following consent motions a. through m. shown below be approved.

- a. That the charter of the Ngee Ann Polytechnic Student Branch, (Ngee Ann Polytechnic), located in Singapore, and sponsored by the Singapore Chapter be approved. (Region XIII)
- b. That the charter of the National Sun Yat-sen University Student Branch, (National Sun Yat-sen University), located in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, and sponsored by the Taiwan Chapter be approved. (Region XIII)
- c. That the charter of the BUCEA Student Branch, (Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture), located in Beijing, China, and sponsored by Region XIII - Other be approved. (Region XIII)
- d. That the charter of the UCLouvain Student Branch, (Louvain Institute for Landscape, Architecture, Built Environment), located in Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium, and sponsored by the Benelux Section be approved. (Region XIV)
- e. That the charter of the BVRIT - Narsapur Student Branch, (B V Raju Institute of Technology – Narsapur), located in Telangana, India, and sponsored by the ASHRAE Deccan Chapter be approved. (Region XV)
- f. That the charter of the BVRIT - Hyderabad College of Engineering for Women Student Branch, (BVRIT Hyderabad College of Engineering for Women), located in Telangana, India, and sponsored by the ASHRAE Deccan Chapter be approved. (Region XV)
- g. That the charter of the Shri Vishnu Engineering College for Women - Bhimavaram Student Branch, (Shri Vishnu Engineering College for Women), located in Andhra Pradesh, India, and sponsored by the ASHRAE Deccan Chapter be approved. (Region XV)
- h. That the charter of the Shri Prince Maratha Boarding House's College of Architecture Student Branch, (Shri Prince Maratha Boarding House's College of Architecture), located in Kolhapur, Maharashtra, India, and sponsored by the Pune Chapter be approved. (Region XV)
- i. That the charter of the Symbiosis Institute of Technology Student Branch, (Symbiosis Institute of Technology), located in Pune, Maharashtra, India, and sponsored by the Pune Chapter be approved. (Region XV)
- j. That the charter of the ASHRAE MUET Student Branch, (Mehran University of Engineering and Technology), located in Sindh, Pakistan, and sponsored by the Pakistan Chapter be approved. (RAL)
- k. That the charter of the ASHRAE OOU Student Branch, (Olabisi Onabanjo University), located in Ago Iwoye, Nigeria, and sponsored by the ASHRAE Nigeria Chapter be approved. (RAL)
- l. That the charter of the Applied Science University in Bahrain Student Branch, (Applied Science

- University), located in Manama, Bahrain, and sponsored by the Bahrain Chapter be approved. (RAL)
- m. That the charter of the Sheetmetal Workers Training Center Student Branch, (Technical Institute), located in Mather, CA, and sponsored by the Sacramento Valley Chapter be approved. (Region X)

MOTION 21 PASSED. (18-0-0; chair not voting)

8. REPORTING COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 College of Fellows (Attachment D)

College of Fellows Information Items

1. Total giving is not down year to date as the College of Fellows will begin soliciting contributions to their programs in February 2026.
2. The Fellows awarded four students a \$1,000 travel grant to attend the Winter Conference.

Current Contributions
As of January 14, 2026:

Campaign	Total Giving	# of Donors	% of Fellows	Average Gift
2025-26 YTD	\$830	8	1.4%	\$118.57
2024-25 Final	\$5,470	42	7.8%	\$133.41

There are currently 536 Fellows.

8.2 Life Members Club (Attachment E)

Life Members Club Information Items

1. The Life Members began their solicitations in November 2025 and will run through June 2026. They will send out one more mailing in May. This mailing will remove any Fellow members to avoid multiple solicitations at one time.
2. LMC will continue to fund and present the E K Campbell Award Annually. LMC funds this award from its own funds.
3. LMC has moved \$50K from our ASHRAE fund to an endowed account with the ASHRAE Foundation.
4. LMC membership has grown to 7,666.
5. LMC continues to support YEA student travel award with \$5,000 annually.
6. LMC continues to support the Grant-In-Aid projects with \$20K annually.

Current Contributions

Campaign	Total Giving	# of Donors	# of LMs	Percentage Giving	Average Gift
2025-26 YTD	\$26,810	289	7,666	3.8%	\$93.09
2024-25 Final	\$43,874	471	7,463	6.3%	\$93.35

* Totals as of 1/15/2026

8.3 Chapter Technology Transfer Committee (Attachment F)

The following was reported by Heric Holmes, CTT Committee Chair

(22) MOTION: CTTC recommends to Members Council that the DL budget be increased by \$40,000.00.

MOTION 22 PASSED. (26-0-0; chair not voting)

(23) MOTION: CTTC recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-14-1 be approved.

Motion 25-14-1 Region XIV; Israeli Chapter:

That PAOE points should be created to recognize professional training courses organized by chapters.

MOTION 23 PASSED. (26-0-0; chair not voting)

CTTC Information Items:

1. The Distinguished Lecturer (DL) Program has hosted 288 total visits so far this Society (146 out of 201 available allocated visits and 142 non-allocated visits). CTTC reviewed 33 DL nominations and approved a roster of 101 DLs for the next Society Year.

2. We have recorded two Tech Hours based on Bill's Presidential Theme (details below) and plan on recording two additional Tech Hours in the coming months.
 - a. 'IEQ – Codes, Impact on People, and Considerations' with Robert Bean, Erik Miller-Klein, Deborah Steimel-Claire, and Marwa Zaatari has been posted and was announced by Bill at the President's Lunch.
 - b. 'Water and Its Impact on Occupant Health' with Bob Bowcock will be released in February or March 2026.
3. We received 39 Technology Award entries for this year's Society-level competition. The judging panel selected 18 projects for awards. The Award of Engineering Excellence and first place winners were recognized at the Plenary on Saturday.

8.4 Communications Committee (Attachment G)

The following was reported by Thursten Simonsen, Communications Committee Chair

Communications Committee Information Items:

1. Communications Committee reviewed and voted to approve suggestions for the Communications category of 2026-27 PAOE. (Attachment A).
2. Liaisons from Communications Committee attended seven committees spanning three councils during the Winter Conference, including MTG, GAI, CTTC, Publications, TAC, RP, MP and Historical.
3. The committee discussed branding updates to the Wix template for chapter websites currently in beta and anticipates the new template to be available this Society year. As of January 2026 there have been 18 requests for the Wix template, implemented by 12 chapters the WordPress theme has been requested 33 times and is in use by 16 chapters and 3 regions. The WordPress theme will also be updated, and the committee will be working with other standing committees to finalize descriptions of the committees that can be used in place of the lorem ipsum text currently populating the template and theme.
4. Communications Committee put forward a motion to Honors and Awards to establish a Society-level Award to recognize Excellence in Communications, to be given to the best Chapter Chair at the Annual Conference beginning in 2028.
5. Communications Committee continues to build out virtual centralized communications training as noted in the update to Motion 24-7-1. Uniform templates have been created for subject matter experts to build out this spring in advance of the anticipated launch date in Fall 2026. The committee plans to set a date for the Fall 2026 training this spring.
6. Communications Committee is paying close attention to AI as it relates to the potential communication needs or opportunities for ASHRAE members.
7. Communications Committee continues to develop a template document for Chapter and Regional use when soliciting sponsorships that includes various options Chapters and Regions could include as well as how the Chapter or Region would deliver the public-facing/communications aspects of the sponsorship deliverables. The anticipated availability date is Spring 2026.

8.5 Conferences and Expositions (Attachment H)

The following was reported by Kristen Cetin, CEC Committee Chair

(24) CEC recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-12-8 be approved.

Motion 25-12-8 Region XII; ASHRAE Caricom:

That the timeline to access the free conference benefit for new members be extended to three (3) years, implemented by July 1st, 2026.

MOTION 24 PASSED. (26-0-0; chair not voting)

CEC Committee Information Items:

1. The 2026 Winter Conference had a total of 118 sessions and events scheduled, comprised as follows: 63 Seminars, 32 Paper Sessions, 4 Virtual Paper Sessions, 6 Panel discussions, 6 Forums, 4 Debates and 3 Workshops. There were a total of 173 presentations and 212 papers. As of Jan. 31, registration for in-person attendance is 3046.
2. The 2026 ASHRAE Data Center and AI Integration Conference was approved as a society level topical conference.
3. The 2027 Fourth International Conference on Energy and Indoor Environment for Hot Climates brought forward by the Qatar Oryx Chapter was approved as a society level topical conference.
4. CEC voted and passed a motion to update the CEC MOP by adding a SOP for topical conferences and removed the reference to the sponsorship subcommittee and the HQ learning center. 20-0-0 CNV
5. CEC approved the 2027 Winter and Annual Conference registration rates as follows. The 2027 rates are flat, no increase from 2026. 20-0-0, CNV

	<u>Member</u>	<u>1st time Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>	<u>1st time Non-Member</u>
Early Bird	\$ 885.00	\$ 860.00	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 1,135.00
Advance	\$ 930.00	\$ 905.00	\$ 1,185.00	\$ 1,160.00
Onsite	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 1,185.00	\$ 1,465.00	\$ 1,440.00
One Day	\$ 465.00		\$ 560.00	
Life Member/Speaker/BOD/PM/LeaDRs/CEC	\$ 235.00			
SBA/Student Member	\$ 25.00		\$ 55.00	
Companion	\$ 60.00			
One Session – Onsite	\$ 125.00			
Virtual	\$ 560.00		\$ 610.00	
Virtual Reduced (Life Members/LeaDRs/PM)	\$ 140.00			
Virtual Company Package (3-5)	\$ 2,375.00			
Virtual Company Package (6-10)	\$ 4,465.00			
Virtual Company Package (11-20)	\$ 8,375.00			

8.6 Government Affairs Committee (Attachment I)

The following was reported by Meghan McNulty, GA Committee Chair

(25) GAC recommends to Members Council that MOP changes be approved.

MOTION 25 PASSED. (26-0-0; chair not voting)

(26) GAC recommends to Members Council that MOP changes be approved.

MOTION 26 PASSED. (26-0-0; chair not voting)

GAC Committee Information Items:

1. **Information Item 1. Government Outreach Events (GOE):** The GAC set a goal of 100 Government Outreach Events to be held during Society Year 2025-2026. The GAC has so far held **38 events** and has **21 scheduled and planned**. With the majority of the domestic outreach events typically occurring in the Spring when the legislatures are in session, the GAC is in a strong position to meet its goals. The GAC is also reviewing how meetings and events with government officials are counted and how to best assess impact. In the last SY, Voter Voice campaigns resulted in thousands of outreach messages to lawmakers, and campaigns will soon be underway for the current SY.
2. **Information Item 2. Government Affairs Award:** The GAC received a record number of nominations for the Society-level Government Affairs award. In past years, we received between one and three nominations. We believe this significant increase reflects grassroots excitement about government outreach and we want to celebrate the great work of our members.
3. **Information Item 3. Public Policy Issue Briefs:** The GAC approved unanimously the updated Public Policy Issue Brief (PPIB) on Building Electrification. Updates to the other existing PPIBs are ongoing, and comments from the PPSC as well as technical groups from within ASHRAE are being considered. A new PPIB on building commissioning/retrocommissioning is being developed under the direction of Sarah Maston's PEAC, and drafts of proposed PPIBs on infectious disease and electricity generation in building electrification are being reviewed by committee members.
4. **Information Item 4. Legislative Opportunities Related to IEQ:** ASHRAE is seen as the go-to expert on IEQ, and our standards are often referenced in proposed legislation, due in large part to our outreach and advocacy efforts. In 2025, 28 IEQ state bills were tracked that reflected ASHRAE's public policy priorities, with 11 referencing ASHRAE or ASHRAE standards. In 2025, three bills referencing ASHRAE standards were signed into law due to advocacy from ASHRAE and partner organizations: bills in Virginia and Colorado that will improve school IAQ, and a bill in New Jersey that focuses on preventing Legionnaires' Disease. In the 2026 legislative session to date, there are 43 active IAQ-related bills, including 11 bills referencing ASHRAE. We look forward to continued active engagement by our volunteer members – both at the grassroots and with our technical experts.
5. **Information Item 5. Outreach and Advocacy are Strengthened through Coalitions:** ASHRAE's outreach efforts have attracted the attention of other allied organizations and the GAC has welcomed their engagement. This

was evidenced in part by having 8 organizations (listed below) attend the GAC meeting and provide reports.

- a) Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)
- b) Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- c) Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI)
- d) Blueprint Biosecurity
- e) ONE Gas
- f) AMCA International (air movement and control)
- g) Green Building Initiative (GBI)
- h) International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART) /National Energy Management Institute (NEMI)

8.7 Honors and Awards Committee (Attachment J)

The following was reported by Adam Davis, H&A Committee Chair

(27) H&A recommends to Members Council that Excellence Award be approved.

MOTION 27 PASSED. (26-0-0; chair not voting)

(28) H&A recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-10-1 be defeated.

Motion 25-10-1 Region X; San Diego Chapter:

That the ASHRAE Honors and Awards Committee revise the eligibility criteria for the College of Fellows to allow all grades of ASHRAE membership—including Student, Affiliate, Associate, and Full Membership—to count toward the required 10 years of membership. The requirement should no longer be limited to years served exclusively as a Full Member.

MOTION 28 (TO DEFEAT) PASSED. (25-1-0; chair not voting)

(29) H&A recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-RAL-3 be defeated.

Motion 25-RAL-3 Region-At-Large; Pakistan Chapter:

Members serving on the Society Honors and Awards Committee should be eligible for all points-based awards including the Chapter Service Award, Regional Award of Merit, Distinguished Service Award and Exceptional Service Award, regardless of their active service on the committee.

MOTION 29 (TO DEFEAT) PASSED. (26-0-0; chair not voting)

H&A Committee Information Items:

1. H&A voted on recipients for the following awards, which will be presented during Executive Session:
 - a. Distinguished 50-Year Member Award
 - b. Distinguished 75-Year Member Award
 - c. Andrew T. Boggs Service Award
 - d. Distinguished Service Award (DSA)
 - e. Exceptional Service Award (ESA)
 - f. Eunice Foote Decarbonization Award
 - g. Louise & Bill Holladay Distinguished Fellow Award
 - h. Pass-Through and Paper Awards

8.8 Membership Promotion Committee (Attachment K)

The following was reported by Louise McKenzie, MP Committee Chair

(30) MP recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-9-10 be defeated.

Motion 25-9-10 Region IX; Wichita Chapter:

That Society to reimburse travel costs incurred to send Membership Promotion (MP) Chapter Chair representatives to Chapter Regional Conference. MP component of in-person Centralized Training held at Annual Meeting shall be removed and associated funds and requirements shall be redirected from MP Centralized Training to MP Training at CRCs. Virtual MP Centralized Training to be retained.

MOTION 30 (TO DEFEAT) PASSED. (24-1-1; chair not voting)

MP Committee Information Items:

1. New full dues paying members have the option to attend one conference for free within 2 years of joining. The number of members who took advantage of this includes:
 - a. 348 members for the 2025 Winter Conference in Orlando.

- b. 53 members for the 2025 Summer Conference in Phoenix.
- c. Additional analysis on comp registrations for the 2023 Annual Tampa, 2024 Winter Chicago, and 2024 Annual Indy includes:
 - i. Of the **483** comp registrants, only **84** cancelled their membership.
- 2. As part of MP's diversity and inclusion initiatives, our committee supports two Member Resource Groups (MRGs). The intent is to allow members with common backgrounds and interests to network in a safe space.
 - a. New Members MRG
 - b. Professionals with Young Families MRG
 - c. MRGs met on Sunday in conjunction with the YEA Hospitality Reception.
- 3. Our committee participated in the Membership Models Ad Hoc committee to simplify ASHRAE membership. Should the new model pass, our committee is prepared to support the new model, including increased training opportunities and marketing to the whole of membership.
- 4. The MP Committee hosted a successful MP Centralized Training in Pheonix to prepare incoming Chapter MP Chairs, with over 70 attendees and hosted a Virtual Centralized Training on September 12, 2025 with over 80 attendees. The training was recorded and uploaded on MP's training website. This represents 67% of chapters that received training.

MP Committee Additional Information Items:

1. Membership Performance:

As of Dec 31st	Total	Members Paid	Members Unpaid	Students Paid	Students Unpaid
2024	54,432	48,089	1,936	4,604	4,407
2025	54,684	48,497	4,037	4,689	2,150

- a. The developing economies membership program is in its 15th year. In July 2008, just after it began, there were 135 members in developing economies. As of Dec 31, 2025, there were a total of 3,168 developing economy members.
- 2. Membership Surveys
 - a. We continue to conduct new member surveys and review the results. Feedback included:
 - i. Many new members do not attend Chapter meetings.
 - ii. Provide more technical seminars and site visits at Chapter meetings.
 - iii. Satisfied with the opportunities and avenues for growth ASHRAE provides.
 - iv. ASHRAE resources and Chapter events are expensive.
 - v. Too many emails from my Chapter.
- 3. Recruitment
 - a. Brainstorm the tangible benefits of ASHRAE, networking, access to knowledge, and professional growth.
 - b. Brainstorm ideas to encourage employers to support dues payments.
 - c. Assist with implementation of new bulk member discount.
- 4. Other
 - a. Working with the BOD DEI Advisory Subcommittee on DEI initiatives and transitioning to the DEI Standing Committee that will be formed in SY26-27.
 - b. Develop talking points for DRCs and regional leaders to provide thoughts and ideas for them to share with their chapters and how those chairs can start to use those ideas.
 - c. Hosted a successful Women in ASHRAE Happy Hour with over 100 attendees in Pheonix.
 - d. Hosted successful Women in ASHRAE Breakfast in Las Vegas with over 200 in attendance.

