

REGION IV FALL CRC MOTIONS

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Motions - 2021 Fall CRC

South Carolina Chapter – 2021 CRC Motion 9:

That Redlines be made for the ASHRAE Handbooks, similar to what is already offered for the Standards, to summarize what information has been added/changed/removed from the previous version of the Handbook. (Complete)

Answer: An action item was assigned to the Region IV RMCR, Bryan Holcomb to send the above motion back to the chapter for additional clarification. It was recommended that the chapter resubmit a revised motion during their next CRC so that the motion can be brought back.

Motions - 2019 Fall CRC

Triangle Chapter – Motion 32 (11/14/2019):

That ASHRAE provide opportunities for live training & exams for all ASHRAE Certifications. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) The Professional Development Committee are working on a face-to face exam prep course for the Building Commissioning Professional (BCxP) certification, and one for the Certified HVAC Designer (CHD) certification. The plan is to present the course(s) at ASHRAE conferences where a certification exam will also be offered. While a prep course will not teach to the exam, it may be a convenient option for a participant to take the prep course as a refresher prior to taking the exam – while they're at the ASHRAE conference. The course(s) will always be available for chapters to offer at their events. A later product may include conversion of the exam prep course to an easily accessible, online course. From the perspective of the Certification Committee, it would be completely fine for ASHRAE to offer examination prep courses that taught to the tasks tested on a given certification exam. These tasks are publicly available in the respective Certification Candidate Guidebooks. Since the scope of the Certification Committee, which is to "evaluate and recommend proposals for new (certification) programs, and develop, maintain, monitor and evaluate certification programs," it does not include training or education.

Motions - 2018 Fall CRC

Charleston Chapter – Motion 38 (11/8/2018):

That transportation reimbursements for Region IV members eligible for reimbursements as outlined in the CRC Guidelines – Appendix DH – Transportation Reimbursement Policy for Regions, be set at a maximum of \$500 for one year only for the 2019-2020 Region IV joint CRC with Region XIV. (Passed; Complete)

Motions - 2017 Fall CRC

Triangle Chapter – Motion 8 (11/3/2017):

That ASHRAE Society shall remove the Option to uncheck the box for chapter dues for all renewing memberships. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) It would make chapter dues mandatory, going against the Society Bylaws.

Charleston Chapter – Motion 18 (11/3/2017):

That ASHRAE Society provide a stipend for Regional Operations similar to the current Chapter Opportunity Fund. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) It would eliminate the need to hold chapters accountable and leaves no incentive for chapters to follow-up with local dues collection.

Charleston Chapter – Motion 19 (11/3/2017):

That ASHRAE Society add the ASHRAE Region LeADRS Program participant to the list of individuals reimbursed for transportation to the Winter and Annual Meetings. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) The Council already approved a motion which allows LeADRS to attend the Society conferences



(1 per meeting per region). The LeaDRS are reimbursed transportation using the DRCs' allotted visits. LeaDRS were also approved to pay the same 75% discount registration fee as the BOD, speakers, CEC members, etc.

Atlanta Chapter – Motion 21 (11/3/2017):

That Society move the Historical Committee from reporting to PubEd Council to reporting to Members Council making this committee a Grassroots Committee and to include the 14 RVCs as voting members of the committee. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) The Historical Committee was not in favor of the motion.

Motions - 2016 Fall CRC

Southern Piedmont Chapter – Motion 4c (10/14/2016):

That ASHRAE create an annual stipend of \$100,000, paid monthly to the President of Society. (Referred to ExCom; Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) A leader of a volunteer organization should be a volunteer without any pay. A possible solution is to add more Vice Presidents to the Executive Committee.

Charleston Chapter – Motion 8a (10/14/2016):

That DRCs, ARCs and RMCRs be given read only access to all chapter online activities at ASHRAE.org and ASHRAERP.com to be able to monitor the Chapter activities within their respective Regions. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) Regional officers have access to their chapters' database. There may be some who may not have access to the ashraerp.com, if this is the case they need only to notify RP Staff.

