



MINUTES

MEMBERS COUNCIL CONFERENCE CALL AUGUST 2, 2017

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2 August 2017 Conference Call

Voting Members

Sheila Hayter, Chair
Darryl Boyce, Vice Chair
Erich Binder, DAL
Essam Khalil, DAL
Dennis Knight, DAL
Ng Yong Kong, DRC Region XIII
Dan Rogers, DRC Region XII
Joe Furman, RMCR Region I
Isabelle Lavoie, RMCR Region II
Dunstan Macauley, RMCR Region III
Steve Marek, RMCR Region IV
Doug Zentz, RMCR Region V
John Rieke, RMCR Region VI*
Chris Gray, RMCR Region VII
Randy Schrecengost, RMCR Region VIII
Tyler Glesne, RMCR Region IX
Scott Wayland, RMCR Region X
Russell Lavitt, RMCR Region XI
Robin Bryant, RMCR Region XII
Cheng Wee Leong, RMCR Region XIII
Dimitris Charalambopoulos, RMCR Region XIV
Richie Mittal, RMCR Region-at-Large

Non-Voting Members

Leslie Jonsson, CTT Committee
David Claridge, C&E Committee
Jim Wolf, GGA Committee
Charlie Henck, H&A Committee
Devin Abellon, MP Committee
*John Rieke, RP Committee
Bill Simpson, SA Committee
Jake Kopocis, YEA Committee
Oswaldo Bueno, Consultant

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Joyce Abrams, Staff Liaison MC
Alice Yates, Director of GGA
Daniel Gurley, Staff Liaison MP
Katie Thomson, Staff Liaison SA
Rhiannon Masterson, Staff Liaison YEA
Tammy Catchings, Staff Liaison AASA

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Introductions: Ms. Hayter called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. EDT. Attendees listed above; **boldface** indicates individuals who were unable to attend.
2. ASHRAE Code of Ethics Commitment – Ms. Hayter reminded attendees that “In this and all other ASHRAE meetings, we will act with honesty, fairness, courtesy, competence, integrity and respect for others, and we shall avoid all real or perceived conflicts of interests.”
<https://www.ashrae.org/about-ashrae/ashrae-code-of-ethics>
3. Review of Agenda – Ms. Hayter reviewed the agenda. Item 6a was added, per Mr. Simpson’s request, and 6b was added by Mr. Kaposis.
4. 2017-18 MBOs – Ms. Hayter introduced the Council’s MBOs for this Society Year, explaining that this year the Council will have only two MBOs so that the subcommittees can focus on big picture issues

while not being overburdened as they and various committees address Action Items that arose out of last Society Year's MBOs.

- A. Region Operations Subcommittee – Ms. Lavoie outlined her vision for the Region Operations Subcommittee to address MBO #2: Define the goals for holding CRCs (e.g., conducting regional business, information sharing, training, networking).

CRCs initially were structured for a U.S./Canadian organization, but now ASHRAE is global and other changes have taken place, but maybe CRCs haven't evolved appropriately.

Plan to ask DRCs and RVCs for feedback – what has worked well, what are the issues/challenges/ areas of struggle; can we ask DRCs and RMCRs to keep this MBO in mind during the upcoming CRCs?

What should the objectives for CRCs be? Are we doing what we should be doing?

How can we improve the CRCs? How do we make them more valuable?

Challenges:

- location/travel, even within the U.S.
- what and how do Chapters pay for officer attendance at CRC?; some Regions use Regional Assessment to pay for transportation/travel
- determining the metrics to use to evaluate the success of a CRC

- B. Planning Subcommittee – Mr. Macauley outlined his vision for the Planning Subcommittee to address MBO #1: Develop a methodology for evaluating ASHRAE region boundaries, including:
- Survey Regional officers to get feedback to understand what the challenges of alignment are
 - Ask Regional leaders what the current challenges are and what works well
 - Consider whether any current Regions would operate better if realigned in some way
 - Ask the Council what the challenges are for Regional operations and how they can be improved
 - Identify metrics that can be used to determine when a new Region should be formed

5. New Chapter – Ms. Hayter stated that Society has received a petition to form a new Chapter in South Africa and that staff has verified that the 50 signatories are Members and Associate Members in good standing who reside in the geographic area of the new Chapter. (The Rules of the Board require 40 such signatories.)

MOTION: That Members Council approve the formation of a new Chapter in South Africa. Mr. Macauley seconded.

BACKGROUND: Society has received a duly completed petition signed by 50 Members and Associate Members in good standing who reside in the geographic area to be served by the Chapter. (Only 40 such signatories are required.) Efforts to create a Chapter in South Africa have been going on for several years. Society has created a presence in the country by working with a national industry publication and the primary technical organization to provide education and training there.

VOTE: Unanimous (CNV)

6. New Business
- a. Student Activities – Simpson: Information item that one Argentinian Student Branch has changed its name so that it no longer violates ASHRAE's commercialism policy.
 - b. YEA Committee – Kapolis: During its June meeting, YEA voted to become a grassroots committee and plans to bring forth a motion for vote during the Council's November meeting.

7. Overview of November Council Meeting at HQ in Atlanta – Ms. Hayter reminded the attendees that the Council will meet at HQ in Atlanta

Friday, November 3

Noon to 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time – lunch

1:00 to 5:00 p.m. – Members Council meeting

Saturday, November 4

8:00 a.m. to noon ET – Members Council meeting

noon to 1:00 p.m. – optional lunch with the BOD

An agenda will be sent in advance of the meeting. Typically a large part of the agenda is devoted to Subcommittee recommendations regarding fall CRC motions.

The agenda will include:

1. Business items
2. CRC motions
3. MBO #1 discussion
4. MBO #2 discussion

8. Adjournment – Ms. Hayter adjourned the conference call at 9:54 a.m. EDT.