8.9 RP Committee (Attachment L)

The following was reported by Haley Goslinga, RP Committee Chair

(31) RP recommends to Members Council that funds reduce from six to three.

MOTION 31 DEFEATED. (3-16-2; chair not voting)

RP Information Items

1. Goal: \$2,720,000

Region	YTD Results	Last Year This Month	% Ahead / Behind	Total Regional Goal	% Regional Goal
I - RVC: Eric Fontaine	\$65,781	\$56,184	17.1%	\$238,000	27.6%
II - RVC: David Sinclair	\$48,443	\$35,607	36.0%	\$203,000	23.9%
III - RVC: Morgan Stevens	\$87,483	\$53,200	64.4%	\$231,000	37.9%
IV - RVC: Erica Powell	\$68,952	\$70,025	-1.5%	\$215,000	32.1%
V - RVC: Matthew Belko	\$82,835	\$75,215	10.1%	\$163,002	50.8%
VI - RVC: Mayra Reyes	\$36,979	\$36,340	1.8%	\$178,064	20.8%
VII - RVC: David Rose	\$45,099	\$39,114	15.3%	\$160,000	28.2%
VIII - RVC: Greg Tinkler	\$105,492	\$129,232	-18.4%	\$397,500	26.5%
IX - RVC: Wesley Stanfill	\$60,084	\$47,607	26.2%	\$291,000	20.6%
X - RVC: Robert Kunkel	\$72,769	\$87,613	-16.9%	\$230,000	31.6%
XI - RVC: Nathan Zeigler	\$28,780	\$36,656	-21.5%	\$189,500	15.2%
XII - RVC: Alexandre Kontoyanis	\$53,089	\$43,799	21.2%	\$151,000	35.2%
XIII - RVC: Chioo Bin Tan	\$19,538	\$35,109	-44.3%	\$55,000	35.5%
XIV - RVC: Alek Andjelkovic	\$3,402	\$1,688	101.6%	\$6,500	52.3%
XV - RVC: Sayani Sri Haribabu	\$4,822	\$8,542	-43.5%	\$14,000	34.4%
RAL - RVC: Omer Kahn	\$18,555	\$15,377	20.7%	\$18,500	100.3%
UNASSIGNED	\$16,875				
TOTALS:	\$818,828	\$771,308	5.8%	\$2,720,000	30.1%
				(Campaign Goal)	

- The RP Committee proposed two training dates for Regions I-XII in society year 2026-27: September 13-14 and September 27-28, 2026. The locations (subject to the availability of venues) will be Denver/Phoenix and Atlanta at ASHRAE HQ. This schedule does not include supporting Region XIII, XIV, XV, and RAL by conducting staff led Training at these Regions' CRCs. We will also continue to offer new Chapter RP chairs a "quick start" online training in July of 2026 so they can get an introduction to the role at the beginning of the campaign year before an in-depth Centralized Training.
- In addition to RP Centralized Training in the fall, which had attendance from 37% of eligible chapters, staff and the RP Committee has held two online "mini-trainings" on fundraising topics. These mini-trainings were attended by 82 ASHRAE volunteers. They are advertised and open to all interested members. The RP Manager also conducted virtual RP Chair training during the CRCs for Regions XIV and RAL.
- The RP Committee was pleased to welcome representatives from RAP (Chris Gray and Stefan Elbel) to discuss priorities in creating the new Research Strategic Plan. The RP Committee and RAP will work together with ASHRAE staff to create new materials for use in soliciting donors and illustrating donor impact on our Research program.
- For the first time, the RP Committee is hosting a social event for RP volunteers and RP enthusiasts at the Winter Meeting in Las Vegas. The RP Coffee Connection is on Sunday from 2pm-4pm. This event has been publicized in *Chapter Notes*, in emails to chapter volunteers, and through the ASHRAE 365 app. We estimate at least 40 people attended.

8.10 Student Activities Committee (Attachment M)

The following was reported by Bob Snow, SA Committee Chair

(32) SAC recommends to Members Council that SAC Chair and Vice-Chair be given access to chapter reports.

MOTION 32 PASSED. (22-1-0; chair not voting)

(33) SAC recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-2-3 be approved.

Motion 25-2-3 - Region II; Ottawa Valley Chapter:

That student members are allowed to be official chapter-level Student Activity Chairs.

MOTION 33 PASSED. (22-1-0; chair not voting)

(34) SAC recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-15-3 be defeated.

Motion 25-15-3 - Region XV; India Chapter:

The ASHRAE India Chapter moves that Society permit each Chapter to submit one application per five student branches to the ASHRAE Design Competition/ Applied Engineering Challenge, determined by the number of active student branches effective beginning Society Year 2026-2027.

***SAC Comments:** Even with this change there is a bottleneck at the Regional Voting that will still exist as our MOP has one submission move from the regional voting to the society level. At both the chapter and regional level a second school can be recommended as a rising star if they meet those criteria. SAC will continue to evaluate our grading procedure to properly balance equity and timeliness of scoring these competitions.*

MOTION 34 (TO DEFEAT) PASSED. (23-0-0; chair not voting)

(35) SAC recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-12-11 be defeated.

Motion 25-12-11 - Region XII; Southwest Florida Chapter:

Southwest Florida Chapter recommends to Members Council that the ASHRAE Student Branch report be modified to only include inactive branches for three years following reaching inactive status.

***SAC Comments:** This can be easily achieved by using the filter option in excel on the date status changed column. Keeping inactive branches in our lists is essential as there are different criteria for relaunching a branch versus starting a new branch. Many Chapter and Regions have been focusing on reaching out to Student Branches that used to be active and no longer are and this data is of high priority for those efforts.*

MOTION 35 (TO DEFEAT) PASSED. (23-0-0; chair not voting)

(36) SAC recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-12-5 be defeated.

Motion 25-12-5 - Region XII; Miami Chapter:

The Miami Chapter recommends that the ASHRAE Society offer HVAC Design Training Level 1 and Level 2 virtually to student members at a flat minimum fee per class, rather than on a per-member basis. The Chapter further proposes that participating chapters or sponsors cover the minimum class fee to support student education. This initiative is to be implemented beginning July 1, 2026, with the goal of expanding access to technical training and enhancing professional development opportunities for student members.

***SAC Comments:** ALI offers group discounts that would be similar to what this motion is requesting. Schools can reach out to ALI about this on a case-by-case scenario. There would be a Fiscal and Staff impact that have not been addressed in this motion and as written we see that significant financial and staff impacts may exist. The SAC does agree and believe in training opportunities but believes designing a more abridged and introductory training designed around students would be more effective. The current 5-day training for Fundamentals I and II is a large burden for students and their coursework.*

MOTION 36 (TO DEFEAT) PASSED. (21-1-1; chair not voting)

SAC Information Items

1. Executive Committee
 - Review of all subcommittees were made.
 - Current PAOE points were discussed and recommendations for changes for SY26-27 were made
2. ABET Subcommittee
 - Reviewed the ABET Board of Delegates meeting in November 2025
 - Leadership has changed as Dennis has timed out of the position.
3. Grants Subcommittee
 - 117 applications were reviewed and scored. Funding for SY26-27 will be locked in during the February subcommittee meeting. \$8,000 will be used to fund travel for the top two scoring teams to present at the 2027 Winter Conference in Chicago.
 - 74 applications were received for the Winter Conference travel grants funded by Life Members Club and the Farr Travel Award. Ten \$1,000 grants were awarded to students.
4. Post High Subcommittee
 - In-person Student Program on Saturday and Sunday of Winter Conference. See [Attachment B](#) for details.
 - 300 students registered for conference with 250 at Student Welcome

- 75 students registered for AHR Expo Student Tour
- One nomination was received for the SA Achievement Award but the candidate did not meet the minimum criteria.
- Student Membership
 - The total number of student members as of Dec 31, 2025 was 6,839 with 4,689 active and 2,150 in grace (1.8% decrease for active students from December 2024)
- 5. Student Branches
 - i) Thirteen new student branches were approved in the 2026 Winter Members Council Pre-Meeting January 21, 2026.
 - ii) Total number of student branches with the newly approved branches is 339.
- 6. K-12/STEM Subcommittee
 - A 3D modeling competition for high school students was piloted in SY22-23 with prize money from the existing SA budget. For the SY25-26 competition there were four submissions reviewed by the subcommittee and the winners will be notified in March.
 - 2026 High School Design Winners:
 - 1st place- Modern School- The Marwanverse
 - 2nd place- KIPS School
 - 3rd place- St. Thomas
- 7. Design Competition Subcommittee
 - The 2027 Design Competition location (Taipei) and building type were finalized and the competition details will be added to the website before the 2026 competition deadline. The drawings and OPR are on pace complete in April.
 - The judging criteria has been updated to collect additional feedback to share with teams.

8.11 Young Engineers in ASHRAE Committee (Attachment N)

The following was reported by Elise Kiland, YEA Committee Chair

YEA Information Items

- YEA has held two successful events since the Annual Conference
 - Fall 2025 YLW 1.0 was held November 7-9, 2025 in Seattle, WA
 - 2025 YLI was held October 10-12, 2025 in Chandigarh
- Leadership U program continues to be successful with four awesome candidates shadowing Society VPs during this conference.
 - Bria Poe, Region VII, Birmingham Chapter
 - Ganesh Ravi, Region XIII, Singapore Chapter
 - Tommaso Dallavalle, Region XIV, Italy Chapter
 - Jacob Brausch, Region X, Sacramento Valley Chapter
- 2025-2026 Presidential Initiative Challenge with President Bill McQuade's theme of Indoor Environmental Quality was a success. 21 applications received, 6 teams won and will be recognized at the President Luncheon in Las Vegas. The 6 teams combined will receive \$46,350 in funds to complete their projects by the 2026 Annual Conference.
- The ASHRAE Connect conference shadowing mentorship program had mentees shadowing a member from each of the following CEBD, TAC, and a TC at the 2026 Winter Conference. Looking to update the program for the 2026 Annual Conference.
- YEA started the YEA Endowment Fund to help fund YLW scholarships to YEA members that would cover their travel and registration fees. The Endowment is currently \$6374.
- YEA Awards
 - YEA Developing Leader Award will be awarded to 5 recipients at the 2026 Winter Conference YEA Hospitality Suite in Las Vegas, NV.
 - YEA Inspirational Leader Award was awarded to Alekhya Kaianathbhatta at the Plenary at the 2026 Winte Conference.
- Upcoming YEA Events and Award Deadlines
 - Spring 2026 YEA Leadership Weekend 1.0 (YLW) will be held in Nashville, TN on February 27- March 1, 2026. Registration is open until February 2, 2026.
 - 2026 YEA Leadership Weekend 2.0 will be held in Vancouver, Canada on May 29-31, 2026. Registration is open until April 24, 2026.
 - YEA Leadership International (YLI) 2026 will be held in Accra, Ghana or Cairo, Egypt on October 23-25, 2026. Registration will open by the end of February 2026.

- YEA Inspirational Leader Award deadline is May 1st
- YEA Developing Leader Award deadline is May 1st

9. MEMBERS COUNCIL MBO UPDATES

MBO Tracking Spreadsheet

[Council & Committee MBO](#)

Quarterly MBO check in meeting dates; 10:00 am – 11:00 am ET:

September 16, 2025	December 9, 2025	March 17, 2026	June 9, 2026
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10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chapter and Regional Treasurer Training – Rakheja/Seymour
- b. Interactive Strategy Exercise (1 hour) – Maston
 - 5 minutes – PLC
 - 30 minutes – Brainstorming (6 groups)

MC Strategy Session 1 - Florentine I MC Strategy Session 2 - Florentine II MC Strategy Session 3 – Florentine III	MC Strategy Session 4 - Genoa MC Strategy Session 5 - Anzio MC Strategy Session 6 – Florentine IV
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 - 18 minutes – Each group report out (3 minutes each)
 - 5 minutes – Wrap up

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion item: update to [Motion 22-2-11](#)

(37) MOTION: That Members Council recommends to the Board a one-time expenditure from the Future Fund to hire a consultant with Canadian expertise to advise all Canadian Chapters on incorporating as a registered not-for-profit with regards to structure, liability for executive and tax implications so that work may begin by July 1, 2026.

MOTION 37 PASSED. (23-0-0; chair not voting)

12. CONTINUED BUSINESS

Honors and Awards Committee – Davis ([Part 2](#))

Executive Session (Members Council 2025-26 voting members only)

13. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 30, 2026; 8:00 am – 12:00 pm | JW Marriott & Marriott Downtown Austin; Austin, Texas

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm

**PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE
REPORT TO MEMBERS COUNCIL
FROM MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 3, 2025, JANUARY 12 & 31, 2026**

November 3, 2025		January 12, 2026		January 31, 2026	
Mbrs Present	Mbrs Absent	Mbrs Present	Mbrs Absent	Mbrs Present	Guests Present
Colin Laisure-Pool	Bassel Anbari	Colin Laisure-Pool		Colin Laisure-Pool	Keith Reihl
Daniel Russell		Daniel Russell		Daniel Russell	Rob Craddock
Adeeba Mehboob	Guests Present	Adeeba Mehboob		Adeeba Mehboob	Sherry A. Adkins
Matthew Archey	Keith Reihl	Matthew Archey	Guests Present	Matthew Archey	Buzz Wright
Christopher Adams		Christopher Adams		Christopher Adams	Eduardo Maldonado
Keiron Nanan	Staff	Keiron Nanan		Keiron Nanan	Carrie Kely
Carrie Brown	Tammy Catchings	Bassel Anbari	Staff	Bassel Anbari	Sarah Maston
Mahroo Eftekhari	Lizzy Seymour	Carrie Brown	Tammy Catchings	Mahroo Eftekhari	Mohamad Fakhoury
		Mahroo Eftekhari	Lizzy Seymour		John P Brittle
				Mbrs Absent	Staff
				Carrie Brown	Tammy Catchings

1. MOTIONS:

MOTION 1: The Planning Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-12-1 be defeated.

Referred CRC Motion 25-12-1 (Region XII Argentina Chapter)

Argentina chapter recommends to the Region 12 Chapter Regional Committee and Members Council to make the following revisions to ROB 3.300.003.1 (B). The proposed amendments are as follows:

"The Director and Regional Chair (with advice of the outgoing Region Members Council Representative, if possible) shall review the prioritized list of candidates, ~~rank the list as deemed necessary~~, and send the approved list to the chair of the Members Council.

If the DRC deems it necessary to change the prioritized ranking from the CRC Nominating Committee/Caucus recommendations, before the following caucus starts, shall convene an Executive Session explaining their recommendations, and how that was a benefit to the Region."

(Planning Subcommittee vote: 0-8-0, cv) Planning Subcommittee defeated motion because motion adds an additional step that the subcommittee feels will not work. Subcommittee feels the motion could be revisited when reviewing Manuals.

MOTION 2: The Planning Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-12-1 be defeated.

Fall 2025 CRC Motion, Region XII Argentina Chapter – Motion 25-12-3 (August 9, 2025): Argentina chapter recommends to the Region 12 Chapter Regional Committee and Members Council to make the following revisions to the nominating caucus form, BF-5, as shown below and in **Appendix BF**. The proposed amendments are as follows:

(Original) "The DRC recommends that the President-Elect appoint the following for: The DRC should list his/her recommendations below, sign and send to Staff. Recommendations will be forwarded to the President-Elect by Staff.

(Proposed Amendment) "The DRC The DRC recommends that the President-Elect appoint the following for: The DRC should list his/her recommendations below, sign and send to Staff. If the DRC deems it necessary to change the prioritized ranking from the CRC Nominating Committee/Caucus recommendations, before the following caucus starts, shall convene an Executive Session explaining their recommendations, and how that was a benefit to the Region. Recommendations will be forwarded to the President-Elect by Staff."

If Motion 25-12-1 is passed ultimately by the BOD, this motion will be considered a process motion and the nominating caucus form referenced will be updated. While Nominating Committee owns the BF-5 form, Nominating Committee does not own the appointment procedure documented in ROB 3.300.003.1 (B) that is explained on the form. If the ROB 3.300.003.1 (B) is updated then this form will be updated as an administrative change.

MOTION 3: The Planning Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-5-1 and 25-9-9 be approved as amended.

Amended Motion: 25-5-1 and 25-9-9

That funding for the Chapter Leadership Academy be included in the Society's 2026–2027 budget ~~at a level of \$70,400~~ and that this funding be allocated on an ongoing basis to support the development, implementation, and sustainability of the program as a critical resource for advancing the Society's mission and fostering leadership at the chapter level.