Southern Piedmont Chapter – Motion 8b (10/14/2016):

That ASHRAE extend chapter reporting access to outgoing chapter president. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) Chapters can give access by adding the chapter past president as a chapter administrator.

Motions - 2015 Fall CRC

Southern Piedmont Chapter – Motion 29e (11/6/2015):

That ASHRAE create an online Chapter Speakers file for Chapter Leaders to use by November 1, 2015. (Referred to CTTC; Complete)

Answer: Also referred to the ad hoc committee on Effective ASHRAE Materials Delivery to and through Chapters.

- CTTC response: CTTC was not in favor of this motion. The Committee had concerns about the maintenance of the list and the inability to receive and review feedback of the speakers listed. Additionally, the speakers would not be vetted and the compilation of the list could be seen as an endorsement from ASHRAE. Currently, there are several ways for Chapters to find speakers outside of the DL program – CTTC RVCs maintain a regional speakers list, a list of TC Members is sent annually to CTTC RVCs to provide to the Chapters, and Chapter Members can search the Winter and Annual programs to find local speakers.
- PEC's Functional Planning Subcommittee assigned a small working group in response to the "Effective ASHRAE Materials Delivery To and Through Chapters" report developed by Mr. Austin and has tasked the group to work on a response to this referral. The ad hoc committee gave a detailed report during the St. Louis meeting and other groups have been assigned to implement. The detailed report serves as an attachment to this and similar motions that were submitted during the regions fall CRCs.

Atlanta Chapter – Motion 30A (11/6/2015):

That ASHRAE Staff shall notify the Regional Vice Chair – Student Activities of the respective region whenever a scholarship application is received for that region effective February 1, 2016. (Referred to SAC and Scholarship Trustees; Complete)

Answer: See responses below.

- SAC response: The Committee is in favor of this motion. SAC will have a representative attend the Scholarship Trustees meeting.
- The Scholarship Trustees are in favor of this motion. The SAC staff liaison will provide a list of scholarships to Student Activities Regional Vice Chairs and Student Activities Chairs each spring/summer. The staff liaison will also remind the RVCs and Chairs to distribute the information to their Chapters and to actively encourage student members to apply for the scholarships. The staff liaison to the Scholarship Trustees will provide a list to the SAC staff liaison of the number of scholarship applications submitted from each region. The list of applications and winners will be forwarded to the SA Committee so that the committee can identify regional trends.

Southern Piedmont Chapter – Motion 31 (11/6/2015):

That ASHRAE MC and/or PEC undertake a project for ASHRAE to share ASHRAE provided attendee training and income with ASHRAE Chapters in order to expand use of ASHRAE provided member education. (Referred to CTTC and PubEd; Complete)

Answer: Also referred to the ad hoc committee on Effective ASHRAE Materials Delivery to and through Chapters.

CTTC response: The Committee discussed that this information could help Chapters to identify which Members have support from their employers and are participating in ASHRAE training. The proposition of revenue sharing raised concern for several members of the Committee. After much discussion, the Committee concluded while they are not in support of revenue sharing, a list of attendees for training courses could be easily shared with the Chapters. While the motion speaks specifically to ALI courses, also sharing the database of Annual and Winter Meeting attendees could provide the Chapters with useful information as to what their members are doing. This information sharing may help to quell fears that many Chapters have of “losing” members to Society-level training.

- PEC response: Currently, ASHRAE Chapters can purchase ASHRAE educational materials in bulk for resale, retaining profits if they wish, and can schedule ALI instructor led seminars, charging registration fees they wish and retaining revenue. In effect, these incentives already allow chapters to “share ASHRAE provided training and income with ASHRAE chapters.”
- PEC’s Functional Planning Subcommittee assigned a small working group in response to the “Effective ASHRAE Materials Delivery To and Through Chapters” report developed by Mr. Austin and has tasked the group to work on a response to this referral. The ad hoc committee gave a detailed report during the St. Louis meeting and other groups have been assigned to implement. The detailed report serves as an attachment to this and similar motions that were submitted during the regions fall CRCs.
- PEC took the referral as a motion; PEC was not in favor of the motion. After discussion the council decided that this motion will be hard to implement and would negatively affect the business of Publishing and Education Council (PEC). PEC has additional background information if further explanation is requested.

