



**TECHNOLOGY
COUNCIL
Winter Conference Las Vegas
February 4, 2026**

NOTE: These are not official minutes until approved by Technology Council.

MOTIONS

Technology Council Winter Conference Las Vegas Motions
February 4, 2026

Motion Number	Motion
<u>1</u>	It is recommended that Procedures for ASHRAE Standards Actions (PASA), Section 2 Scope, Section 4.1 Responsibility, Section 4.2.2.4 Standards Reaffirmation Subcommittee, Section 7.3, Maintenance of Standards and Guidelines, New Section 7.3.1 Stabilized Maintenance, Section 7.4.7, Consideration of Standards and Proposals, Section 7.4.8, Records, Section 7.8.1, Project Discontinuation Due to Lack of Membership, Annex A: Definitions, Annex B8.2, be approved as shown in Attachment A in the OPS Report on Basecamp as <i>04A OPS Report to Tech Council.docx</i> .
<u>2</u>	Technology Council approve that \$10,000.00 be added to the 2026-27 GTIC budget for the purpose of supporting a pilot project to adapt an ASHRAE standard to meet needs identified by members outside North America.
<u>3</u>	Technology Council approve the Reference Manual as shown on Basecamp as <i>04A_Att. B_DRAFT_Tech Council Reference Manual_02.03.26.docx</i> .
<u>4</u>	Technology Council recommend to the Board of Directors (BOD) to approve the revision of the <i>Refrigerants and their Responsible Use</i> Position Document (PD).
<u>5</u>	Technology Council recommends to the BOD to approve the revision of the <i>Climate Change</i> PD.
<u>6</u>	Technology Council recommend to the BOD that a revision to the <i>Indoor Air Quality</i> PD be initiated.
<u>7</u>	Technology Council recommend to the BOD that a revision to the <i>Environmental Tobacco Smoke</i> PD be initiated.
<u>8</u>	Technology Council recommend to the BOD that a revision to the <i>Building Decarbonization</i> PD be initiated.
<u>9</u>	The following Title, Purpose and Scope be approved and a new Project Committee be formed: Title: Standard for Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) in Buildings Purpose: The purpose of this standard is to establish requirements for evaluating and supporting acceptable Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) in buildings, considering multiple environmental domains that affect occupant health, well-being, and functional performance. The standard is intended to provide a coherent, integrated framework that complements rather than conflicts with existing ASHRAE standards, supports design and operation decisions, and informs policy and guidance, without directly regulating health outcomes. Scope: This standard applies to buildings and addresses Indoor Environmental Quality through consideration of multiple indoor

	environmental factors, including but not limited to indoor air quality, thermal conditions, lighting, acoustics, and building or system characteristics that influence environmental performance. The standard defines requirements and evaluation principles for IEQ at the building or space level. It does not prescribe specific design solutions, medical or clinical criteria, or regulatory compliance thresholds, nor does it replace or duplicate requirements contained in existing ASHRAE standards addressing individual environmental domains.
<u>10</u>	ASHRAE reconsider the policy of not allowing in-person meetings for FG subcommittees, and at a minimum allow exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

ACTION ITEMS
Technology Council Winter Conference Las Vegas
February 4, 2026

AI#	Responsibility	Status	Description
<u>1</u>	Trent Hunt	New	To review the TPSs of related Position Documents to make sure there isn't any overlaps in scopes.
<u>2</u>	Staff	New	To reach out to Martin Dieryckx regarding his concerns on this project committee and relay them to Standards Committee.
<u>3</u>	Standards Committee	New	To provide comments throughout the public review process.
<u>4</u>	Stephanie Reiniche & Meetings Team	New	To review the process, including potentially moving things around from a timing perspective to allow for accommodating more meetings.
<u>5</u>	TAC	New	To revise the Rules of the Board (ROB) and their Manual of Procedures (MOP) to be able to have leaders of MTGs swapped out.
<u>6</u>	Committee Chairs	New	To review the roundtable results, and for discussion of actions added to the OPS Spring Meeting agenda.

ACTION ITEMS
Technology Council Fall Virtual Meeting
October 27, 2025
Secretary's Note: There were no new action items from this meeting.