Referred CRC Motion #25-5-1 (Region V; Central Indiana Chapter):

That funding for the Chapter Leadership Academy be included in the Society's 2026–2027 budget at a level of \$70,400 and that this funding be allocated on an ongoing basis to support the development, implementation, and sustainability of the program as a critical resource for advancing the Society's mission and fostering leadership at the chapter level.

Referred CRC Motion #25-9-9 (Region IX; Nebraska Chapter):

That funding for the Chapter Leadership Academy be included in the Society's 2026–2027 budget at a level of \$70,400 and that this funding be allocated on an ongoing basis to support the development, implementation, and sustainability of the program as a critical resource for advancing the Society's mission and fostering leadership at the chapter level.

Planning Subcommittee Comments: The Planning Subcommittee wants to review how the program is marketing and its name to address confusion with the nature of this program. There are other programs that should be coordinated to determine if there's overlap. Allocations per regions should also be looked at.

MOTION 4: The Planning Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that the restructuring of Member's Council, as presented in the streamlining proposal attached as background to this motion, effective July 1st, 2027 be approved.

Background: MBO #3: With the support of the ExO members of the Council, the Members Council Planning Subcommittee will continue to evaluate streamlining the structure of Members Council standing committees (Similar to what was done in the recent past for Pub Ed Council) and provide recommendations by the Q1.

Measurable metric: The Planning Subcommittee continue to work from last Society year to put forth ideas to streamline the reporting structure of Members Council with the goal of more efficient meetings and best use of volunteer time. Providing all regions and reporting committees the appropriate representation.

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined, but expected to be small. (Example; Costs for having a projector and virtual meeting link for MC subcommittee meetings, because of a larger group.)

MOTION 5: The Planning Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that ASHRAE amend *Rules of the Board Section 2.104.015.1 – Meeting Registration Fees* by adding a new Section C as follows:

C. TC/PC/SC Members – Meetings Only:

Technical Committee (TC), Project Committee (PC), and Standing Committee (SC) members shall receive complimentary "Committee Meetings Only" registration for Annual and Winter Conferences. This registration includes access to committee meetings, Board of Directors meetings, Plenary Session, Members Lounge, and conference WiFi/power. Access to the technical program is not included but may be purchased at the published member rate.

Background: In September 2025, the Conferences and Expositions Committee (CEC) clarified that the "Committee Meeting Only" registration was never intended for Standing Committees and implemented stronger controls to enforce that policy beginning with the 2026 Winter Meeting in Las Vegas. While appropriate to align practice with existing formal policy, this clarification highlighted a gap: SC members, who perform critical Society governance work, were left without a complimentary registration option, effectively increasing the mandatory minimum registration fee from \$0 to \$125 to be allowed to participate in their committees at the conference.

For several years, Society leaders have encouraged SC members to use CMO registration without distinction between TC/PCs and SCs, and doing so had become standard practice and expectation among all SC

members, thus making its sudden clarification a surprise to many, including DRCs who had not planned for the expense in their regional budget. This motion closes the gap by formally recognizing SC participation and codifying complimentary registration, aligning them with TC/PC members and removing an unnecessary barrier to participation.

2. Referred CRC Motions

Motion#	Region/Chapter	Status	Outcome
25-5-1	REG V; Central Indiana	Open	
25-9-9	REG IX; Nebraska	Open	
25-12-1	REG XII; Argentina	Complete	Defeated 0-8-0 CV (11/3/2025)
25-12-3	REG XII; Argentina	Complete	Defeated 0-8-0 CV (11/3/2025)
CMO	Attachment C	Open	

3. MBOs

Council & Committee MBO

MBO #3: With the support of the ExO members of the Council, the Members Council Planning Subcommittee will continue to evaluate streamlining the structure of Members Council standing committees (Similar to what was done in the recent past for Pub Ed Council) and provide recommendations by the Q1. [In Process; Planning Subcommittee continuing work from last SY incorporating feedback to have a final proposal by the 2026 Winter Conference. \(Attachment B\)](#)

MBO #5: The Members Council Planning Subcommittee will prepare a 2-year fiscal plan, including the succeeding year's annual budget for the council and its committees for recommendation to the finance committee by the end of Q3. [In Process; Planning Liaisons have been assigned to the standing committees with a timeline to prepare the 2-year fiscal plan for review by the 2026 Winter Conference](#)

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Planning Subcommittee is considering a motion to amend ROB Section 2.104.015.1 Meeting Registration Fees (Attachment C)

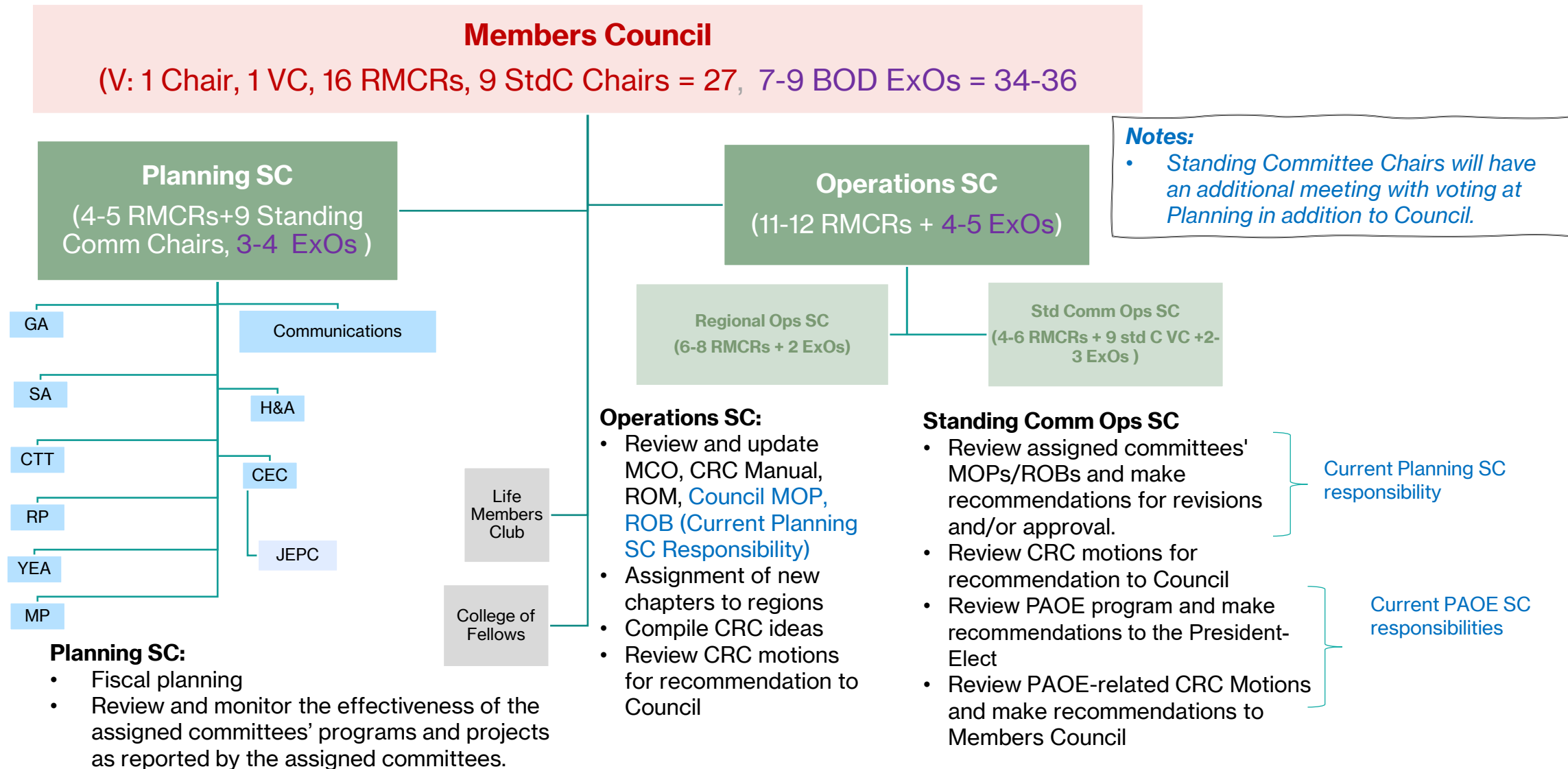
Motion: Move that ASHRAE amend *Rules of the Board Section 2.104.015.1 – Meeting Registration Fees* by adding a new Section **C** as follows:

C. TC/PC/RVC Members – Meetings Only:

Technical Committee (TC), Project Committee (PC), and Regional Vice Chair (RVC) members shall receive complimentary "Committee Meetings Only" registration for Annual and Winter Conferences. This registration includes access to committee meetings, Board of Directors meetings, Plenary Session, Members Lounge, and conference WiFi/power. Access to the technical program is not included but may be purchased at the published member rate.

Proposed Members Council Streamlined Structure – 1a

(Standing Committee Chairs vote at both Planning and Members Council)



Motion Title: Complimentary Committee Meeting Registration for TC/PC/SC Members

Meeting: Winter Members Council Meeting 2026; Feb 3, 2026

Moved By: Members Council Planning Subcommittee

Motion: Move that ASHRAE amend *Rules of the Board Section 2.104.015.1 – Meeting Registration Fees* by adding a new Section **C** as follows:

C. TC/PC/SC Members – Meetings Only:

Technical Committee (TC), Project Committee (PC), and Standing Committee (SC) members shall receive complimentary “Committee Meetings Only” registration for Annual and Winter Conferences. This registration includes access to committee meetings, Board of Directors meetings, Plenary Session, Members Lounge, and conference WiFi/power. Access to the technical program is not included but may be purchased at the published member rate.

Background:

In September 2025, the Conferences and Expositions Committee (CEC) clarified that the “Committee Meeting Only” registration was never intended for Standing Committees and implemented stronger controls to enforce that policy beginning with the 2026 Winter Meeting in Las Vegas. While appropriate to align practice with existing formal policy, this clarification highlighted a gap: SC members, who perform critical Society governance work, were left without a complimentary registration option, effectively increasing the mandatory minimum registration fee from \$0 to \$125 to be allowed to participate in their committees at the conference.

For several years, Society leaders have encouraged SC members to use CMO registration without distinction between TC/PCs and SCs, and doing so had become standard practice and expectation among all SC members, thus making its sudden clarification a surprise to many, including DRCs who had not planned for the expense in their regional budget. This motion closes the gap by formally recognizing SC participation and codifying complimentary registration, aligning them with TC/PC members and removing an unnecessary barrier to participation.

Rationale:

- **Equity:** Complimentary registration is already granted to TC/PC members (per ANSI open-meeting requirements). SC members perform governance work that is just as essential to the Society's operation and deserve similar access.
- **Acknowledgement of Meeting Costs:** There is a real cost to ASHRAE for providing meeting space, A/V, and support services. However, for SCs, these meetings are not optional extras — they are required for the ongoing governance and functioning of the Society and their costs should be offset by broader funding sources.
- **Transportation Reimbursement:** SC members may receive travel reimbursement, but Society does not cover the largest expense — hotel lodging — which remains the responsibility of the member, region, or chapter. Complimentary registration ensures the Society removes the smallest but most symbolic barrier (registration fees) and ensuring equitable access to these meetings through transportation reimbursement should not diminish the importance of also granting a CMO registration option.
- **Demographic & Business-Interest Contrast:**
 - **TC/PC Members:** Often have vested professional/business interest in attending (product development, standards participation) and are frequently employer-sponsored.
 - **SC Members:** Primarily volunteers performing governance work with little or no direct business ROI, often using PTO or personal funds to attend. The sell for SC members to employers about direct business benefit is much more difficult than for TC/PC members, and volunteer time is often much higher for SC members
 - **RVCs** are required to travel for CRC and RPM in addition to the two annual conferences, and in many regions additional trips for supporting chapter visits, therefore transportation reimbursement AND CMO registration option ought to be provided for SC members who are not able to commit the additional time to purchase attendance to the technical program.
 - **Technology and Pub Ed** committees have similar concerns. We have Environmental Health Committee members who are experts in their field and are critically important to committee operations, but who are not focused primarily on ASHRAE. Forcing them to register at a cost may discourage participation. Similarly, TAC members are committed to a busy schedule throughout the conference and may have limited

opportunity to attend programs or take advantage of other benefits of registration.

- **Inclusion:** There are multiple facets of inclusion this motion helps with. One is simply that providing a free committee meeting only registration option to volunteers giving their time offers an inclusive way for them to contribute to the society. Secondly, it has been considered to attempt to identify the most impacted subgroups of the standing committees and structure the CMO to only apply to them (i.e. RVCs only), however doing would almost certainly exclude members in need from this benefit so extending this benefit to all SCs is the most inclusive approach.
- **Volunteer Burden:** SC meetings frequently conclude before the technical program begins, so paid registration provides no real benefit unless members extend their stays (adding even more hotel cost). In these cases, registration becomes effectively a forced donation to Society revenue.
- **Financial Impact:** SC members who took the CMO option represented only ~4% of attendees at the 2025 Annual Conference. The cost of offering complimentary registration is minimal relative to ASHRAE's healthy general fund, AHR Expo revenues, publication profits, and other funding sources.
- **Why not charge a modest fee to these attendees:** In principle, the Society should support and fund society governance activities and not place this as a burden on the volunteer. Other funding sources are available, and in recent history have more than covered the cost of these attendees who have elected for CMO option. These attendees are already bearing cost of lodging for this volunteer role (if not covered by employer or region).

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated at \$40,000. Based on 147 Standing Committee members who previously registered for FREE CMO at the last Annual Conference (Phoenix 2025) and XXX SC members with CMO at last Winter Conference (Orlando 2025) now required to pay minimum registration fee of \$125; This is the best data Society has to estimate the actual cost of this motion to Society as the most recent

Staff Note: 23% of Annual Conference and 12% of Winter Conference registrants are active Standing Committee Members. Total registration cost paid by Standing Committee members in Orlando 2025 was \$XX,XXX and Phoenix 2025 was \$XX,XXX.

MC Planning SC Comment: The revenue generated by registration costs shown in the staff note include access to the technical program for all those who paid a fee, which they would

no longer receive if they opted for the CMO. Every SC member who paid a registration fee during the past several years were presented with a \$0 CMO option during the registration process for those conferences and chose willingly to pay the registration fee anyway. The Planning subcommittee believes it is unlikely there would be a substantial deviation in the number of SC members choosing CMO over a paid registration with the passing of this motion.

Staff Impact: Minimal coding cost for registration platform to allow SC members to have access to CMO.

Volunteer Impact: Additional financial burden put upon volunteers who are already funding their own lodging and time away from work/family to contribute to essential society governance activities. Potential to discourage volunteer participation making it even more difficult to find the highest quality volunteers.

**REGION OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
REPORT TO MEMBERS COUNCIL
FROM MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 1, 2025 AND FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

<u>December 1, 2025</u>		<u>February 1, 2026</u>	
Members Present	Members Absent	Members Present	Members Absent
Carrie Kelty, Chair	Vorasan Leewattanakit	Carrie Kelty, Chair	
Keith Reihl		Keith Reihl	
Jeffery D Hurd		Jeffery D Hurd	
Ibrahim M Semhat		Ibrahim M Semhat	
Jack J Kibort		Jack J Kibort	
Sherry Abbott-Adkins	Staff	Sherry Abbott-Adkins	Staff
Genevieve Lussier	Tammy Catchings	Genevieve Lussier	Tammy Catchings
Buzz Wright	Lizzy Seymour	Buzz Wright	Lizzy Seymour
		Vorasan Leewattanakit	

1. MOTIONS:

MOTION 1: The Region Operations Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion #25-15-1 be defeated

Referred CRC Motion 25-15-1 (Region XV ASHRAE Mumbai Chapter)

ASHRAE consider permitting partners to showcase their product features during technical conferences at student branches, chapter meetings and regional meetings in structured, clearly defined sessions, differentiated from technical papers and seminars, with the dual objectives of

- (a) enhancing the technical knowledge of members through exposure to practical applications, product availability and
- (b) strengthening sponsorship opportunities to financially support chapters in hosting high-quality technical events.