Charleston Chapter – Motion 34a (11/6/2015):

That the first deadline (chapter deadline) for Society ASHRAE Student Project submissions be moved from 1st week of May to 4th week of May. This would allow schools on the Quarter system to finish their projects within a week or two. Quarter finish (1st week of June) and not a full month in advance. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) The Design Competition is due May 4th, entries are sent to the chapter president and chapter SA chair by May 6th to be judged. They are given 2 weeks to judge (2 weeks for workload or vacation/sickness). Once the deadline of May 18th is reached, the results are sent to the respected RVC to judge. They are given two weeks to judge (2 weeks for workload or vacation/sickness). The submissions are received by June 1st to be processed and sent out for committee judging which they are also given two weeks (2 weeks for workload or vacation/sickness) before the Annual meeting. The judging should be complete one week before the meeting to help the RVCs prepare for the meeting and missing work.

Motions - 2014 Fall CRC

Triangle Chapter – Motion 8 (10/2/2014):

That chapter committee chairs for Research Promotion, Membership Promotion, Refrigeration Chair, and YEA Chair (those not currently allowed reimbursement) be allowed as current chairs the same transportation reimbursement for CRC Regional meeting effective July 1, 2015. ([Referred to ExCom; Complete](#))

Answer: (Note: a report will be made to Members Council by BOD member Ginger Scoggins during the St. Louis conference in June.)

Ms. Scoggins reported on information gathered from Membership Promotion and RP Centralized Training versus CRC Workshop Training. She stated that the ad hoc committee was not charged to fix or improve anything, rather compare the affects centralized training has on CRCs. The ad hoc committee worked on this for over a year and found the results inconclusive because of the lack of consistent data from CRC workshop attendance. Other results indicated that both RP and MP has grown successfully from their training, however both resulted in a decrease in attendance to CRC.

Ms. Scoggins stated based on the ad hoc committee's findings and inconclusive results that the attached report be turned over to Members Council for further investigation of the two training entities.

Ms. Scoggins also recommend that Members Council take pro action into tracking attendance at the CRC workshops in order to have more of an accurate count of those in attendance when comparing results of centralized training and CRC workshops.

Atlanta Chapter – Motion 30 (10/2/2014):

That Members Council create a Chapter Committee Chair Training Ad-Hoc comprised of one Chapter- level volunteer from each Region, elected by the Delegates of each Region, to provide recommendations regarding volunteer training at local level (CRCs), at society level (Centralized Training), or via other methods by March 1, 2015. ([Complete](#))

Answer: (**Defeated**) An action item was assigned to the Members Council Region Operations Subcommittee to review the structure of CRC to ensure they continue to meet chapter and regional needs (e.g. the need to balance positive results of centralized training with the need to keep the CRCs relevant, robust and well-attended).

Greenville Chapter – Motion 31 (10/2/2014):

That committee chairs be allowed to attend CRC training via a web interface. ([Complete](#))

Answer: (**Defeated**) See action item above in Motion 30 (10/2/2014).

Region IV (Atlanta Chapter) – 2014 CRC Motion 16:

That training for grassroots committee chairs must take place at Chapter Regional Conferences (CRCs) and not centralized training effective February 1, 2015. ([Withdrawn; Complete](#))

Greenville Chapter – Postponed Motion 24 (10/2/2014) / Motion 13 (01/27/2015):

That the Manual for Chapter Operations (MCO) be revised to allow all YEA Members (including Affiliate Grade Members) to serve specifically as YEA Chapter Committee Chairs. ([Passed; Complete](#))

Motions - 2013 Fall CRC

Atlanta Chapter – Motion 1.4 (10/5/2013):

That the Society pursues a new web user interface for membership and chapter functions. ([Complete](#))

Answer: This motion was referred to the ASHRAE IT Manager who implemented change and functionality of the current system, i.e. new online programs for the CIQ, PAOE, tracking system and chapter reports.