ACTION ITEMS
Technology Council Annual Conference Phoenix
June 25, 2025

AI#	Responsibility	Status	Description
<u>1</u>	Staff	Complete	To reach out to each committee under Tech Council and walk through what is and isn't in each committees 25-26 SY budget and dollars allocated.
2	RAC & Staff	Ongoing	To review RAC's process about whether or not they need to reach out to TCs.

ACTION ITEMS
Technology Council Spring Virtual Meeting

May 7, 2025

Secretary's Note: There were no new action items from this meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Technology Council Winter Conference Orlando

February 12, 2025

AI#	Responsibility	Status	Description
1	Staff	Complete	To determine the best person on PubMed to reach out to REF about online special publications.

ACTION ITEMS

Technology Council Fall Virtual Meeting

October 29, 2024

Secretary's Note: There were no new action items from this meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Technology Council Annual Meeting Indianapolis

June 26, 2024

AI#	Responsibility	Status	Description
1	Staff	Complete	To send EHC's 2024 Trends and Research Gaps report to RAC and TAC.
2	TAC	Complete	To look at the "H" in ASHRAE and the emerging trend of electrification of heating for comfort and process cooling. TAC to make recommendations for support of "H".
3	Staff	Complete	To send RBC, TAC, and RAC's Strategic Plan to Society Planning Committee.
4	Staff & Tech Council Leadership	Ongoing	To work with RAC to make sure RAP process is in the correct location in the rules.

ACTION ITEMS

Technology Council Spring Web Call

March 11, 2024

AI#	Responsibility	Status	Description
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1	Staff	Complete	To send the ASHRAE Global HVAC&R Summit Final Report with Tech Council assignments to Tim Wentz.
2	Staff	Complete	To send the ASHRAE Global HVAC&R Summit Final Report with Tech Council assignments to the Standing Committee Chairs.
3	Wade Conlan	Complete	To arrange a working session between the Energy Efficiency in Buildings PD Committee and those who have opinions about the revised position document.
4	James Bennett	Complete	To share TAC inputs to the Strategic plan with the Society Planning Committee.
5	Standing Committees	Complete	To keep Susanna Hanson informed on Strategic Plan input.
6	Stephanie Reiniche	Complete	To record sentiments from this meeting regarding DEI for Ashish to bring to the Board.
7	Tech Council	Complete	To update the Tech Council Reference Manual to reflect the process for handling projects from the CEBD.

Minutes
Technology Council

<u>Voting Members Present:</u> Devin Abellon, Chair Trent Hunt, Vice Chair Corey Metzger David Yashar Doug Fick Doug Reindl Dru Crawley Joseph Sanders Kevin Mercer Mark Fly Martin Dieryckx Michael Pouchak Pat Marks Richie Mittal Steve Bushby – GTIC Chair Max Sherman – EHC Chair Jin Wen – RAC Chair Carol Marriott – RBC Chair Don Brandt – REF Chair Adrienne Thomle – StdC Chair Satheesh Kulankara – TAC Chair <u>Non-voting Present:</u> Bruce Nelson – REF Vice Chair	<u>Staff</u> Stephanie Reiniche, DOT Steve Hammerling, SMORT Tanisha Meyers-Lisle, AMOS-Administration Derrick Nesfield, MOSP Leigh Lain Walker, MOBD Heather Pierce, Technical Services Engineer Alice Yates, Director of Government Affairs Amber Thomas, Administrative Assistant <u>Guests</u> Carrie Brown Anmol Prabhu Doug Cochrane Tommaso Dallavalle Money Khanna Chris Boerkei Bradley Baumann Charlie Reifenberger Buzz Wright Steve Kujak Bria Poe Blake Ellis Paolo Tronville <u>TechC Voting Absent:</u> <u>TechC Non-Voting Absent:</u> Lisa Ng – EHC Vice Chair Jennifer Isenbeck – StdC Vice Chair Roland Charneux – RAC Vice Chair Yashkumar Shukla – RBC Vice Chair Vikrant Aute – TAC Vice Chair Fabio Clavijo – GTIC Vice Chair
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1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING COMMENTS

Chair Abellon called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. PST. The Value Statement, the commitment to the Code of Ethics, the ASHRAE Core Values, and the Diversity

Statement were shared during the meeting.

Secretary's Note: Quorum was met with 21 voting members, including the Chair, at the start of the meeting.

All reports referenced in the minutes are on Basecamp in the folder "2026-02-04 Winter Conference Las Vegas."