MOTION DEFEATED by Region Ops 0-8-0 (A showcase event as described in the motion can be implemented as long as the commercialism policy and ASHRAE Guiding Principles are met – MCO 5.8 and ROB 1.201.009.3.C)

2. STATUS OF REFERRED CRC MOTIONS

2025 Motions		
Region II/Halifax Chapter	<u>Motion #25-2-2</u> That ASHRAE permit READ-ONLY access to Chapter CIQ roles for all chapter BOG and Committee Chairs.	Open

3. MBOs

Council & Committee MBO

MBO #2 The Regional Operations Subcommittee will annually assess Chapter Health with support from the RMCRs and develop a chapter support strategy with actions for the Council to take if chapters are continuing to be identified as struggling, weak, or failing. [In Process; request updates from RMCRs after the final fall CRC.](#)

MBO #4 The Regional Operations Subcommittee will provide recommendations on best practices and methods for centralized training efforts for non-grassroots committees. [In Process; consulting with SA to provide an initial guidance/outline for a proposed virtual CT guide.](#)

MBO #7 The Regional Operations Subcommittee will define and document a standardized CRC scheduling process to be added to the CRC Manual to assist in CRC planning. [In Process; testing CRC calendar options to create visual confirmation for each region.](#)

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. IT has developed a test calendar for CRC scheduling <https://tools.ashrae.org:8225/>
2. Received centralized training outline from Student Activities to create a virtual CT guide
3. Working on Section training and guidance with information received
4. Future items:
 - a. Create a survey for recommendations to modify the chapter health assessment
 - b. Create guide for moving chapter health status
 - c. Create Virtual Centralized Training Guidelines

**PAOE SUBCOMMITTEE
REPORT TO MEMBERS COUNCIL
FROM MEETING(s) OF NOVEMBER 20, 2025 and JANUARY 6, 2026**

<u>November 20, 2025</u>		<u>January 6, 2026</u>	
Mbrs Present	Mbrs Absent	Mbrs Present	Mbrs Absent
Eduardo Maldonado	Sandeep Mendiratta	Eduardo Maldonado	Aakash Patel
Aakash Patel	Andrew Manos	Deanna Adkison	Rob Craddock
Deanna Adkison		Elizabeth Zakelj	Andrew Manos
Elizabeth Zakelj	Guests Present	Scott Peach	Elizabeth Jedrlinic
Scott Peach	R. Schrecengost	Charles Bertuch	
Rob Craddock		Sandeep Mendiratta	Guests Present
Charles Bertuch		Abhi Khurana	Keith Reihl
Abhi Khurana	Staff	Mick Schwedler	Darcy Carbone
Rob Druga	Tammy Catchings	Rob Druga	
Mick Schwedler	Lizzy Seymour	Omar Rojas	Staff
Omar Rojas		Louise McKenzie	Tammy Catchings
Elizabeth Jedrlinic			Pacia Williamson

1. Motions <https://crcmotion.ashrae.org/>

MOTION 1: The PAOE Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that amended Motion 25-6-1 be defeated:

Motion #25-6-1

That Society creates a new category of PAOE points for activities related to hosting CRC, beginning Society Year 2025-2026. (PAOE Subcommittee vote: 0-7-1, cnv)

PAOE Subcommittee response: PAOE Subcommittee acknowledges the hard work of host chapters but does not agree with having PAOE points that can only be claimed by a limited number of chapters per Society year.

MOTION 2: The PAOE Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion 25-6-5 be approved:

Motion 25-6-5

That Society updates the PAOE spreadsheet download to allow for easy sorting and include an overall PAOE category summary (PAOE Subcommittee vote: 8-0-0, cnv)

PAOE Subcommittee response: Staff had this improvement implemented by IT in November, 2025. PAOE Subcommittee sees this as a positive step.

MOTION 3: The PAOE Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion 24-4-4 be defeated:

Motion 24-4-4

That ASHRAE Society dedicate and outline the PAOE points & structure for Chapter Sustainability Chairs. (PAOE Subcommittee vote: 0-8-0, cnv)

PAOE Subcommittee response: PAOE Subcommittee asked Region Ops for comment; Region Ops does not support a dedicated category (points & structure) for Sustainability. Sustainability Chairs can make submissions to PAOE for sustainability line items to be added to the Chapter Operations category. Regions Ops suggests that Sustainability Chairs be given access to PAOE to enter points that are already included in the PAOE User Guide. PAOE Subcommittee agrees with comment.

MOTION 4: The PAOE Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion 23-6-5 be approved:

Motion 23-6-5

That ASHRAE Society establish a DEI Category for PAOE points by July 1, 2023. (PAOE Subcommittee vote: 9-0-0, cnv)

MOTION 5: The PAOE Subcommittee recommends to Members Council that Motion 22-12-1A be approved:

Motion 22-12-1A

Request for the insertion of one new score in the PAOE, which would be complementary, related to ~~female~~ **DEI** participation in the Chapter CIQ. 50 points would be added per ~~female~~ **DEI** member on the Chapter CIQ. This change should be for the Society Year 2024-2025, starting on July 1, 2024. (Amended by PAOE Subcommittee 9/26/2023)

2. Status of Referred Motions <https://crcmotion.ashrae.org/>

Motion #	Region/Chapter	Status	Outcome
25-14-1	REG XIV; Israeli	Open	Referred to CTTC for recommendation
25-12-6A	REG XII; Miami	Complete	Passed by Mbrs Council 10/16/2025
25-9-7	REG IX; Nebraska	In Process	Passed by Mbrs Council 10/16/2025
25-6-1	REG VI; Cedar Valley	Defeated	Recommend to MC in Vegas
25-6-5	REG VI; Minnesota	Passed	Recommend to MC in Vegas
24-4-4	REG IV; South Carolina	Defeated	Recommend to MC in Vegas
23-6-5	REG VI; Minnesota	Passed	Recommend to MC in Vegas
22-12-1A	REG XII; Brasil	Passed	Recommend to MC in Vegas

2025 Motions		
Region XIV/Israeli Chapter	Motion #25-14-1: That PAOE points should be created to recognize professional training courses organized by chapters. Discussion ongoing. CTTC being asked to provide a possible proposal (at 10/15/2025 meeting)	Open – Referred to CTTC
Region VI/Cedar Valley Chapter	Motion 25-6-1: That Society creates a new category of PAOE points for activities related to hosting CRC, beginning Society Year 2025-2026. Motion defeated by PAOE 0-7-1 cnv; recommend to Members Council	Open
Region VI/Minnesota Chapter	Motion 25-6-5: That Society updates the PAOE spreadsheet download to allow for easy sorting and include an overall PAOE category summary Motion passed by PAOE 8-0-0 cnv; recommend to Members Council	Open

2024 Motions		
Region IV/South Carolina Chapter	Motion #24-4-4: That ASHRAE Society dedicate and outline the PAOE points & structure for Chapter Sustainability Chairs. Region Operations Subcommittee Answer: Region Ops does not support a dedicated category (points & structure) for Sustainability. Sustainability Chairs can make submissions to PAOE for sustainability line items to be added to the Chapter Operations category. Regions Ops suggests that Sustainability Chairs be given access to PAOE to enter points that are already included in the PAOE User Guide. Motion defeated by PAOE 0-8-0 cnv; recommend to Members Council	Open

2023 Motions		
Region VI/Minnesota Chapter (5/5/2023)	Motion #23-6-5: That ASHRAE Society establish a DEI Category for PAOE points by July 1, 2023. Motion passed by PAOE 9-0-0 cnv; recommend to Members Council	Open

2022 Motions		
Region XII/Brasil Chapter	Motion #22-12-1 Request for the insertion of one new score in the PAOE, which would be complementary, related to female participation in the Chapter CIQ. 50 points would be added per female member on the Chapter CIQ. This change should be for the Society Year 2023-2024, starting on July 1, 2023. Amended Motion: Request for the insertion of one new score in the PAOE, which would be complementary, related to female DEI participation in the Chapter CIQ. 50 points would be added per female DEI member on the Chapter CIQ. This change should be for the Society Year 2024-2025, starting on July 1, 2024. Amended (PAOE Subcommittee 9/26/2023) Update/Official Response: [From 2023-2024 PAOE Subcommittee] PAOE Subcommittee agrees with the intent of the motion but is further exploring way to include other underrepresented members in the next round of PAOE (2025-2026). Motion passed by PAOE 9-0-0 cnv; recommend to Members Council	Open

3. Updates on Presidential Theme:

2026-27 Presidential Initiatives

4. Review of MBOs

Council & Committee MBO

MBO #1: With the support of the DEI Investigative Ad Hoc, the PAOE Subcommittee will create a new DEI category for PAOE. **In progress;** DEI PAOE ad hoc working on category and points for 2026-27

MBO #6: With support of the Historical Committee, the PAOE Subcommittee will refine and reevaluate the points and line items in the History PAOE category. **In progress.** First analysis by Historical representative presented. After lengthy discussions at SubCommittee level, History Committee addressed the list of the current History PAOE and, except for the reintroduction of an item that has been removed for PAOE 2025-26 (regarding digitizing chapter historical archives), and concluded that it does not see any need to change the list of PAOE for 26-27 because it considers the current PAOE list to be complete and addressing all the relevant work of chapter historians. So, for PAOE 26-27 relative to PAOE 25-26, there will be one line item reintroduced and no other changes.

Information Items:

1. PAOE ad hocs met with chair individually to update each category and streamline where possible.
2. Louise McKenzie to represent DEI on PAOE subcommittee and is working on the new Ad Hoc to have new PAOE category and points ready for the 2026-27 PAOE User Guide/Newsletter.
3. PAOE subcommittee will schedule a final meeting in February to complete draft of the 2026-27 PAOE and submit to President Elect Maston by the end of February for approval. Most of the PAOE preparation work has already been completed, significant work still needed only in two PAOE categories: Communications and, of course, the new, recently launched DEI.

COLLEGE OF FELLOWS
Report to Members Council
In Advance of Meeting of 2/1/26

Members Present

Members Absent

Guests

Motions

None.

Status of Referred Motions

None.

Information Items

Current Contributions

As of January 14, 2026:

Campaign	Total Giving	# of Donors	% of Fellows	Average Gift
2025-26 YTD	\$830	8	1.4%	\$118.57
2024-25 Final	\$5,470	42	7.8%	\$133.41

There are currently 536 Fellows.

Information Items

1. Total giving is not down year to date as the College of Fellows will begin soliciting contributions to their programs in February 2026.
2. The Fellows awarded four students a \$1,000 travel grant to attend the Winter Conference.

MBO Update

None.

Attachments

None.

LIFE MEMBERS CLUB
Report to Members Council
In Advance of Meeting 2/3/26

Members Present

Members Absent

Guests

Staff

Motions

None.

Status of Referred Motions

None.

Information Items

Current Contributions

Campaign	Total Giving	# of Donors	# of LMs	Percentage Giving	Average Gift
2025-26 YTD	\$26,810	289	7,666	3.8%	\$93.09
2024-25 Final	\$43,874	471	7,463	6.3%	\$93.35

* Totals as of 1/15/2026

Information Items

1. The Life Members began their solicitations in November 2025 and will run through June 2026. They will send out one more mailing in May. This mailing will remove any Fellow members to avoid multiple solicitations at one time.
2. LMC will continue to fund and present the E K Campbell Award Annually. LMC funds this award from its own funds.
3. LMC has moved \$50K from our ASHRAE fund to an endowed account with the ASHRAE Foundation.
4. LMC membership has grown to 7,666.
5. LMC continues to support YEA student travel award with \$5,000 annually.
6. LMC continues to support the Grant-In-Aid projects with \$20K annually.

MBO Update

None.

Attachments

None.

CHAPTER TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER COMMITTEE (CTTC)

Report to Members Council
From Meetings of January 30-31, 2026

Members Present

Heric Holmes
Elizabeth Zakelj
Abhi Khurana
Murat Bayramoglu
Mike Boudreau
Stephanie Mages
Don Gariepy
Matthew Klok
Eric Johansen
Kevin Muldoon
Steven McConnell
David Griffin
Nikola Kravik
Sierra Spitulski
Esteban Baccini
Richard Hung-Wen Lin
Conor Murray
Krishna Mitra
Mohamed Heider
Kenneth Shifflett
Sivakumar Gadam
Charles Bertuch

Members Absent

Guests

Sarah Rock
Samir Traboulsi
Stephen Duda
Matt Archey
Sherry Abbot-Adkins
Erony Martin
Buzz Wright
Chrysostomos Bouras
Nikolaos Nikolopoulos
Eduardo Maldonado
Keiron Nanan
Bruce Lindsay
Mark Fly
Howard Neville
Jack Kibort
Darryl Sandlin
Sandeep Mendiratta
Chris Krieps
Julia Keen
Rob Craddock
Carrie Kelty
Alireza Zahedi
Shitong Zha

Staff

Rhiannon Masterson
Anastasia Meadows

Motions:

Motion 1: The Chapter Technology Transfer Committee recommends to Members Council to increase the DL budget by \$40,000, effective July 1, 2026.

Background: We would like to increase our current budget from \$220,000 to \$260,000. The cost of DL travel has increased from an average of \$1,171 to \$1,312 per visit since last year (12% increase). We do not currently have enough funds to cover the number of DL allocated visits for this Society Year (we have 201 allocated visits, and will need to limit that to 168 allocated visits to stay within budget). CTTC will also look into sponsorship opportunities to help cover these increased travel costs.

Fiscal Impact: \$40,000

Staff Impact: Minimal

Vote: 19-0-1 CNV

Motion 2: The Chapter Technology Transfer Committee recommends to Members Council to approve Referred Motion 25-14-1, Fall 2025 CRC, Region XIV, Israeli

Chapter: That PAOE points should be created to recognize professional training courses organized by chapters.

Background: CTTC supports recognizing chapters for the effort needed to create professional training. PAOE line item CT24 for the 2026-27 Society Year addresses this motion. The maximum points for that category will be increased from 600 to 1000, which will also increase the minimum to 1000 and par to 2000.

Fiscal Impact: None

Staff Impact: None

CRC Vote: 5-0-5 CNV

CTTC Vote: 20-0-0 CNV Approved

Status of Referred Motions

Motion #	Region/Chapter	Status	Vote	Comments
25-7-1	REG VII; Bluegrass; ASHRAE Technology Application Form and Instructions form be revised to clarify submission can be submitted in ASHRAE member assigned region or in project location region.	Closed	2-18-0 Defeated	The intent of the Technology Awards is to recognize the ASHRAE members who were involved with the design of the project. This requested change could also impact the existing Chapter-level competition.

Information Items

1. The Distinguished Lecturer (DL) Program has hosted 288 total visits so far this Society (146 out of 201 available allocated visits and 142 non-allocated visits). CTTC reviewed 33 DL nominations and approved a roster of 101 DLs for the next Society Year.
2. We have recorded two Tech Hours based on Bill's Presidential Theme (details below) and plan on recording two additional Tech Hours in the coming months.
 - a. 'IEQ – Codes, Impact on People, and Considerations' with Robert Bean, Erik Miller-Klein, Deborah Steimel-Claire, and Marwa Zaatari has been posted and was announced by Bill at the President's Lunch.
 - b. 'Water and Its Impact on Occupant Health' with Bob Bowcock will be released in February or March 2026.
3. We received 39 Technology Award entries for this year's Society-level competition. The judging panel selected 18 projects for awards. The Award of Engineering Excellence and first place winners were recognized at the Plenary on Saturday.

MBO Update

All updates have been included within the main [MBO tracking spreadsheet](#).

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to Members Council

From Meeting of January 31, 2026

Members Present

Thursten Simonsen, Chair
Sandeep Mendiratta, Vice Chair
Franco D'Atri
Brad White
Ana Perez-Bustamante Garcia
David Roberts
Carrie Brown, BOD-Ex-O

Members Absent

Jeanette Hay
Waqar Shah
Sarah Maston, CO

Guests

Francis Mills
Mohammed Murtaza
Chrysostomos Bouras
Tom Pollard
Steven Gerazounis
Tejeshkumar Bagul
Nileshkumar Mayani
Buzz Wright
Charlie Reifenberger
Elnaz Norouzi
Herlin Herlianika
Caroline Kelty
Nicolas Estefanell
Money Khanna

Staff

Joslyn Ratcliff

Motions

Communications Committee has no motions to bring forward to Members Council.

Consent Motions:

Communications Committee has no consent motions to bring forward to Members Council.

Status of Referred Motions

<u>Motion #</u>	<u>Region/Chapter</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Comments*</u>
24-7-1	REG VII, Bluegrass	In Progress		<u>Communications Committee is working on a curriculum for virtual centralized training. Modules have been identified and assigned within the committee to be created, with an aim of setting a date in Fall 2026 for the training to take place.</u>

Information Items

1. Communications Committee reviewed and voted to approve suggestions for the Communications category of 2026-27 PAOE. (Attachment A).

2. Liaisons from Communications Committee attended seven committees spanning three councils during the Winter Conference, including MTG, GAI, CTTC, Publications, TAC, RP, MP and Historical.
3. The committee discussed branding updates to the Wix template for chapter websites currently in beta and anticipates the new template to be available this Society year. As of January 2026 there have been 18 requests for the Wix template, implemented by 12 chapters the WordPress theme has been requested 33 times and is in use by 16 chapters and 3 regions. The WordPress theme will also be updated, and the committee will be working with other standing committees to finalize descriptions of the committees that can be used in place of the lorem ipsum text currently populating the template and theme.
4. Communications Committee put forward a motion to Honors and Awards to establish a Society-level Award to recognize Excellence in Communications, to be given to the best Chapter Chair at the Annual Conference beginning in 2028.
5. Communications Committee continues to build out virtual centralized communications training as noted in the update to Motion 24-7-1. Uniform templates have been created for subject matter experts to build out this spring in advance of the anticipated launch date in Fall 2026. The committee plans to set a date for the Fall 2026 training this spring.
6. Communications Committee is paying close attention to AI as it relates to the potential communication needs or opportunities for ASHRAE members.
7. Communications Committee continues to develop a template document for Chapter and Regional use when soliciting sponsorships that includes various options Chapters and Regions could include as well as how the Chapter or Region would deliver the public-facing/communications aspects of the sponsorship deliverables. The anticipated availability date is Spring 2026.