Southern Piedmont Chapter – Motion 9 (10/5/2013):

That Society provide an email notification at the beginning of the final month of a member's current membership and upon a member entering delinquent status. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) see notification schedule below:

The following is the current schedule for renewal materials, both postal and electronic. This may help the region to understand what is generated and when. All items are pulled around the first day of the month and are sent out by the end of the first week:

- 3 months before renewal date: Annual notice – email with outlook reminder to add to their calendar, paper invoice
- 2 months before renewal date: First notice – email and postcard reminder
- At time of renewal date: Second notice – paper invoice (delinquency/grace period starts at the end of the month it's sent)
- 2 months past renewal date: Third notice – email and postcard reminder
- 4 months past renewal date: Final notice – email and postcard reminder
- 5 months after renewal date: Personal email from Membership Manager (grace period ending/cancelled at the end of the month)
- 6 months after renewal date: Cancellation – email and postcard

We start 90 days out to allow time for members who employers pay for their memberships to process check requests internally. An additional email can be added, but as you see, we currently send out 6 emails, 3 postcards and 2 invoices over the course of the renewal period. However to add an additional email would incur a cost of approximately \$500 as we use an outside vendor to create the email templates and postcards as an overall marketing campaign.

Atlanta Chapter – 2013 CRC Motion 16:

That the requirements for any RVC position be relaxed to include qualifying alternative that any person who served as chapter officer for 3 years or more. (Sent back to Chapter; Complete)

Southern Piedmont Chapter – Motion 38 (10/5/2013):

That the Manual for Chapter Operations (MCO) be revised to allow all YEA members (including Affiliate Grade Members) to serve as YEA Chapter Committee Chairs. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated); see response below:

In the background of the motion, the chapter indicate that the Affiliate grade is under the age of 35 but is actually 30 years or younger. The Affiliate grade is an introductory membership for individuals 30 years and younger who will automatically transfer into Associate grade after 3 years. The Affiliate grade does not have voting privileges at the Society or Chapter level. Affiliate grade members cannot sign a petition if a chapter or section is formed in their area. If Affiliate grade members hold chapter chair positions, it would apply to all positions in the chapter including the chapter president because it would be opened in the database for all. Currently, the database is programmed to not accept Affiliate and Student grades for chapter positions.

Update: During the 2015 Chicago Conference, Members Council approved a motion for the YEA position to serve as committee chair if the member is Affiliate grade.

Motions - 2011 Fall CRC**Charleston Chapter – Motion 6 (11/5/2011):**

That students and/or faculty from NAAB (National Architectural Accrediting Board) accredited schools actively involved in ASHRAE at the chapter, regional and national levels, be allowed to apply for ASHRAE grants, scholarships and awards when only ABET accreditation is required. (Complete)

Answer: The Scholarship Trustees has been asked to make the following revision to the list of accreditation agencies and programs that meet the Society's scholarship criteria: Undergraduate Engineering and Engineering Technology programs and NAAB accredited programs at schools with an active ASHRAE student branch
<http://www.ashrae.org/students/page/699>.



In addition, the list of options for students to input their “major program of study” in ASHRAE’s membership database has been expanded to include the following: AE and ARCH. This should make it easier to track students whose major is architecture as opposed to engineering; however, the other proposed changes to the “Industry” codes and “Job” cannot be done since it would involve an expensive customization of the NetForum database. After reviewing the list of ASHRAE student members who have indicated on their member record that they pursuing a degree in “architecture;” the scholarship trustees took no action to expand the scholarship criteria to include students majoring in architecture outside of those architecture students who are currently eligible for the ASHRAE Region IV Benny Bootle Scholarship.