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

A. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. MINUTES/ACTION ITEMS

A. TechC Fall Meeting Minutes – 03A

It was moved by Steve Bushby and seconded by Carol Marriott that the Technology Council Fall Meeting minutes be approved.

Tech C Vote: 18-0-3¹

B. Action Items

The action items were updated as shown above in the action item table.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Operations (OPS)

Doug Fick, OPS Chair, presented the report. The report is posted on Basecamp as *04A OPS Report to Tech Council.docx*.

It was moved by Mr. Fick that:

M1

It is recommended that Procedures for ASHRAE Standards Actions (PASA), Section 2 Scope, Section 4.1 Responsibility, Section 4.2.2.4 Standards Reaffirmation Subcommittee, Section 7.3, Maintenance of Standards and Guidelines, New Section 7.3.1 Stabilized Maintenance, Section 7.4.7, Consideration of Standards and Proposals, Section 7.4.8, Records, Section 7.8.1, Project Discontinuation Due to Lack of Membership, Annex A: Definitions, Annex B8.2, be approved as shown in Attachment A in the OPS Report on Basecamp as *04A OPS Report to Tech Council.docx*.

Background: During our ANSI audit, the auditor recommended the inclusion of stabilized maintenance as an option in PASA. This option would reduce staff and volunteer time when processing reaffirmations. Currently our procedures require action to be taken on periodic maintenance every five years. If a

¹ Devin Abellon (Chair), Martin Dieryckx, and David Yashar abstained

document has been reaffirmed at least once, then it is eligible for stabilized maintenance and would require action be taken every 10 years. The changes below would apply to PASA, PC Guide to PASA and the Standards Committee Reference Manual. Once PASA is approved by ANSI, the changes will be integrated into the lower-level documents (PC Guide to PASA , StdC MOP and StdC RM), as well as the applicable ASHRAE forms.

The auditors also recommended some language to clarify the Voting Section of PASA (handling negative votes on letter ballots), matching the ANSI ER criteria for Approval of Standards and clarity on ineligible panel members for appeals.

Tech C Vote: 21-0-0

It was moved by Mr. Fick that:

M2

Technology Council approve \$10,000.00 be added to the 2026-27 GTIC budget for the purpose of supporting a pilot project to adapt an ASHRAE standard to meet needs identified by members outside North America.

Background: GTIC anticipates the need for funding to support travel expenses for members and/or appointed Regional Liaisons as part of the adaptation of ASHRAE standards outside of North America. This request is intended to establish preliminary budget availability to support member engagement once specific requirements are defined.

GTIC is requesting an additional \$10,000 to be added to the 2026-27 GTIC budget. This amount is intended as a starting allocation to support travel needs for members in other regions to initiate adaptation efforts. As this work is being conducted as a pilot, specific travel and support needs have not yet been identified, and GTIC will rely on members' feedback and early findings to refine budget requirements for future adaptation projects.

Fiscal Impact: Additional \$10k to 2026-27 GTIC budget

Staff Time Cost: None

Tech C Vote: 20-0-1²

It was moved by Mr. Fick that:

M3

Technology Council approve the Reference Manual as shown on Basecamp as *04A_Att. B_DRAFT_Tech Council Reference Manual_02.03.26.docx*.

Background: The Technology Council Manual Of Procedure (MOP) was revised, rewritten and approved in January 2024. The existing Reference Manual was last approved in 2014 and is no longer in alignment with the existing Technology MOP. As part of the revision procedures were removed from the MOP that no longer exist anywhere. The Reference Manual is not presented in track changes because it was a complete rewrite. There are

² Devin Abellon (Chair) abstained

additional changes that will be made and brought back by the meetings in Austin.

Tech C Vote: 20-0-1³

Mr. Fick highlighted the following information items:

1. Concerns were brought forward by several SPC Chairs regarding the allocation of meeting space at the conference. Standards Committee will forward the known SPCs who were denied room. TAC was not in the room during this discussion and will be asked if any TCs were denied rooms. It was indicated that multiple committees submitted meeting-space requests but were denied, while certain high-profile standards appear to receive automatic approval. The Chairs are seeking clarity on the criteria used for these decisions and the reasons for the perceived inconsistency. Staff will review the list committees and the room assignment process.
2. EHC's motion from the 2025 Annual Meeting to revise the Rules of the Board for SY26-27 to increase EHC membership was reaffirmed and will be considered by the ASHRAE Board of Directors at their Wednesday Meeting.
3. OPS members expressed concerns about national lab personnel not attending the meeting and that it is affecting the work of technical committees.