MBO Update

MBOs are updated in the [Council & Committee MBO](#) tracking application.

Attachments

[Attachment A](#) (2026-27 Communications PAOE Suggestions)

Attachment A

MINIMUM: 300 POINTS		PAR: 700 POINTS
Presidential Initiatives:		
CC1	25 points; (25 points maximum)	For posting a narrative and link for the current ASHRAE Society Theme on the chapter website
CC2	5 points; (100 points maximum)	For each chapter social media posting, with photo, supporting the current ASHRAE Society Theme
CC3	50 points; (200 points maximum)	For each chapter member or chapter event that is featured through broadcast media, podcast, video or written articles that feature ASHRAE.
CC4	50 points; (no maximum)	For each podcast of at least 10 minutes with a chapter member who has 15+ years tenure in ASHRAE, is a Fellow ASHRAE Member, or is a Life Member. Mention of ASHRAE should be included in the podcast.
CC5	50 points each; (no maximum)	For each presentation/podcast/panel discussion between two individuals, one involved in grassroots and the other technical, sharing why people should be involved in both aspects of ASHRAE
Efficient use of volunteers' time:		
		WEBSITE:
CC6.1	100 points; (100 points maximum)	For updating the chapter website with current officer information by October 1
CC6.2	50 points; (50 points maximum)	For updating the chapter website with chapter program schedule for the year by October 1
CC6.3	50 points; (50 points maximum)	For listing a contact email address on the chapter's website in an obvious location, such as the footer or a Contact page
CC6.4	20 points; (240 points maximum)	For each month that updated information, news, or images are posted to the chapter's homepage. Excludes posting the chapter newsletter or social media widgets
CC6.5	10 points; (120 points maximum)	For posting a monthly newsletter to the website within 15 days of publishing
CC6.6	10 points; (100 points maximum)	For promotion of Society events, certifications, or products on the chapter website using the materials available in Marketing Central at ASHRAE.org. (10 pts per promotion, per month only)
CC6.7	50 points (50 points maximum)	For posting a summary of the previous years notable historical events and activities by October 1 on the chapter website
CC6.8	50 points; (50 points maximum)	For listing Disclaimer on homepage as specifically listed in the current ASHRAE Web Policy document with www.ashrae.org address linked to the Society homepage. The disclaimer is as follows: This web site is maintained by the (name of Chapter, Section or Student Branch) of ASHRAE. It does not present official positions of the Society nor reflect Society policy. ASHRAE chapters may not act for the Society and the information presented here has not had Society review. To learn more about ASHRAE activities on an international level, contact the ASHRAE home page at http://www.ashrae.org ."
		SOCIAL MEDIA:
CC7.1	10 points; (50 points maximum)	10 points per 10% growth per Social Media Channel compared to previous year.

CC7.2	20 points; (240 points maximum)	For each month there is at least one post featuring an event photo from the last 30 days (20 points per month)
CC7.3	10 points; (100 points maximum)	For public posts that tag or mention Society accounts in the post message
CC7.4	10 points per post; (50 points maximum)	For public post that uses the hashtag #myashrae
CC7.5	25 points; (no maximum)	For each social media post where a member illustrates how certification has helped their career
CC7.6	10 points; (100 points maximum)	For each post on chapter's social media forum by a chapter member who has 15+ years tenure in ASHRAE, is a Fellow ASHRAE Member, or is a Life Member.
		COLLABORATION TOOLS:
CC8.1	100 points; (100 points maximum)	For using Society-provided Basecamp tool for chapter leadership business in place of other digital collaboration tools (email, GoogleDrive, Box, DropBox, etc.)
CC8.2	10 points; (100 points maximum)	For adding every month the chapter meeting agenda and minutes to Basecamp
		EMAIL DISTRIBUTION:
CC9.1	20 points per month; (240 points maximum)	For distributing a chapter newsletter via email on a monthly basis
CC9.2	10 points; (200 points maximum)	For distributing an announcement that prominently features an upcoming event that is distributed via email at least 2 weeks prior to the event
CC9.3	25 points; (125 points maximum)	For promotion of Society events, certifications, or products in chapter emails or newsletters using the materials available in Marketing Central at ASHRAE.org
		KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER:
CC10.1	100 points; (100 points maximum)	For creating or updating a procedural document for chapter communications, such as instructions on updating the chapter website and sharing with RCC
CC10.2	100 points; (100 points maximum)	For holding a transition meeting with the incoming chapter Communications Chair by June 1 st
CC10.3	50 points; (100 points maximum)	For each chapter communications chair, webmaster, or newsletter editor serving 2 years or more in position
		VIRTUAL:
CC11	25 points; (100 points maximum)	For offering and implementing a hybrid option to the chapter members to attend the chapter meetings virtually (points per hybrid meeting held).
RCC/Chapter CC may enter the following points:		
CC12	100 points; (100 points maximum)	For Chapter Communications Chair who attends the CRC Communications workshop
CC13	100 points; (150 points maximum)	For planning/goal setting session with RCC by October 1 or 2 weeks after the CRC, whichever is later (50 point bonus if planning/ goal setting session takes place during CRC)
CC14	100 points; (100 points maximum)	For achieving goals established in goal-setting session with RCC

CONFERENCES AND EXPOSITIONS COMMITTEE

Report to Members Council
From Meeting of Jan. 31, 2026

Members Present

Kristen Cetin, Chair
Suzanne LeViseur, Vice Chair
Atilla Biyikoglu
Aaron Boranian
Craig Bradshaw
Li Song
Robin Bryant
Haotian Liu
Jon Cohen
Jim Liston
Ng Yong Kong
Joshua Vasudevan
Kevin Brown
Joe Chow
Ehab Mamdouh
Dennis Alejandro
Mike Bilderbeck
Ahmed Elatar
Jeslu Jacob
Raul Simonetti
Bassel Anbari, BOD ExO

Members Absent

Cindy Calloway
Richard Gunpat
Anuj Gupta
Mikael Salonvaara
Joshua Vasudevan

Guests

Kaustubh Wani
Doug Cochrane
Michael Cooper
Danielle Passaglia
Mohamad Fakhoury
Frank Shambach

Staff

Chris Preyor
Ragan McHan

Motions

None

Status of Referred Motions

Motion: CARICOM Chapter recommends to the Members Council that the timeline to access the free conference benefit for new members be extended to three (3) years, implemented by July 1st, 2026.

Answer: CEC recommends that Members Council approve the CARICOM Chapter's recommendation that the timeline to access the free conference benefit for new members be extended to three (3) years, implemented by July 1st, 2026. Based on fiscal analysis, the program brings in over \$150,00 per year in total revenue. Overall, the program has had a positive impact. The conference budget has been adjusted since 2023 to account for this new member group, and the revenue loss is offset by broader gains across society.

Vote – 20-0-0, CNV

Information Items

1. The 2026 Winter Conference had a total of 118 sessions and events scheduled, comprised as follows: 63 Seminars, 32 Paper Sessions, 4 Virtual Paper Sessions, 6 Panel discussions, 6 Forums, 4 Debates and 3 Workshops. There were a total of 173 presentations and 212 papers. As of Jan. 31, registration for in-person attendance is 3046.
2. The 2026 ASHRAE Data Center and AI Integration Conference was approved as a society level topical conference.
3. The 2027 Fourth International Conference on Energy and Indoor Environment for Hot Climates brought forward by the Qatar Oryx Chapter was approved as a society level topical conference.

4. CEC voted and passed a motion to update the CEC MOP by adding a SOP for topical conferences and removed the reference to the sponsorship subcommittee and the HQ learning center. 20-0-0 CNV
5. CEC approved the 2027 Winter and Annual Conference registration rates as follows. The 2027 rates are flat, no increase from 2026. 20-0-0, CNV

Member Early Bird	\$885
First Time Member Early Bird	\$860
Non Member Early Bird	\$1160
First Time Non Member Early Bird	\$1135
Life Member/Speaker/BOD/PM/LeadDRs/CEC	\$235
Member Advance	\$930
First Time Member Advance	\$905
Non Member Advance	\$1185
First Time Non Member Advance	\$1160
Member Onsite	\$1210
First Time Member Onsite	\$1185
Non Member Onsite	\$1465
First Time Non Member Onsite	\$1440
One Day Member	\$465
One Day Non Member	\$560
SBA/Student Member	\$25
Student Non Member	\$55
One Session Onsite	\$125
Virtual Member	\$560
Virtual Non Member	\$610
Virtual Reduced	\$140
Virtual Company Package (3-5)	\$2375
Virtual Company Package (6-10)	\$4465
Virtual Company Package (11-20)	\$8375

Additional Information

1. Topical Conferences Held Since June 2025
 - a. August 13-15, 2025, 2025 ASHRAE Conference for Integrated Design, Construction, & Operations, Denver Colorado. Final attendance was 135 with \$27,000 in sponsorship dollars.
 - b. September 24-16, 2025, IEQ 2025 Conference, co-organized by ASHRAE and AIVC. Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Final attendance was 300 with \$101,500 in sponsorship dollars.
 - c. October 22-24, 2025, 2025 ASHRAE Building Decarbonization Conference, Chicago, IL. Final attendance was 409 with \$160,000 in sponsorship dollars.
 - d. December 8-11, 2025, 2025 Buildings XVI Conference, Clearwater Beach, FL. Final attendance was 188 with \$18,500 in sponsorship dollars.
2. Topical Conferences In-Process
 - e. April 13-14, 2026 – Women in ASHRAE Leadership Symposium, Los Angeles
 - f. April 24-25, 2026 – 4th Developing Economies Conference, Delhi, India
 - g. Sept. 23-25, 2026 – 2026 ASHRAE Building Decarbonization Conference, Seattle, WA
 - h. October 8-9, 2026 – The Seventh ASHRAE International Conference on Efficient Building Design - Materials and HVAC Equipment Technologies, Beirut Lebanon

- i. November 16-18, 2026 – ICERD-9, Kuwait
- 3. Future Annual and Winter Conference Sites
 - a. Annual, June 27-July 1, 2026 – Austin
 - b. Winter, January 23-27, 2027 – Chicago
 - c. Annual, June 12-16, 2027 – New Orleans
 - d. Winter, February 7 – 9, 2028 – Orlando
 - e. Annual, June 24-28, 2028 – St. Louis

MBO Update

[CEC 2025-2026 MBOs](#)

Attachments

None

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Cetin

Kristen Cetin s, Chair
Conferences and Expositions Committee

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Report to Members Council
From Meeting of January 30, 2026
~ Winter Conference Las Vegas~

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Mick Schwedler,
Acting Chair
2026 Winter
Conference
Doug Fick
Keith Reihl
Megan Tosh
Brad Lentz
PJ Johnston
Andy Persily*
Artorius Reyes
Matthew Catan
Adrienne Mitani
Patrick Adams Villaume
Harrison Kesling
Victor Niño*
Doug Cage
Eleazar Rivera
Jessica Renner
Alexander Armstrong
Geoff Jenks
Luis Alvarado
Syed Mubarak*
Ioan Dobosi
Varun Jain
Abdallah Mahmoud
Rob Craddock
Ashish Rakheja

Members Absent

Meghan McNulty,
Chair
Dennis Knight

Guests

Georgios Pantelidis
Tobi Showunmi
William Bahnfleth
Matthew Archey
Darryl Boyce
Kazukiyo Kumagai
Brittany Swan - AMCA
Dwayne Taylor
Scott West
Walt Vernon
Colin Laisure-Pool
Martin Luymes - HRAI
Carolyn McCoy
Ng Yong Kong
Arturo Thur de Koos
Pat Marks
Joe Muchynski
Matt Price
Tracee Rhodes
Clay Nesler
Elizabeth Becker
Steven Dimino
Erony Martin
Sherry Abbott-Adkins
Dwayne Taylor
Sarah Maston
Eric Hall
Nicoletta Kaba
Money Khanna
Jaganraj Rathinam
Peter Turk

Staff

Alice Yates
Bryce Causey
Neil Gavigan*
Jacob Karson
Chris Miller
Emily Porcari

Guests (continued)

Rafi Michel
Lisa Ng
Nicole Colantonio
Tom Deary
Raj Setty
Charlie
Reifenberger
Julia Timberman
Matt Walters
Leigh Lain Walker
Ali Zahedi
Constanza Molina
Marcus Hassen
Carrie Brown
Chrysostomos
Bouras
Ahmol Prabhu
Ricardo Arellano
Walt Vernon
Raajesh
Murugesan

*Indicates Remote Participation

Motions

1. MOTION 1: GAC Manual of Procedures (MOP) Changes Regarding Council Representatives: GAC recommends that Members Council approve the following changes to the GAC MOP regarding the Council Representatives:

Page 5 – DUTIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

3.e. Representative of Technology Council

Duties of the Representative of Technology Council (TechC) include:

1. Serve as the liaison between GAC and TechC.
2. Ensure that ASHRAE's standards and other technical products are represented in public policy discussions and initiatives.
3. Serve on this Committee's Executive Subcommittee.
4. At the Chair's discretion, serve on this Committee's Policy and Programs Subcommittee.
5. Keep GAC and subcommittees informed as to what standards, position documents, etc. are currently being discussed and/or edited to coordinate efforts with GAC Executive Subcommittee, Policy and Programs Subcommittee, or any other impacted Subcommittee.

3.f. Representative of Members Council

Duties of the Representative of Members Council include:

1. Serve as the liaison between GAC and Members Council; coordinate with the GAC Chair (who serves as a voting member of Members Council) and the GAC Vice Chair (who serves as a voting member of the PAOE Subcommittee of Members Council) on matters related to Members Council and the GAC
2. Ensure that ASHRAE's grassroots interests are represented in public policy discussions and initiatives.
3. Serve on this Committee's Executive Subcommittee.

4. At the Chair's discretion, serve on this Committee's Member Mobilization Subcommittee.

5. Keep GAC and subcommittees informed as to the status of activities occurring within Members Council that are of interest to the GAC.

4. b. Policy and Programs

The members of the Policy and Programs Subcommittee are appointed annually by the Chair of the GAC and consist of approximately half of the RVCs on the GAC, and any additional members at the discretion of the Chair (such as the Tech Council Representative). Members of the Executive Subcommittee may, at their discretion, serve as Ex Officio members of the Policy and Programs Subcommittee.

4. c. Member Mobilization

The members of the Member Mobilization Subcommittee are appointed annually by the Chair of the GAC and consist of approximately half of the RVCs on the GAC, and any additional members at the discretion of the Chair (such as the Members Council Representative). Members of the Executive Subcommittee may, at their discretion, serve as *Ex Officio* members of the Member Mobilization Subcommittee.

Background: The Tech Council Representative has a good deal of knowledge that would be useful to the GAC Policy and Programs Subcommittee (PPSC). However, the MOP does not specify that the Tech Council Representative serve on the PPSC. The recommended changes to the GAC MOP would suggest having the Tech Council Representative serve on PPSC.

Similarly, the Members Council Representative has a good deal of knowledge regarding the grassroots, which could be useful to the GAC Member Mobilization Subcommittee (MMSC). The recommended changes to the GAC MOP would suggest having the Members Council Representative serve on MMSC.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Staff Impact: Minimal.

Committee Vote: Unanimously approved - CNV; no abstentions.

2. MOTION 2: GAC Manual of Procedures (MOP) Changes Regarding Communications Coordinator: GAC recommends that Members Council approve the following changes to the GAC MOP regarding the Communications Coordinator Position:

Motion: That the GAC recommends that Members Council approve the following changes to the GAC MOP regarding the Communications Coordinator:

GAC MOP – page 4: Duties of the Communications Coordinator:

1. Work with staff to ~~manage and improve~~ relevant ASHRAE webpages and ~~social media outlets~~ collateral materials.
2. ~~Work with~~ Solicit input from RVCs to ~~assess communication support needs at local and regional levels~~ ~~solicit and publish~~ ~~Journal and Insights~~ articles.
3. Serve on this Committee's Executive Subcommittee.
4. Attend meetings of ~~other the Member Mobilization and Public Policy Subcommittees~~ ~~subcommittees~~ as needed.
5. Assist~~s~~ with any MBOs involving communication and messaging, including ~~through~~ development of additional external collateral materials as well as internal ASHRAE communications.
6. Advance~~s~~ coalition building with other allied organizations to support advocacy and government engagement.
7. Review~~s~~ new communications tools and technologies and advise~~s~~ the GAC accordingly.

Background: The description of the Communications Coordinator in the GAC MOP is outdated and needs to be revised. The recommended changes better reflect the role of this position on the GAC and will help any incoming Communications Coordinator more quickly get up to speed and contribute to the GAC.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Staff Impact: Minimal.

Committee Vote: Unanimously approved - CNV; no abstentions.

Information Items

1. Information Item 1. Government Outreach Events (GOE): The GAC set a goal of 100 Government Outreach Events to be held during Society Year 2025-2026. The GAC has so far held **38 events** and has 21 scheduled and planned. With the majority of the domestic outreach events typically occurring in the Spring when the legislatures are in session, the GAC is in a strong position to meet its goals. The GAC is also reviewing how meetings and events with government officials are counted and how to best assess impact. In the last SY, Voter Voice campaigns resulted in thousands of outreach messages to lawmakers, and campaigns will soon be underway for the current SY.
2. Information Item 2. Government Affairs Award: The GAC received a record number of nominations for the Society-level Government Affairs award. In past years, we received between one and three nominations. We believe this significant increase reflects grassroots excitement about government outreach and we want to celebrate the great work of our members.