Regarding the first information item, Stephanie Reiniche explained that SPCs and TCs with small rosters and hybrid meetings were made to go virtual for the Winter Conference. Some TCs even had meetings where people did not show up. The Meetings Team audited the committee meetings at the conference and staff will share the information once it is finalized. An informal action item was assigned to Ms. Reiniche to communicate in a written form about the SPCs and TCs who were denied meetings space.

Dru Crawley mentioned that it's difficult to justify attending the conference in person when someone has so few meetings to attend.

B. Special Projects

Corey Metzger, Special Projects Chair, presented the report. The report is posted on Basecamp as *04B_SpcProj_Report_to TechC_2026_02_04_Final.docx*.

Mr. Metzger highlighted the following information items:

1. 1977-SP, Expand and Update the ASHRAE Service Life Table in the HVAC Applications Handbook, PMS had its kickoff meeting with the winning bidder Michigan State University on December 9, 2025, and have agreed to quarterly meetings with the PMS. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2026.

³ Devin Abellon (Chair) abstained

2. 1988-SP, Whole Life Gap Analysis, winning bidder, Evoke, will be sending out a survey to Whole Life Carbon (WLC) practitioners and policy makers, which I can share with SP so that it can get the broadest reach. This work is needed to fulfill Objective #1: Define gap analysis methodology and identify authoritative standards, guidelines, datasets, tools, and other resources used in WLC analyses. Evoke has been meeting monthly with the 1988-SP PMS since November 2025. Evoke completed their first interim report on December 15, 2025, and submitted their first progress and financial report to ASHRAE on January 7, 2026. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2026.
3. CEBD has sent back the latest draft of the Residential Retrofits: A Summary of Existing Resources for Decarbonization guide to RBC. RBC has been tasked with sending feedback on the guide to CEBD by February 12, 2026.
4. The building code framework for the Streamlined, Flexible International Building Code Framework project has been completed, and workshops have been held in Lebanon and Kenya. An expanded discussion on the framework workshops took place at the Global Advisory Panel on February 2nd at the Las Vegas Winter Conference. The next workshop will take place in India in March 2026.

Mr. Metzger presented some additional information regarding the CEBD, which can be found at *04B_CEBD Updates.pdf*. The top six proposals are the priorities and what will most likely come to Special Projects in the next six months to a year. These six were chosen based on bandwidth and achievable goals. This list has been shared with Kirstin Pilot, Director of Development, at ASHRAE to assist with outside funding.

Jin Wen asked about confusion surrounding where to submit RTARs, whether to submit them to the Research Administration Committee (RAC) or Special Projects. She has received feedback that applying to Special Projects is easier. However, the process has always been that unless there is extensive external funding required, RTARs should be submitted to RAC. Mr. Metzger agreed that this is still the intended process.

C. Document Review Subcommittee (DRSC)

Trent Hunt, DRSC Chair, presented the report. The report is posted on Basecamp as *04C-DRSC Rprt to TechC.26W.docx*.

It was moved by Mr. Hunt that:

M4

DRSC recommends to Tech Council to recommend to the Board of Directors (BOD) to approve the revision of the *Refrigerants and their Responsible Use* Position Document (PD).

BACKGROUND: The revised position document was approved by the position document committee (PDC) and is included on Basecamp as

04C-Att.A - Refrigerants and Their Responsible Use PD.docx. The current version of this PD expires Jun. 25, 2026. This draft was sent to TechC and BOD members on January 9th for review. Comments were considered and addressed as appropriate by the PD committee.

Tech C Vote: 20-0-1⁴

It was moved by Mr. Hunt that:

M5

Technology Council recommend to the BOD to approve the revision of the *Climate Change* PD.

BACKGROUND: The revised position document was approved by the PDC and is included as **04C-Attachment B**. The current version of this PD expires Jun. 25, 2026. This draft was sent to TechC and BOD members on January 9th for review. Comments were considered and addressed as appropriate by the PD committee.

Tech C Vote: 19-0-2⁵

It was moved by Mr. Hunt that:

M6

Technology Council recommend to the BOD that a revision to the *Indoor Air Quality* PD be initiated.

BACKGROUND: The IAQ Position Document was last revised in 2020. It will expire on June 28, 2026. During the subsequent years, the Covid-19 pandemic brought mitigation of airborne disease transmission to prominence as an IAQ issue in a way not experienced in recent times and the proliferation of wildfire smoke events raised awareness of the importance of IAQ resilience of buildings. In addition, IAQ research on indoor chemistry and the quantification of harm caused by indoor contaminant exposures has developed at a rapid pace. Therefore, it is imperative to review and revise this important position document. No changes to the approved TPS are requested. EHC will recommend a chair and committee after the Winter meeting. EHC to coordinate with CE-IEQ.

Tech C Vote: 20-0-1⁶

Secretary's Note: Dru Crawley left, bringing the total number of voting members to 20.

It was moved by Mr. Hunt that:

M7

Technology Council recommend to the BOD that a revision to the *Environmental Tobacco Smoke* PD be initiated.

⁴ Devin Abellon (Chair) abstained

⁵ Devin Abellon (Chair) and David Yashar abstained

⁶ Devin Abellon (Chair) abstained

BACKGROUND: The ETS Position Document was last revised in 2020. It will expire on June 28, 2026. Since its last revision, the state of knowledge in several important areas such as the safety of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) and legalized use of cannabis has changed and attention has also been focused on cultural practices such as smudging that generate indoor smoke. EHC is developing an EIB on cultural use of tobacco, etc. The PDC can consider if this will be included in PD. Consequently, it is essential to update this important position document to ensure that it remains current and relevant. No changes to the approved title, purpose and scope (TPS) are requested at this time but a review and change is anticipated. EHC will recommend a chair and committee after the Winter Meeting.

Tech C Vote: 19-0-1⁷

It was moved by Mr. Hunt that:

M8

Technology Council recommend to the BOD that a revision to the *Building Decarbonization* PD be initiated.

BACKGROUND: ASHRAE's PD on *Building Decarbonization* was first published five years ago and ASHRAE has been actively producing new decarbonization-related content since. Some of the information in the PD requires updating including Appendix A – Background, and References. DRSC will review the proposed committee to ensure balance in the members.

Tech C Vote: 18-1⁸-1⁹

A1

An action item was assigned to Trent Hunt to review the TPSs of related Position Documents to make sure there isn't any overlaps in scopes.

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Standards Committee (StdC)

Adrienne Thomle, StdC Chair, presented the report. The report is posted on Basecamp as *05A_UPDATE_StdC Report to Technology Council_Annual Mtg_January 2026 2.4.26.docx*

It was moved by Ms. Thomle that:

M9

The following Title, Purpose and Scope be approved and a new Project Committee be formed:

⁷ Devin Abellon (Chair) abstained

⁸ Max Sherman

⁹ Devin Abellon (Chair) abstained

Title: Standard for Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) in Buildings

Purpose: The purpose of this standard is to establish requirements for evaluating and supporting acceptable Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) in buildings, considering multiple environmental domains that affect occupant health, well-being, and functional performance.

The standard is intended to provide a coherent, integrated framework that complements rather than conflicts with existing ASHRAE standards, supports design and operation decisions, and informs policy and guidance, without directly regulating health outcomes.

Scope: This standard applies to buildings and addresses Indoor Environmental Quality through consideration of multiple indoor environmental factors, including but not limited to indoor air quality, thermal conditions, lighting, acoustics, and building or system characteristics that influence environmental performance.

The standard defines requirements and evaluation principles for IEQ at the building or space level. It does not prescribe specific design solutions, medical or clinical criteria, or regulatory compliance thresholds, nor does it replace or duplicate requirements contained in existing ASHRAE standards addressing individual environmental domains.

Background: This TPS was submitted by Benjamin Jones for consideration at the Winter meeting. PPIS assigned Environmental Health Committee as the cognizant committee. Wade Conlan was recommended as the Chair of the proposed new project committee. There are at least five members willing to volunteer.