3. Information Item 3. Public Policy Issue Briefs: The GAC approved unanimously the updated Public Policy Issue Brief (PPIB) on Building Electrification. Updates to the other existing PPIBs are ongoing, and comments from the PPSC as well as technical groups from within ASHRAE are being considered. A new PPIB on building commissioning/retrocommissioning is being developed under the direction of Sarah Maston's PEAC, and drafts of proposed PPIBs on infectious disease and electricity generation in building electrification are being reviewed by committee members.
4. Information Item 4. Legislative Opportunities Related to IEQ: ASHRAE is seen as the go-to expert on IEQ, and our standards are often referenced in proposed legislation, due in large part to our outreach and advocacy efforts. In 2025, 28 IEQ state bills were tracked that reflected ASHRAE's public policy priorities, with 11 referencing ASHRAE or ASHRAE standards. In 2025, three bills referencing ASHRAE standards were signed into law due to advocacy from ASHRAE and partner organizations: bills in Virginia and Colorado that will improve school IAQ, and a bill in New Jersey that focuses on preventing Legionnaires' Disease. In the 2026 legislative session to date, there are 43 active IAQ-related bills, including 11 bills referencing ASHRAE. We look forward to continued active engagement by our volunteer members – both at the grassroots and with our technical experts.
5. Information Item 5. Outreach and Advocacy are Strengthened through Coalitions: ASHRAE's outreach efforts have attracted the attention of other allied organizations and the GAC has welcomed their engagement. This was evidenced in part by having 8 organizations (listed below) attend the GAC meeting and provide reports.
 - a) Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)
 - b) Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
 - c) Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI)
 - d) Blueprint Biosecurity
 - e) ONE Gas
 - f) AMCA International (air movement and control)
 - g) Green Building Initiative (GBI)
 - h) International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART) /National Energy Management Institute (NEMI)

MBO Update

A status update of GAC's MBOs is attached; these updates have also been made to the master MBO Tracking spreadsheet: [Council & Committee MBO](#).

Attachments

Attachment A (GAC MBO Status Update)

Attachment A: GAC MBO Status Update

HONORS AND AWARDS (H&A) COMMITTEE

Report to Members Council
From Meeting of February 1, 2026

Members Present

Adam Davis
Karine Leblanc
Ronald Gagnon
Scott Martin
Bruno Martinez
Richie Mittal
Janice Peterson
Daniel Redmond
Andrew Reilman
Juliana Trigo
Sherry Abbott-Adkins

Members Absent

Sheila Hayter

Guests

Bernardo Baldasso
Matt Archey
Stephanie Mages

Staff

Rhiannon Masterson
Anastasia Meadows

Motions:

Motion 1: Award Nominations – Executive Session

Motion 2: The Honors & Awards Committee recommends to Members Council to approve the Excellence in Chapter Communication Award with the first presentation occurring at the 2028 Annual Conference Plenary.

Background: This new award would be classified as a 'Personal Award for Specific Society Activities' and would be a pass-through award owned by the Communication Committee.

The Communications Committee provided a complete award proposal, including award guidelines, eligibility requirements, performance metrics, judging, timeline, and presentation.

Purpose of the award: Communications play a vital role in advancing ASHRAE's mission and strengthening its visibility worldwide. Chapter Communications Committees are essential in connecting members, sharing knowledge, and amplifying ASHRAE's impact across regions. To further support and celebrate these efforts, this award would recognize the Best Chapter Communications Chair at the Society level. Its purpose is to encourage, elevate, and multiply communication initiatives across all chapters, serving both as a motivation and as a formal acknowledgement of their indispensable contribution to ASHRAE's growth and global outreach.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,500 from the Communication Committee's budget for transportation

Staff Impact: 8 hours annually

H&A Vote: 9-0-0 CNV

Motion 3: The Honors & Awards Committee recommends to Members Council to defeat Referred Motion 25-10-1, Fall 2025 CRC, Region X, San Diego Chapter: Move that the ASHRAE Honors and Awards Committee revise the eligibility criteria for the College of Fellows to allow all grades of ASHRAE membership—including Student, Affiliate, Associate, and Full Membership—to count toward the required 10 years of membership. The requirement should no longer be limited to years served exclusively as a Full Member.

Background: The Honors & Awards Committee and the College of Fellow agree that a ten-year Full Member grade requirement is not unreasonable. There are concerns that if the requirements were loosened, it could water down the value of the award. In addition, if the proposed

membership model is approved, this motion would become partially irrelevant as both Affiliate and Associate membership would be eliminated. Including Student membership as a qualifying tenure is not recommended by the Honors & Awards Committee.

Fiscal Impact: None

Staff Impact: None

CRC Vote: 11-2-1, 0 absent, CNV

H&A Vote: 0-10-0 CV

Motion 4: The Honors & Awards Committee recommends to Members Council to defeat Referred Motion 25-RAL-3, Fall 2025 CRC, Region-at-Large, Pakistan Chapter: Members serving on the Society Honors and Awards Committee should be eligible for all points-based awards including the Chapter Service Award, Regional Award of Merit, Distinguished Service Award and Exceptional Service Award, regardless of their active service on the committee.

Background: Chapter Service Award and Regional Award of Merit are Chapter/Regional Awards. Honors & Awards Committee Members may receive these awards while serving on the committee.

In regard to the Distinguished Service Award and Exceptional Service Award, the Honors & Awards Committee is strongly against this motion because of the real and perceived conflicts of interest, which goes directly against the ASHRAE Code of Conduct. Unanimously, all committee members felt there is not a significant inconvenience to wait to receive an award until they are off of the committee.

Fiscal Impact: None

Staff Impact: None

CRC Vote: 13-0-0, 9 absent, CNV

H&A Vote: 0-10-0 CV

Information Items

1. H&A voted on recipients for the following awards, which will be presented during Executive Session:
 - a. Distinguished 50-Year Member Award
 - b. Distinguished 75-Year Member Award
 - c. Andrew T. Boggs Service Award
 - d. Distinguished Service Award (DSA)
 - e. Exceptional Service Award (ESA)
 - f. Eunice Foote Decarbonization Award
 - g. Louise & Bill Holladay Distinguished Fellow Award
 - h. Pass-Through and Paper Awards

MBO Update

All updates have been included within the main [MBO tracking spreadsheet](#).

Attachments

1. Attachment A – Motion 1: Executive Session

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Report to Members Council

From the meeting of Saturday, January 31, 2026, Las Vegas, Nevada

Members

Louise McKenzie (Chair)
Robert Druga (1st Vice Chair)
Akshay Bhargava (2nd Vice Chair)
Andrew B Dubel
Reaz Usmanali
Christine Smith
Darrell Sandlin
Bradley A White
Jason Leffingwell
Lionel Davis, II
Lorenzo Gonzalez Rodriguez
Meagan Gibbs
Larry Hodgins
Mark Henry
Guillermo Massucco
Dr. Dennis Siu Lok Tung
Adelio Gaspar
Manan Vora
Adil Inam

Board ExO

Genevieve Lussier

Staff

Daniel Gurley, Staff Liaison
Anne Wilson, Staff Liaison
Lisa Nichols, Staff Liaison

Guests

Steven Gerazounis	Julia Timbermann
Kevin Marple	Jonathan Smith
Carmen Watson	Buzz Wright
Subrata Kar	
Blake Kiedrowski	
Brian Holcomb	
Caroline Kelty	
Dan Russell	
Ali Zahedi	
Charlie Reifenberger	
Mark Miller	
Jack Kibort	
Nicolas Moreno	
Alexander Larson	
Mahroo Eftekhari	

Principal Motions:

None.

Motions referred to Membership Promotion for recommendation to Members Council:

- 1. Fall 2025 CRC Motion, Region IX Wichita Chapter – Motion 25-9-10 (August 24, 2025):** We move that Society to reimburse travel costs incurred to send Membership Promotion (MP) Chapter Chair representatives to Chapter Regional Conference. MP component of in-person Centralized Training held at Annual Meeting shall be removed and associated funds and requirements shall be redirected from MP Centralized Training to MP Training at CRCs. Virtual MP Centralized Training to be retained.

Background: There has been a hurdle with membership growth to overcome attrition and continue to grow. To invest in the growth of society, we need to invest in the heartbeat of ASHRAE. We need to ensure our MP chairs are trained, connected, and supported.

Simplification of required in person trainings will streamline requirements for MP Chairs and prioritize resources for attendance and coordination at the Chapter and Regional Level.

Option A:

It is recommended to remove Membership Promotion component of in person Centralized Training held at Annual Meeting and redirect associated funds and requirements from Centralized Training to MP Training at CRCs. Virtual Centralized Training to be retained.

Pros:

- Alleviates requirement to attend at Annual Meeting.
- Allocates societal funds to support Regions and Chapters.
- Encourages Chapter involvement at the Regional conference.

- Pushes training to be at the Regional level to lean into the grassroots of our society.
- Reduces the carbon impact of travel requirements.

Cons:

- Combined Centralized Training offers cross Regional collaboration.

Fiscal Impact: None - proposal shifts existing funding from CT travel to CRC travel.

Staff Impact: NA

CRC Vote: 8-1-2, 2 absent, CNV.

Staff Note: There was the CT/CRC Ad Hoc that Presidential Member Ginger Scoggins chaired in 2016 that analyzed the CT/CRC Workshop needs. Staff will share that report as an attachment when referring to MP.

MP Vote: 4-14-0, CNV Motion defeated

MP Comments: Having individual RVCs train MP Chairs at CRCs would create undue burden. It would also be difficult to require every CRC support the same structure since schedules operate independently from Society. Current workshops vary from 1 hour to 6 hours, with 2 regions not having workshops at all. Centralized Training is currently developed by a subcommittee of RVCs, and the presenters are selected based on their knowledge of the content and presenting style. An in-person CT also allows for inter-regional networking, collaboration and sharing of ideas.

2. **Fall 2025 CRC Motion, Region XII CARICOM Chapter – Motion 25-12-8 (August 1, 2025):** CARICOM Chapter recommends to the Members Council that the timeline to access the free conference benefit for new members be extended to three (3) years, implemented by July 1st, 2026.

Background: The benefit is a valuable and unique selling point for attracting new ASHRAE members, specifically for our Region, which is comprised of members from developing countries. By increasing the window within which the benefit may be used may allow new members to schedule leave with employers and save funds to attend. Notably, according to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (2024) SME Policy Index: Latin America and the Caribbean, SMEs constitute 99.5% of businesses as such may be challenged with allocating leave for key personnel. Expansion of the timeline for the uptake of this crucial benefit would permit additional time for workforce planning. The new member, therefore, has ample time to attain in-person professional development training and networking opportunities with ASHRAE members from around the world.

Additional regions would also benefit from this change.

Source: https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/2024/07/sme-policy-index-latin-america-and-the-caribbean-2024_d0ab1c40.html

Fiscal Impact: Left Blank.

Staff Impact: We estimate 6 – 10 hours of staff time to adjust the website and track the members.

CRC Vote: 16-0-0, 0 absent CNV.

Staff Note: This motion was also referred to CEC for their recommendation to Members Council due to the impact this motion could have on the Winter and Annual Conference budgets.

MP Vote: 18-0-0, CNV Motion Passes

MP Comments: MP agrees with this motion and recommends adoption. It was noted that for some regions, it can take over 2 years to receive a visa for travel to the US for a conference.

Motions referred to Membership Promotion for recommendation to for action:

1. **Fall 2025 CRC Motion, Region VII Louisville Chapter – Motion 25-7-2 (July 25, 2025):** For the MP committee to investigate applying resources toward “Engagement” at the Chapter level.

Background: Many chapters cite volunteer burnout as an issue they face regularly. Getting members more involved and on committees can stop the need for chapter BOGs to do multiple jobs throughout the year. MP already has focuses on Retention and Recruitment, adding Engagement as a third focus could give chapters the tools and motivation to increase participation in local committees.

Potential outcomes could look like resources focused on participation at the centralized training, PAOE category that rewards chapters for X% of AAM on a committee, working with other grassroots committees to incentivize regular committee meetings.

Fiscal Impact: None; this would be an addition to business already being done.

Staff Impact: None; this would be an addition to business already being done

CRC Vote: 13-0-0, 1 absent, CNV.

MP Vote: 15-0-3, CNV Motion Passes

MP Comments: MP agrees with this motion and passed it. Current MP MBOs support engagement, and the committee will continue to research and support engagement.

2. **Fall 2025 CRC Motion, Region XV ASHRAE Mumbai Chapter – Motion 25-15-2 (September 1, 2025):** ASHRAE to allow a Five (5) year membership fee payment option for new as well as renewal for members starting from SY 26-27.

Background: Member Convenience: Extending the membership period provides members with greater flexibility and reduces the frequency of renewals and administrative processes.

Financial Stability for ASHRAE: Longer-term prepaid memberships provide predictable upfront revenue, supporting ASHRAE’s financial planning and stability.

Fiscal Impact: Positive Financial Impact: Increase in upfront revenue through 5-year prepayments.

Staff Impact: Minimal system adjustments needed to enable a 5-year option within the membership database.

CRC Vote: 9-0-0, 1 absent, CNV.

Staff Comment: Staff impact is not minimal as this would take changes in the system on the data side and the IT side. Region VII had a motion that was addressed by staff related to changing the Life Member renewal cycle from 3 years back to 1 year. The intent of that motion appears to conflict with the intent of this motion. To view the full motion and staff’s response visit the CRC Motion Database and search by Region (Motion #25-7-4). Motion 25-7-4 (lower 3-year renewals to 1 year for LM) mentions in the background two things that counter the intent of Motion 25-15-2:

- If the chapter needs to change their dues structure or increase the price, the Life Member has ‘locked in’ their dues and the chapter has to absorb the cost difference.
- Only renewing every 3 years means that there isn’t as much contact between ASHRAE and the member so participation is more likely to drop off.

MP Vote: 3-12-3, CNV Motion Defeated

MP Comments: Based on the number of current members paying multiple years of dues (~5%), there isn’t enough support to justify the cost and staff time needed to change the current system.

3. **Fall 2025 CRC Motion, Region XII Chile Chapter – Motion 25-12-3 (August 1, 2025):** Chile Chapter recommends to Members Council that both the Membership Promotion Chair and Co-Chair receive the MP emails from the Society.

Background: Today only the chair receives email, the idea is to be able to share the responsibility and be both informed.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Staff Impact: Left blank.

CRC Vote: 16-0-0, 0 absent CNV.

Staff Comment: The system currently sends only to the MP Chair. The MP Chair can then distribute the messages to whomever on their committee needs to receive them. The Co-Chair is treated as the Vice Chair and as the successor to the MP Chair. This is why only one MP Chair, and one MP Co-Chair are allowed. This reasoning is explained in Membership Promotion Centralized Training. The intent is not to have multiple people reaching out to new members when they join. There should be one person that handles communication to new members, so the messaging is consistent (MP Chair).

MP Vote: 12-3-3, CNV Motion Passes

MP Comments: MP agreed with the intent of this motion and directed staff to make the change.

Informational Items to Report to Members Council:

1. New full dues paying members have the option to attend one conference for free within 2 years of joining. The number of members who took advantage of this includes:
 - a. 348 members for the 2025 Winter Conference in Orlando.
 - b. 53 members for the 2025 Summer Conference in Phoenix.
 - c. Additional analysis on comp registrations for the 2023 Annual Tampa, 2024 Winter Chicago, and 2024 Annual Indy includes:
 - i. Of the **483** comp registrants, only **84** cancelled their membership.
2. As part of MP's diversity and inclusion initiatives, our committee supports two Member Resource Groups (MRGs). The intent is to allow members with common backgrounds and interests to network in a safe space.
 - a. New Members MRG
 - b. Professionals with Young Families MRG
 - c. MRGs met on Sunday in conjunction with the YEA Hospitality Reception.
3. Our committee participated in the Membership Models Ad Hoc committee to simplify ASHRAE membership. Should the new model pass, our committee is prepared to support the new model, including increased training opportunities and marketing to the whole of membership.
4. The MP Committee hosted a successful MP Centralized Training in Pheonix to prepare incoming Chapter MP Chairs, with over 70 attendees and hosted a Virtual Centralized Training on September 12, 2025 with over 80 attendees. The training was recorded and uploaded on MP's training website. This represents 67% of chapters that received training.