Tech C Vote: 20-0-0

There were several questions regarding this project committee. Max Sherman explained this is should not a guideline because it is intended to be a committee creating minimum standards. Corey Metzger explained the committee is not trying to duplicate or replace what is being done by 62.1 or other standards, nor will it give design requirements. There may a recommended CO2 level but that will depend on the process. Steve Bushby spoke in favor of creating the committee given that it will have an impact on many parts of the world globally, and suggested people from outside North America should be on the committee.

A2 An action item was assigned to Staff to reach out to Martin Dieryckx regarding his concerns on this project committee and relay them to Standards Committee.

A3 An action item was assigned to Standards Committee to provide comments throughout the public review process.

Ms. Thomle highlighted the following information items:

1. SSPC 90.1 is finalizing the workplan for the 90.1-2028. As part of that work plan, SSPC 90.1 may be submitting a request for funding to address the loss

of PNNL modeling support. The anticipated financial requirement is substantial and may necessitate the engagement of donor partners. In addition, successful execution will likely require supplemental staff resources to manage project oversight, coordination of modeling activities, and continuity of essential technical work.

B. Research Administration Committee (RAC)

Jin Wen, Chair of RAC, presented the report. The report is posted on Basecamp as *05B-RAC-Info Items.W26.docx*.

Ms. Wen highlighted the following information items:

1. RAC released six projects for bid in Fall 2025. Contractors for these projects will be selected at the 2026 Winter meeting.
2. A call for pre-proposals was issued this fall for the ASHRAE Innovative Research Grant Program and 20 pre-proposals were submitted. RAC reviewed the pre-proposals in Las Vegas and 4 pre-proposals were selected for further consideration and will be invited to submit a full proposal prior to the 2026 Annual meeting.
3. RAC reviewed 3 RTARs and 3 Work Statements (WS). 1 RTAR and 1 WS were conditionally accepted. 2 RTARs and 2 WSs were returned.
4. The Research Advisory Panel (RAP) continues their work to develop the ASHRAE Strategic Research Plan (SRP). The RAP met in Las Vegas and addressed TCs and Research Subcommittee Chairs, sponsored a Forum, and issued a survey seeking input. A draft of the SRP is anticipated for the Winter Meeting in Chicago.
5. TechC Action Item #2 from 2025 Annual Meeting was assigned to RAC & Staff to 'Review RAC's process about whether or not they need to reach out to TCs'. The current Multidisciplinary Task Group (MTG) structure already integrates TC representatives. These representatives provide regular reports back to their respective TCs, so there is already a built-in mechanism for awareness and support. Therefore, RAC does not recommend any changes to the current procedures to require TC co-sponsorship of MTG sponsored research.

Regarding information item #4, David Yashar asked about the Research Advisory Panel (RAP) and who the survey was distributed to. Ms. Wen responded that there were two surveys, one which was distributed during the Chairs Breakfast, and the other during the Research Chair Breakfast. She will take the suggestion of sending the survey to the entire membership body back to RAC to consider. Ms. Wen also agreed to create a paper trail regarding RAP.

Mike Pouchak asked for an update on the research portal. The portal was tested and also encouraged to be used during the past RTAR submission cycle. Feedback included comments about some challenges, but nothing major. The goal is for the portal to be fully utilized in March.

Secretary's Note: Jin Wen left, bringing the total number of voting members to 19.

C. Technical Activities Committee (TAC)

Satheesh Kulankara, the Chair of TAC, presented the report. The report is posted on Basecamp as *05C-TAC Rprt to TechC.W26_v2a.docx*.

Mr. Kulankara highlighted the following information items:

1. TAC recommended that ASHRAE reconsider the policy of not allowing in-person meetings for FG Subcommittees and at a minimum allow exceptions on a case-by-case basis. TAC unanimously passed a motion recommending reconsideration of the new policy
2. The following MTG was disbanded: MTG.Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Plant Assessment Guide (RAC)
3. Numerous TAC members were unable to attend the ASHRAE Conference due to restrictions imposed by DOE and National Laboratories.
4. Three TAC members have volunteered to mentor through ASHRAE Connect program for newer members to shadow more experienced members.
 - a. One TAC volunteer connected with a new member at the Las Vegas conference and provided guidance on getting involved

It was moved by Mr. Kulankara and seconded by Adrienne Thomle that:

M10

ASHRAE reconsider the policy of not allowing in-person meetings for FG subcommittees, and at a minimum allow exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

Tech C Vote: 18-0-1¹⁰

A4

An action item was assigned to Stephanie Reiniche and the Meetings Team to review the process, including potentially moving things around from a timing perspective to allow for accommodating more meetings.