Additional Information Items:

1. Membership Performance:

As of Dec 31st	Total	Members Paid	Members Unpaid	Students Paid	Students Unpaid
2024	54,432	48,089	1,936	4,604	4,407
2025	54,684	48,497	4,037	4,689	2,150

- a. The developing economies membership program is in its 15th year. In July 2008, just after it began, there were 135 members in developing economies. As of Dec 31, 2025, there were a total of 3,168 developing economy members.
2. Membership Surveys
 - a. We continue to conduct new member surveys and review the results. Feedback included:
 - i. Many new members do not attend Chapter meetings.
 - ii. Provide more technical seminars and site visits at Chapter meetings.
 - iii. Satisfied with the opportunities and avenues for growth ASHRAE provides.
 - iv. ASHRAE resources and Chapter events are expensive.
 - v. Too many emails from my Chapter.
3. Recruitment
 - a. Brainstorm the tangible benefits of ASHRAE, networking, access to knowledge, and professional growth.
 - b. Brainstorm ideas to encourage employers to support dues payments.
 - c. Assist with implementation of new bulk member discount.
4. Other
 - a. Working with the BOD DEI Advisory Subcommittee on DEI initiatives and transitioning to the DEI Standing Committee that will be formed in SY26-27.
 - b. Develop talking points for DRCs and regional leaders to provide thoughts and ideas for them to share with their chapters and how those chairs can start to use those ideas.
 - c. Hosted a successful Women in ASHRAE Happy Hour with over 100 attendees in Pheonix.
 - d. Hosted successful Women in ASHRAE Breakfast in Las Vegas with over 200 in attendance.

RESEARCH PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Report to Members Council
From Meeting of January 31, 2026

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Guests</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Haley Goslinga, Chair Andy Manos, Vice Chair Kevin Baldwin, Vice Chair Kimberly Thompson, Vice Chair Suei Keong Chea, Vice Chair Eric Fontaine, Region I David Sinclair, Region II Morgan Stevens, Region III Erica Powell, Region IV Matt Belko, Region V Mayra Reyes, Region VI David Rose, Region VII Greg Tinkler, Region VIII Wes Stanfill, Region IX Robert Kunkel, Region X Nathan Zeigler, Region XI Alexandre Kontoyanis, Region XII Chioo Bin Tan, Region XIII Aleksander Andjelkovic, Region XIV Sayani Sri Haribabu, Region XV Muhammed Omer Khan, RAL Mahroo Eftekhari, Ex-Ofc Guy Perreault, ARC		John Brittle Sanja Dubljevic Petros Dalavouras Lambros Doulos Chris Gray David Roberts Erony Martin Sherry Abbott-Adkins Buzz Wright Charlie Reifenberger Matthew Archey Jack Kibort Caroline Kelty Jim Link Cheng Wee Leong Patrick Ata Ade Awujoola Stfan Elbel	Julia Mumford Megan Gotzmer Sami Rowan Caroline Schell Margaret Smith

Motions

MOTION 1: RP Committee recommends to Members Council that the funds of the RP Campaign be reduced from the current six funds to three: Research/ ASHRAE Research Canada, Endowed Research, and Scholarships, effective July 1, 2026.

Background:

Over the decades, ASHRAE's RP Campaign has expanded from the original purpose of raising funds for ASHRAE's Research program to include raising funds for operating costs for various ASHRAE programs and for ASHRAE Foundation fundraising priorities. As of Society Year 2025-26, the RP Campaign officially includes the following funds:

- Research and ASHRAE Research Canada. These funds are designated to be spent on current ASHRAE Research projects.
- Endowed Research. These funds are invested by the ASHRAE Foundation, and the interest is used to pay for Research projects each year in perpetuity.
- ASHRAE Society and Chapter Scholarships, held and managed by the ASHRAE Foundation.
- YEA Programs
- ASHRAE Learning Institute
- ASHRAE General Fund

The RP Campaign was originally created to fund ASHRAE Research. Over time, additional programs and

operating needs were added, which has made the campaign harder to explain to volunteers and donors, and more complicated to manage. Donors strongly associate RP with funding research that advances the HVAC&R industry, and the current structure does not always match that expectation.

Limiting the RP Campaign to Research, endowed Research, and Scholarships keeps the campaign focused on ASHRAE's core charitable purpose. These funds meet the highest philanthropic standard: they directly support research projects, long-term research funding, or student scholarships, and do not pay for general operating expenses. Narrowing RP to these three areas reinforces the integrity of the campaign and ensures donors that their gifts directly support mission driven outcomes.

Many countries apply stricter rules to charitable giving than the United States. Refining the RP Campaign helps international donors better understand the purpose of RP gifts and ensures those gifts align with recognized charitable uses in their local contexts, which is an important step as ASHRAE expands our programs across the globe.

This change protects donor trust, improves clarity, and aligns the campaign with fundraising best practices. It also reduces administrative complexity, improves consistency across regions, and makes it easier for volunteers to confidently explain RP to donors.

This recommendation does not reduce the importance of YEA, ASHRAE Learning Institute, or General Fund programs. These initiatives should continue to be supported through appropriate non-RP funding sources such as operating budgets, sponsorships, and program fees. Mechanisms are already in place to allow donors to support these funds.

Overall, this is a strategic realignment that strengthens the RP Campaign, preserves its integrity, and supports long-term sustainability.

Fiscal Impact: None. Staff already maintain the campaign materials and web applications to collect contributions.

Staff Impact: Minimal. This will be part of normal campaign operations.

MOTION 1 Passed: (20-0-0), chair not voting

Status of Referred Motions

No referred motions

Information Items

1. Goal: \$2,720,000

Region	YTD Results	Last Year This Month	% Ahead / Behind	Total Regional Goal	% Regional Goal
RVC: Eric Fontaine					
I	\$65,781	\$56,184	17.1%	\$238,000	27.6%
RVC: David Sinclair					
II	\$48,443	\$35,607	36.0%	\$203,000	23.9%
RVC: Morgan Stevens					
III	\$87,483	\$53,200	64.4%	\$231,000	37.9%
RVC: Erica Powell					
IV	\$68,952	\$70,025	-1.5%	\$215,000	32.1%
RVC: Matthew Belko					
V	\$82,835	\$75,215	10.1%	\$163,002	50.8%
RVC: Mayra Reyes					

VI	\$36,979	\$36,340	1.8%	\$178,064	20.8%
RVC: David Rose					
VII	\$45,099	\$39,114	15.3%	\$160,000	28.2%
RVC: Greg Tinkler					
VIII	\$105,492	\$129,232	-18.4%	\$397,500	26.5%
RVC: Wesley Stanfill					
IX	\$60,084	\$47,607	26.2%	\$291,000	20.6%
RVC: Robert Kunkel					
X	\$72,769	\$87,613	-16.9%	\$230,000	31.6%
RVC: Nathan Zeigler					
XI	\$28,780	\$36,656	-21.5%	\$189,500	15.2%
RVC: Alexandre Kontoyanis					
XII	\$53,089	\$43,799	21.2%	\$151,000	35.2%
RVC: Chioo Bin Tan					
XIII	\$19,538	\$35,109	-44.3%	\$55,000	35.5%
RVC: Aleksandar Andjelkovic					
XIV	\$3,402	\$1,688	101.6%	\$6,500	52.3%
RVC: Sayani Sri Haribabu					
XV	\$4,822	\$8,542	-43.5%	\$14,000	34.4%
RVC: Omer Kahn					
RAL	\$18,555	\$15,377	20.7%	\$18,500	100.3%
UNASSIGNED	\$16,875				
TOTALS:	\$818,828	\$771,308	5.8%	\$2,720,000	30.1%
				(Campaign Goal)	

2. The RP Committee proposed two training dates for Regions I-XII in society year 2026-27: September 13-14 and September 27-28, 2026. The locations (subject to the availability of venues) will be Denver/Phoenix and Atlanta at ASHRAE HQ. This schedule does not include supporting Region XIII, XIV, XV, and RAL by conducting staff led Training at these Regions' CRCs. We will also continue to offer new Chapter RP chairs a "quick start" online training in July of 2026 so they can get an introduction to the role at the beginning of the campaign year before an in-depth Centralized Training.
3. In addition to RP Centralized Training in the fall, which had attendance from 37% of eligible chapters, staff and the RP Committee has held two online "mini-trainings" on fundraising topics. These mini-trainings were attended by 82 ASHRAE volunteers. They are advertised and open to all interested members. The RP Manager also conducted virtual RP Chair training during the CRCs for Regions XIV and RAL.
4. The RP Committee was pleased to welcome representatives from RAP (Chris Gray and Stefan Elbel) to discuss priorities in creating the new Research Strategic Plan. The RP Committee and RAP will work together with ASHRAE staff to create new materials for use in soliciting donors and illustrating donor impact on our Research program.

5. For the first time, the RP Committee is hosting a social event for RP volunteers and RP enthusiasts at the Winter Meeting in Las Vegas. The RP Coffee Connection is on Sunday from 2pm-4pm. This event has been publicized in *Chapter Notes*, in emails to chapter volunteers, and through the ASHRAE 365 app. We estimate at least 40 people attended.

MBO Update

Updated in the Master Tracking Spreadsheet on 1/30/26

Attachments

None

STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Report to Members Council

From Meeting of January 30, 2026

Members Present

Bob Snow
Omar Rojas
Waikit (Tony) Tsang
François Guillemette
Samuel Philipp
Natalie MacDonald
Arunabha Sau
Danielle Passaglia
Mariel Meegan
Sara Fazel
Corey Chinn
Juliana Velez
Justin Albo
Juliana Pellegrini Trigo
Fu-Jen Wang
Triantafyllos Triantafyllopoulos
N. Kapilan
Michel Hayek
Mansour Zenouzi
Buzz Wright
Shaun Nienhueser

Members Absent

Nagamangala K
Anand
Robert Bittle

Guests

Mehmet Emin
Andy Hayes
Matthew Archey
Erony Martin
Sherry Abbott-Adkins

Staff

Jeanette McCray
Telese Thomas
Savanna Smith

Motion

MOTION 1: Student Activities Committee recommends to Members Council that Access shall be granted to the Grassroots Committee Consultant(s), Vice-Chair(s), and Chair to their Chapter and Regional Reports applicable to their respective committee, within the ASHRAE reporting system no later than June 30, 2026, to support committee oversight, mentoring, and continuity of operations.

Background: Currently, only Regional Vice-Chairs (RVCs) have direct access to Chapter Reports, which limits the ability of Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs to provide support and do proper training of these tools. Providing access will improve transparency, facilitate mentoring of new officers, and help ensure consistency across chapters. This helps with ASHRAE's goals of leadership development and smoother role transitions within Regional and Grassroots committees.

Fiscal Impact: \$200

Staff Impact: A few hours by IT group to grant access for standing grassroots committees' vice chairs and chairs

Committee Vote: 17-0-0 CNV passed unanimously

Status of Referred Motions

Motion #	Region/Chapter	Status	Vote	Comments
25-2-3	Region II; Ottawa Valley	Approved	16-0-1 CNV	Student Activities Committee recommends to Members Council approve Motion 25-2-3 as amended. Recommend motion with the amendment of students to student members . Many student members have their student membership roll into their first year of employment and often want to be the Student Activities Chair due to their connection to the student branches and do not qualify until their student membership expires and they become a full member.
25-15-3	Region XV; India	Defeated	0-17-0 CNV	Referred to Student Activities for action: Even with this change there is a bottleneck at the Regional Voting that will still exist as our MOP has one submission move from the regional voting to the society level. At both the chapter and regional level a second school can be recommended as a rising star if they

				meet those criteria. SAC will continue to evaluate our grading procedure to properly balance equity and timeliness of scoring these competitions.
25-12-11	Region XII; Southwest Florida	Defeated	1-15-1 CNV	Referred to Student Activities for action: This can be easily achieved by using the filter option in excel on the date status changed column. Keeping inactive branches in our lists is essential as there are different criteria for relaunching a branch versus starting a new branch. Many Chapter and Regions have been focusing on reaching out to Student Branches that used to be active and no longer are and this data is of high priority for those efforts.
25-12-5	Region XII; Miami	Defeated	2-15-0 CNV	Recommended to Student Activities for action: ALI offers group discounts that would be similar to what this motion is requesting. Schools can reach out to ALI about this on a case-by-case scenario. There would be a Fiscal and Staff impact that have not been

				addressed in this motion and as written we see that significant financial and staff impacts may exist. The SAC does agree and believe in training opportunities but believes designing a more abridged and introductory training designed around students would be more effective. The current 5-day training for Fundamentals I and II is a large burden for students and their coursework.
23-10-7	PAOE Subcommittee	Approved	17-0-0 CNV	Recommended to Student Activities for clarification: SAC will work with PAOE to add 100 points for starting a scholarship fund and 50 points for maintaining a scholarship at the chapter level.

Information Items

1. Executive Committee
 - Review of all subcommittees were made.
 - Current PAOE points were discussed and recommendations for changes for SY26-27 were made
2. ABET Subcommittee
 - Reviewed the ABET Board of Delegates meeting in November 2025
 - Leadership has changed as Dennis has timed out of the position.
3. Grants Subcommittee
 - 117 applications were reviewed and scored. Funding for SY26-27 will be locked in during the February subcommittee meeting. \$8,000 will be used to fund travel for the top two scoring teams to present at the 2027 Winter Conference in Chicago.
 - 74 applications were received for the Winter Conference travel grants funded by Life Members Club and the Farr Travel Award. Ten \$1,000 grants were awarded to students.

4. Post High Subcommittee

- In-person Student Program on Saturday and Sunday of Winter Conference. See [Attachment B](#) for details.
 - 300 students registered for conference with 250 at Student Welcome
 - 75 students registered for AHR Expo Student Tour
- One nomination was received for the SA Achievement Award but the candidate did not meet the minimum criteria.
- Student Membership
 - The total number of student members as of Dec 31, 2025 was 6,839 with 4,689 active and 2,150 in grace (1.8% decrease for active students from December 2024)

5. Student Branches

- i) Thirteen new student branches (listed below) were approved in the 2026 Winter Members Council Pre-Meeting January 21, 2026.
- ii) Total number of student branches with the newly approved branches is 339.

	Student Branch	School/Location	Chapter	REG
a.	Ngee Ann Polytechnic Student Branch	Ngee Ann Polytechnic; SGP	Singapore	XIII
b.	National Sun Yat-sen University Student Branch	Natl Sun Yat-sen Univ; KHH, TWN	Taiwan	XIII
c.	BUCEA Student Branch	Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture; BJ, CHN	Region XIII-Other	XIII
d.	UCLouvain Student Branch	Louvain Institute for Lndscp, Arch, Built Environ; Louvain-La-Neuve, BEL	BeNeLux	XIV
e.	BVRIT - Narsapur	B V Raju Institute of Technology – Narsapur; TG, IND	ASHRAE Deccan	XV
f.	BVRIT - Hyderabad College of Engineering for Women - Student Branch	BVRIT Hyderabad College of Engineering for Women; TG, IND	ASHRAE Deccan	XV
g.	Shri Vishnu Engineering College for Women -Bhimavaram Student Branch	Shri Vishnu Engineering College for Women; AP, IND	ASHRAE Deccan	XV
h.	Shri Prince Maratha Boarding House's College of Architecture Student Branch	Shri Prince Maratha Boarding House's College of Architecture; MH, IND	Pune	XV
i.	Symbiosis Institute of Technology Student Branch	Symbiosis Institute of Tech; MH, IND	Pune	XV
j.	ASHRAE MUET Student Branch	Mehran University of Engineering and Technology; Sindh, PAK	Pakistan	RAL
k.	ASHRAE OOU Student Branch	Olabisi Onabanjo Univ; Ago Iwoye, NGA	ASHRAE Nigeria	RAL

l.	Applied Science Univ. in Bahrain Student Branch	Applied Science Univ; Manama, BHR	Bahrain	RAL
m.	Sheetmetal Workers Training Center	Technical Institute	Sacramento Valley	X

6. K-12/STEM Subcommittee

- A 3D modeling competition for high school students was piloted in SY22-23 with prize money from the existing SA budget. For the SY25-26 competition there were four submissions reviewed by the subcommittee and the winners will be notified in March.
- 2026 High School Design Winners:
 - 1st place- Modern School- The Marwanverse
 - 2nd place- KIPS School
 - 3rd place- St. Thomas

7. Design Competition Subcommittee

- The 2027 Design Competition location (Taipei) and building type were finalized and the competition details will be added to the website before the 2026 competition deadline. The drawings and OPR are on pace complete in April.
- The judging criteria has been updated to collect additional feedback to share with teams.

MBO Update

MBO #	Description	Measurable Metric	Completion %	Updates
1	Increase Post-High awareness and participation from students by measuring success with the student program at the winter conference in Q3 and other KPIs by the end of Q4.	Plan and execute the winter program in Q3, Host 3 virtual DLs with more than 50 students in attendance by Q4, improve student branch reporting to greater than 80%, revitalize marketing collateral to engage more students by Q4, and create and maintain an Instagram page and get 300 followers by end of Q4	75%	Good attendance at the winter conference. Had issues for international students obtaining visas. Have one DL schedule and another in progress for Q4.
2	Increase the amount of award applications for SA awards	Track the amount of award submissions in each category: Scholarships, SBA of the Year, Youth Outreach Award, SA Achievement Award, and STEM Leadership Award. Track the number of communications sent to members about these awards.	80%	

3	Increase the year over year conversion of student memberships into full memberships.	Send out multiple communications to students, student branches, and SBA's to remind students to switch over to a personal email upon graduation and roll into a full member after their student membership expires.	50%	Working through email working and timing for students to change emails. Announced at student programs to change these over upon graduation.
4	Revamp and update Centralized Training Videos and Documents.	Each RVC will review their subcommittees video and supplemental documentation on the website by Winter Meeting. Video and documentation updates by end of Q3.	50%	RVCs have initiated their reviews and will be providing Vice-Chair their input during Q3.
5	Increase awareness of K-12 activities by improving and increasing participation in the high school design competition.	Update the scoring matrix Q2, create a new flyer to promote the competition Q2, create a new video for centralized training Q4, and prepare 2026-2027 competition Q4.	50%	Had 4 submission for this years competition. Training video for Centralized Training is in progress.