A5

An action item was assigned to TAC to revise the Rules of the Board (ROB) and their Manual of Procedures (MOP) to be able to have leaders of MTGs swapped out.

D. Environmental Health Committee (EHC)

Max Sherman, the Chair of EHC, presented the report. The report is posted on Basecamp as *05D-EHC Rprt to TechC.W26.docx*.

Mr. Sherman highlighted the following information items:

¹⁰ Devin Abellon (Chair) abstained

1. A draft of the EHC Trends and Research Gaps Report is expected by the Spring Tech Council meeting.

E. Refrigeration/CPCC (REF-CPCC)

Don Brandt, the Chair of REF-CPCC, presented the report. The report is posted on Basecamp as *05E-REF-CPCC Rprt to TechC.W26.docx*.

Mr. Brandt highlighted the following information items:

1. A request for a new Position Document (PD) on *Sustainability and Resiliency of the Cold Chain* was approved by REF-CPCC. The request was reviewed by Document Review Subcommittee (DRSC) but not approved. REF-CPCC can revise and resubmit it at a future meeting.
2. REF-CPCC plans to support the development of a Refrigeration System Designer Certification. Several members have volunteered to create three sub-groups for NH3, CO2, and HydroCarbons.
3. REF-CPCC is reviewing the UNEP Refrigeration Safety Guide.

F. Residential Building Committee (RBC)

Carol Marriott, the Chair of RBC, presented the report. The report is posted on Basecamp as *05F_RBC_Report_to_TechC_2026-02-04_Final.docx*.

Ms. Marriott highlighted the following information items:

1. RBC approved their report on the December 7th stakeholders workshop to be presented to Tech Council. The RBC Stakeholders Workshop was held at the 2025 Building XVI Conference in Clearwater, Florida. Participants from across the residential building industry gathered for a listening session on consumer choice and affordability, resilience, and indoor environmental quality. The report outlines the event's activities, outcomes, and actionable items to present to ASHRAE.
2. RBC submitted a proposal for PAOE (Presidential Award of Excellence) points for SY 26-27. ASHRAE Chapters will be awarded 600 PAOE points for organizing and conducting a Residential Stakeholders Workshop with multi-sector stakeholder participation and documented outcomes supporting ASHRAE residential initiatives. RBC will draft a guide on organizing stakeholder workshops pending approval of proposal.
3. The Center of Excellence for Building Decarbonization(CEBD) has completed its review of the Residential Retrofit Guide and sent it back to RBC. CEBD has requested RBC review and send feedback by February 12, 2026. RBC has been collaborating with the CEBD and Special Projects Subcommittee since SY 24-25.

4. The Communication Subcommittee is collaborating with three invited speakers and ASHRAE Journal Staff to schedule a podcast on the topic of residential Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ).

G. Global Technical Interaction Committee (GTIC)

Steve Bushby, the Chair of GTIC, presented the report. The report is posted on Basecamp as *05G_GTIC Report to TechC Feb 2026.docx*.

Mr. Bushby highlighted the following information items:

1. GTIC finalized the video to promote GTIC objectives and the video is now available on ASHRAE's GTIC [webpage](#) and YouTube Channel.
2. The committee has agreed on ASHRAE 154 "Ventilation for Commercial Cooking Operations" as a candidate for a pilot project for adaptation. SPC 154 verbally declined to revise their standard because they didn't feel it was needed. GTIC is working to refine the adaptation process and continue to communicate with respective ASHRAE members on the initiative. Completion is not expected until next society year.
3. The initial version of ASHRAE and ISO TC mapping was presented at the TC Breakfast at the 2026 Winter Conference. The intent is to encourage members to be involved in the EU mandate of updating the ISO 52000 series of standards. The presentation can be found on Basecamp as *05G_Att A. TC Breakfast - GTIC.pptx*.
4. The committee continues its outreach efforts with Global South organizations to develop a prioritized list of MOUs to be established.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Liaison Report

Doug Fick, GAC Liaison, presented the report, which can be found at *06A_GAC Report to Tech Council-Winter 2026 VEGAS.docx*. Mr. Fick highlighted the following:

1. Thank you for your input and engagement: Thank you for your work in developing important technical resources to make buildings healthy and sustainable. ASHRAE resources are in demand by government entities, and we appreciate all you do in your developing technical resources. In addition, thank you to ASHRAE technical experts who have provided quick responses to policy makers and elected officials, assistance with drafting legislative text, reviews of public policy issue briefs, responses to technical questions, and technical advice in regulatory and legislative development. This technical support has taken place across multiple efforts, in particular with legislation and policies involving IEQ, data centers, and modernization of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA). **Thank you!!**

2. Request for communication and coordination – If your tech committee/council/task group becomes engaged with or contacted by policy or government entities, please let the GAC know through emailing GovAffairs@ashrae.org. We want to make sure any work is coordinated and appreciate **early** communication. Great coordination is already taking place with the EHC – **thank you!** Please also note that per the ROB Section 2.402.003.2, the GAC has been given the responsibility for providing technical assistance in drafting legislative and regulatory language. Finally, if Tech Council has new resources that it wants GAC to advocate for, please let the GAC know by emailing GovAffairs@ashrae.org. Thank you!
3. 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.
4. Public Policy Issue Briefs: The GAC approved unanimously the updated Public Policy Issue Brief (PPIB) on Building Electrification. Thanks much for the input from the CEBD! Updates to the other existing PPIBs are ongoing, and we really appreciate the input already provided by EHC and the Refrigeration Committee. Once the updates are completed (expected March/April), these PPIBs will be delivered to Tech Council, per the ROB. A new PPIB on building commissioning/retro-commissioning 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.

Secretary's Note: Doug Reindl left, bringing the total number of voting members to 18.

B. Finance Liaison Report

Mr. Abellon, Finance Liaison, reported that the Society Treasurer presented a comprehensive review of finances. Membership dues for the 2026-2027 society year will go up by five dollars. As for budget requests, only two were received from Technology Council, being from GTIC and EHC. Any budget requests should be submitted by the end of March 2026.

C. Society Planning Liaison Report

Trent Hunt reported that the Implementation Subcommittee gave a good report on emerging technologies and will have a final report at the Annual Meeting in Austin. Additionally, there was a good report from the Validation Documentation Committee.

There was 100% MBO reporting using the online program.

D. Society Rules Committee

Carrie Brown reminded everyone to use Society Rules Committee as a resource. The committee has been focused on updating the bylaws to match society needs.

D. DEI Subcommittee

Devin Abellon briefly explained that an ad hoc was formed last year to investigate whether Members Council needs a DEI committee to coordinate at the grassroots level. This created the framework to create a DEI standing committee. This was passed by the Board in November, in addition to deciding there doesn't need to be two DEI committees. The decision was made to end the DEI Advisory Committee at end of the society year. An ad hoc has been formed to draft the Manual of Procedures (MOP) for the new standing committee, and appointments will be set by the end of this Society year.

E. Tech Council Reference Manual

Edits to the Technology Council Reference Manual were approved, and minor tweaks will continue until it's finalized at the end of the society year.

7. AD HOC REPORTS

A. Safety for Next Generations Refrigerants

Doug Reindl reported that the ad hoc was launched in Fall 2025 and has been meeting biweekly. See report posted on Basecamp here: for detailed information.

B. BEQ Plan Update

Trent Hunt reported that the ad hoc has done some research over the last few months and will have meetings starting the last week of February.

8. DOT REPORT

Stephanie Reiniche reported on the following staffing updates:

- Mark Weber retired from ASHRAE on January 16th.
- Ryan Shanley is now Group Manager, Codes and Standards.

- Emily Toto is now Senior Manager, Codes and Standards.
- Thomas Loxley is now Manager, Codes.
- Carmen is now Assistant Manager, Standards Analyst.
- Tanisha is now Manager, Standards Administration Technology
- Klaudette Spencer, Standards Administration Specialist, is the Technology department's newest staff member
- There is an open position for Assistant Manager of Standards – National.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Roundtable Summarized Results

The results can be found on Basecamp as *09A_Roundtable Summarized Results – January 2026 REV3.docx*.

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An action item was assigned to all committee chairs to review the roundtable results, and for discussion of actions added to the OPS Spring Meeting agenda.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The RAC report on approval of research projects was done in Executive Session,

11. **NEXT MEETING**

- The spring meeting is TBD.

12. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52am PST.