Attachments

Attachment A- Referred Motions

Motion referred to Student Activities Committee for recommendation to Members Council

Fall 2025 CRC Motion, Region II Ottawa Valley Chapter – Motion 25-2-3 (August 24, 2025):

That students **MEMBERS** are allowed to be official chapter-level Student Activity Chairs.

Background: Student **MEMBERS** used to be allowed to be Student Activity Chairs until a recent decision not to allow it. This presented a unique opportunity for senior undergraduate or graduate students to participate in their local chapter and forged a pathway for chapter leadership recruitment. In addition, it is very likely that Student Activity Chairs are recent graduates that may be rolling off student memberships and could also possibly not have current employer support. This presents logistical problems when setting up the CIQ.

For the reasons above it is requested that the decision not to allow students to officially be allowed to be Student Activity Chairs be revisited to help tangibly improve student engagement with local chapters and reduce administrative complications.

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Staff Impact: Minimal

CRC Vote: 9-0-0, 0 absent, CNV.

Staff Note: If passed this motion would require a Society Bylaws change (Article II, Section 2.11).

Answer: Approved

Vote: 16-0-0, 1 absent, CNV

Comments:-Recommend motion with the amendment of students to student members. Many student members have their student membership roll into their first year of employment and often want to be the Student Activities Chair due to their connection to the student branches and do not qualify until their student membership expires and they become a full member.

Fall 2025 CRC Motion, Region XV India Chapter –Motion 25-15-3 (September 1, 2025):

The ASHRAE India Chapter moves that Society permit each Chapter to submit one application per five student branches to the ASHRAE Design Competition/ Applied Engineering Challenge, determined by the number of active student branches effective beginning Society Year 2026-2027.

Background: At present, Society allows limit each Chapter to submitting only one student entry to the ASHRAE Design Competition/ Applied Engineering Challenge. While this policy ensures uniformity, it unintentionally disadvantages larger Chapters that support multiple student branches.

This one-entry limit creates inequity and discourages broader participation from students who are motivated and capable of contributing innovative design solutions. It also places Chapter leadership in a difficult position of having to eliminate quality projects at the Chapter level, often leading to disengagement and reduced enthusiasm among student branches.

By allowing one application per five student branches, the society will:

- Ensure fair representation across diverse Chapter's strength.
- Encourage higher levels of student engagement and competition.
- Increase visibility of ASHRAE among academic institutions.
- Strengthen the pipeline of student-to-member transition, supporting long-term Society growth.

This change aligns with ASHRAE's mission to promote excellence in the built environment through active involvement of students. It is both a timely and necessary step to enhance student participation and ensure that ASHRAE remains the professional society of choice for future leaders.

Fiscal Impact: Minimal increase in workload for the Design Competition review panel due to higher number of submissions. Broader student participation may drive additional student membership dues and attract industry sponsorships for the competition, partially offsetting administrative costs. Overall Net neutral to positive, with no significant new budgetary allocations required.

Staff Impact: Existing staff and committee resources are well-positioned to accommodate incremental workload with minor adjustments. the structure will remain manageable long term, given that submission growth is tied proportionally to student membership, not unlimited.

CRC Vote: 9-0-0, 1 absent, CNV.

Answer: Defeated

Vote: 0-17-0 CNV

Comments: Even with this change there is a bottleneck at the Regional Voting that will still exist as our MOP has one submission move from the regional voting to the society level. At both the chapter and regional level a second school can be recommended as a rising star if they meet those criteria. SAC will continue to evaluate our grading procedure to properly balance equity and timeliness of scoring these competitions.

Fall 2025 CRC Motion, Region XII Southwest Florida Chapter – Motion 25-12-11 (August 1, 2025):

Southwest Florida Chapter recommends to Members Council that the ASHRAE Student Branch report be modified to only include inactive branches for three years following reaching inactive status.

Background: The current report includes all student branches that have ever gone inactive and does not make effective use of members' time to manage the submission of end-of-year reports. For example, Region XII currently shows 31 inactive branches and only 5 of them would fall within the proposed motion guidelines.

Fiscal Impact: Left blank.

Staff Impact: 1 hour of ASHRAE staff time per year to update the master file or 2 hours of IT time to change the parameters of the report.

CRC Vote: 13-0-3, 0 absent, CNV.

Answer: Defeated

Vote: 1-15-1 CNV

Comments: This can be easily achieved by using the filter option in excel on the date status changed column. Keeping inactive branches in our lists is essential as there are different criteria for relaunching a branch versus starting a new branch. Many Chapter and Regions have been focusing on reaching out to Student Branches that used to be active and no longer are and this data is of high priority for those efforts.

Fall 2025 CRC Motion, Region XII Miami Chapter – Motion 25-12-5 (August 1, 2025):

The Miami Chapter recommends that the ASHRAE Society offer HVAC Design Training Level 1 and Level 2 virtually to student members at a flat minimum fee per class, rather than on a per-member basis. The Chapter further proposes that participating chapters or sponsors cover the minimum class fee to support student education. This initiative is to be implemented beginning July 1, 2026, with the goal of expanding access to technical training and enhancing professional development opportunities for student members.

Background: Across the globe, most mechanical engineering programs do not include HVAC-focused coursework, which makes it difficult for student members to remain engaged with the Society after graduation. This lack of specialized training often leads graduates to pursue careers outside our industry. By offering HVAC Design Training Level 1 and Level 2 virtually at a subsidized flat class fee, we will bridge the educational gap and provide student members with practical, in-demand skills that align with our profession.

This effort will enhance post-graduation job prospects, improve retention of student members, and strengthen the future talent pipeline for our industry.

HVAC Design Training align with Strategic Plan 3 – Increase the accessibility of ASHRAE Content, resources, and member opportunities.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Staff Impact: Left blank.

CRC Vote: 14-0-2, 0 absent, CNV.

Staff Note: The TEC and Student Activities Committee are encouraged to share feedback with each other prior to TEC making a recommendation to Publishing and Education Council. TEC meets on Sunday, February 2 from 1:00-5:00 pm in Las Vegas.

Answer: Defeated

Vote: 2-15-0 CNV

Comments: ALI offers group discounts that would be similar to what this motion is requesting. Schools can reach out to ALI about this on a case-by-case scenario. There would be a Fiscal and Staff impact that have not been addressed in this motion and as written we see that significant financial and staff impacts may exist. The SAC does agree and believe in training opportunities but believes designing a more abridged and introductory training designed around students would be more effective. The current 5-day training for Fundamentals I and II is a large burden for students and their coursework.

Motion 23-10-7

New PAOE points for establishing or maintaining a scholarship fund. Amended Motion (PAOE Subcommittee 9/26/2023): That new PAOE points be given for establishing or maintaining a chapter scholarship.

Comments: PAOE Subcommittee amended the motion on September 26, 2023 and then referred the motion to the RP Committee. *RP Committee reviewed the motion at the 2024 Winter Conference and voted to refer the motion to Student Activities. RP Vote: 17-0-0 CNV.* RP already awards points by dollar raised for all funds of the RP Campaign, including Scholarships. If this motion includes Scholarships outside of the ASHRAE RP, it is better suited for the Student Activities Committee. This motion was addressed by Student Activities Committee and the outcome reported to Members Council at the 2024 Annual Conference. Student Activities Committee is supportive and recommends a minimum barrier on number of students or amount of financial support provided. The wording may also want to include awards as well as scholarships. *SA would like to be involved in discussions on how points are awarded through representation on the PAOE subcommittee. SAC vote: 15-0-0 CNV.* Motion passes. The motion has been sent to the PAOE Subcommittee to implement into the 2026-2027 PAOE Guide.

Answer: Approved

Vote: 17-0-0 CNV

Comments: SAC will work with PAOE to add 100 points for starting a scholarship fund and 50 points for maintaining a scholarship at the chapter level.

Attachment B: 2025 Winter Conference Student Program



YOUNG ENGINEERS IN ASHRAE (YEA) COMMITTEE

Report to Members Council
From Meeting of January 31, 2026

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Guests</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Elise Kiland	Elise Backstrom	Anmol Prabhu	Jeanette McCray
Elizabeth Jedrlinic	Sundara Gurushev	Jaganraj Rathinam	Thomas Loxley
Drew Samuels		Hannah Gray	Jacob Karson
Vineet Nair		Jesse Buckley	
Benjamin Oliver		Abdullahi Elnaiem	
Joe Singer		Mansour Alhazmi	
Ben Bingham		Lionel Davis	
		Charlie	
Ryan Michel		Reifenberger	
Heather Kozlowski		Rob Craddock	
Blake Forsythe		Matthew Pacl	
Christopher Krieps		Carlos Santos Jr	
Sarah Bordenkecher		Jose Avila	
Roisin Welch		Patrick Razalan	
Bernardo Baldasso		Bria Poe	
Zhi Yi Lim		Jose Avila	
Enea Dimitris Tseno		Edward Solideo	
Money Khanna		Omar Rojas	
Eman Sherif Mohamed		Kevin Marple	
		Mehmet Emin	
Zachary Alderman		Eren	
Hanna (John) Daher		Stephanie Kunkel	
Marisa Higgins		Ronald Gagnon	
Scott B Peach		Songhao Wu	
		Jack Kibort	
		Joceline Acosta	
		Caroline Kelty	

Motion

None

Information Items

- YEA has held two successful events since the Annual Conference
 - Fall 2025 YLW 1.0 was held November 7-9, 2025 in Seattle, WA
 - 2025 YLI was held October 10-12, 2025 in Chandigarh
- Leadership U program continues to be successful with four awesome candidates shadowing Society VPs during this conference.
 - Bria Poe, Region VII, Birmingham Chapter
 - Ganesh Ravi, Region XIII, Singapore Chapter
 - Tommaso Dallavalle, Region XIV, Italy Chapter
 - Jacob Brausch, Region X, Sacramento Valley Chapter
- 2025-2026 Presidential Initiative Challenge with President Bill McQuade's theme of Indoor Environmental Quality was a success. 21 applications received, 6 teams won and will be recognized at the President Luncheon in Las

Vegas. The 6 teams combined will receive \$46,350 in funds to complete their projects by the 2026 Annual Conference.

- The ASHRAE Connect conference shadowing mentorship program had mentees shadowing a member from each of the following CEBD, TAC, and a TC at the 2026 Winter Conference. Looking to update the program
- for the 2026 Annual Conference.
- YEA started the YEA Endowment Fund to help fund YLW scholarships to YEA members that would cover their travel and registration fees. The Endowment is currently \$6374.
- YEA Awards
 - YEA Developing Leader Award will be awarded to 5 recipients at the 2026 Winter Conference YEA Hospitality Suite in Las Vegas, NV.
 - YEA Inspirational Leader Award was awarded to Alekhya Kaianathbhatta at the Plenary at the 2026 Winter Conference.
- Upcoming YEA Events and Award Deadlines
 - Spring 2026 YEA Leadership Weekend 1.0 (YLW) will be held in Nashville, TN on February 27- March 1, 2026. Registration is open until February 2, 2026.
 - 2026 YEA Leadership Weekend 2.0 will be held in Vancouver, Canada on May 29-31, 2026. Registration is open until April 24, 2026.
 - YEA Leadership International (YLI) 2026 will be held in Accra, Ghana or Cairo, Egypt on October 23-25, 2026. Registration will open by the end of February 2026.
 - YEA Inspirational Leader Award deadline is May 1st
 - YEA Developing Leader Award deadline is May 1st

MBO Updates: All of YEA MBOs have been updated on the MBO Tracking spreadsheet.

Attachments

Attachment A is the information items from the YEA Committee meeting

Attachment A

Information Items

1. Professional Development Subcommittee:
 - i. YEA Webinar
 1. Finalizing details for the Spring webinar
 2. Speaker: Chandra Sekar
 3. Proposed Date: March 25, 2026 at 11:00am EST
 - ii. Leadership U 2025 Winter Participants
 - a. Bria Poe, Region VII
 - b. Ganesh Ravi, Region XIII
 - c. Tommaso Dallavalle, Region XIV
 - d. Jacob Brausch, Region X
 - iii. Awards Update
 - a. Developing Leader Award working on notifying RVC/YCCs of eligible applicants in their Region to get them to apply
 - b. Working on updating the wording on the YEA Inspirational Leader Award
 1. Also making the rubrics available to applicants so they understand how they are being scored.
 - iv. HVAC Design Scholarships
 - a. Next round of applications will open April 2025
 - v. TC Involvement
 - a. TC Bingo at the 2026 Winter Conference
 1. Based on TC with the lowest YEA involvement
 - b. TC Flyer is being created for the Chapter and YEA events to increase involvement
2. Presidential Initiative Challenge (PIC) Subcommittee:
 - i. 25-26 Received 21 applications
 - i. 6 winning teams selected from Regina Canada, Lagos Nigeria, Sharjah UAE, Kumasi Ghana, Ullo Ghana, and Monterrey Mexico
 - ii. A total of \$46,350 will be awarded for the selected projects
 - iii. Ramping up for the 26-27 Presidential Initiative Challenge
3. Personal Development Subcommittee:
 - i. YEA Leadership Weekends
 - i. Fall 2025 YLW was held November 2025 in Seattle, WA this event was successful with 30 attendees and was facilitated by Ralph Kison
 1. 3 YLW scholarship Winners attended
 - ii. Upcoming YEA Leadership Weekends
 1. Spring 2026 YLW 1.0- Nashville
 - a. February 27-March 1, 2026
 - b. Registration closes February 2, 2026
 2. 2026 YLW 2.0- Vancouver, Canada
 - a. May 29-31, 2026
 - b. Registration closes April 27, 2025
 - ii. Future YLW Planning
 - i. YLW 2.0 looking to host at least one at ASHRAE HQ
 - ii. Update/Revamp Marketing efforts to promote all YLWs and YLIs
 - iii. Try to get more regions and employers to send attendees
 - iii. Conference Programs
 - i. 2026 Winter Conference
 1. Mentorship Program session was denied
 2. ASHRAE Crash Course session will be chaired by Blake and presenters: Sarah, Emmy, and John
 - ii. 2026 Annual Conference
 1. Planning to present the Mentorship program and Crash Course sessions

4. Outreach Development Subcommittee:

- i. YEA Leadership International 2026
 - i. Will be held in Accra, Ghana or Cairo, Egypt October 23-25, 2026
 - ii. Registration will open late February 2026
 - iii. Looking for corporate sponsorships
- ii. YLI 2025
 - i. Was held in Chandigarh, India October 10-12, 2025
 - ii. Tricia Evans was the facilitator
 - iii. 24 participants
- iii. ASHRAE Connect
 - i. Working on expanding and improving the structure of ASHRAE Connect
 - ii. The ASHRAE Connect conference shadowing mentorship program had mentees shadowing a member from each of the following CEBD, TAC, and a TC at the 2026 Winter Conference.

Motion: Move that Members Council recommends to the Board a one-time expenditure from the Future Fund to hire a consultant with Canadian expertise to advise all Canadian Chapters on incorporating as a registered not-for-profit with regards to structure, liability for executive and tax implications so that work may begin by July 1, 2026.

Background: At the 2022 Region II CRC, the Halifax Chapter put forth a similar motion to hire a consultant to provide clear, centralized guidance on not-for-profit structure of ASHRAE Chapters in Canada to protect executive and leadership at the Canadian Chapter level, similar to how Society has hired a consultant (URS) to assist US-based Chapters.

There are more than 5,000 ASHRAE members in Canada and 16 Chapters and 2 Regions which represent almost a quarter of ASHRAE Chapters established outside of the US.

That motion was amended by Members Council in 2023 to include a maximum spend of \$5,000 CAN. The motion was then assigned to Staff to implement.

Staff has found a legal partner who can support Canadian Chapters with the following scope:

- Incorporating the 11 unincorporated chapters
- Updating the 6 incorporated chapters to ensure compliance with governing statute
- Create Chapter onboarding materials/checklist on incorporating as a not-for-profit or maintaining compliance as not-for-profit and any provincial specific guidance
- Train ASHRAE staff to manage ongoing chapter support internally

The cost estimate provided is significantly higher than the original maximum spend allowed by the amended motion by Members Council in 2023.

Note: Aird & Berlis is also working with Society to review, update, and potentially pursue charitable status for ASHRAE Research Canada (ARC) through the Foundation. This effort may enable Canadian donors to receive tax receipts for contributions to ASHRAE.

Fiscal Impact: Society staff obtained an estimate of \$35,000 - \$45,000.

Staff Impact: Up to 50 hours in initial year with 10-20 hours per year to manage ongoing Canadian Chapter support internally.