Atlanta Chapter – Motion 7 (11/5/2011):

That Honors & Awards Committee create an award to recognize outstanding leadership efforts and other contributions to ASHRAE by YEA (Young Engineers in ASHRAE) members where 2 members would be recognized each year. (Passed; Complete)

Answer: The YEA Committee supports the addition of a YEA award at the Society level but would need to further develop the criteria, qualifications and award description. This task was assigned to a YEA subcommittee who will submit their recommendation for consideration to the Honors and Awards Committee in San Antonio, Texas.

Update: During the Members Council 2013 meeting in Dallas, the council approved the Honors and Awards Committee’s recommendation for the YEA Award of Individual Excellence, Youth Outreach Award. **(Complete)**

Motions - 2010 Fall CRC

North Piedmont Chapter – Motion 35 (10/24/2010):

That the Conferences and Expositions Committee (CEC) and ASHRAE staff be directed to schedule the Society Winter and/or Annual Meetings such that each region has the opportunity to host a meeting within their region on a rotational basis. (Complete)

Answer: CEC is favorably inclined to rotate the conferences among the regions but is unable to commit to doing this on a rotational schedule. This is because some cities may not have the facilities (meeting space or convention space) necessary to host the conference. A list of criteria will be developed by CEC and staff to see what cities could be considered as potential hosts for an ASHRAE conference. This can be shared with local chapters interested in hosting the annual conference.

Motions - 2007 Fall CRC

South Carolina Chapter – Motion 3 (09/21/2007):

That Society amend the current transportation policy to include reimbursement for CTTC and SAC chairperson to attend the Chapters Regional conference (CRC) beginning 2008-09 fiscal year. (Passed; Complete)

North Piedmont Chapter – Motion 9 (09/21/2007):

That any member wishing to hold a Regional or Society level officer position must be an active chapter dues paying member for 5 years. These years do not have to be in the same chapter but the person must demonstrate engagement in the “grass roots” chapter level for the required period of time. All persons wishing to hold a position as a regional officer or a Society officer position member must have a letter from the current president of the person’s current assigned chapter. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) This is covered by the Nominating Committee who reviews the experience of each individual before recommending the individual for the proposed position.

North Piedmont Chapter – Motion 10 (09/21/2007):

That any member wishing to hold a position as a voting member of a technical committee shall be an active chapter dues paying member for a period of no less than 3 years. These years do not have to be in the same chapter but the person must demonstrate engagement in the “grass roots” chapter level for the required period of time. All persons wishing to hold a position as a TC voting member must have a letter from the current president of the person’s current assigned chapter. (Complete)



Answer: (Defeated) The TCs put in long and hard hours during the Society meetings with no reimbursement of expense costs for anything. Also, there are members of the Society who do not live close to chapters and serve on technical committees.

Atlanta Chapter – Motion 26 (09/21/2007):

That it will be the practice of the ASHRAE publications department to post on the ASHRAE website downloadable copies of all papers presented at ASHRAE meetings once they are more than three years old. ([Referred to PubEd; Complete](#))

Answer: PEC concluded that due to the estimated loss of revenue, papers more than 3 years old should not be made available for free access on the ASHRAE website. The negative fiscal impact is estimated at \$5,000 per year. The PEC is investigating creating subscription based access to a body of knowledge that would provide access to all meeting papers and to other papers and articles.

North Piedmont Chapter – Motion 27 (09/21/2007):

That the number of miles traveled by ASHRAE members for all regional, society and technical committee meetings be reduced by fifty percent by July 2010. ([Complete](#))

Answer: (Defeated); it cannot be implemented. Members Council does agree that Society need to move forward and find alternative and electronic means to hold meetings to reduce travel.

North Piedmont Chapter – Motion 28 (09/21/2007):

That Society make all ASHRAE standards viewable from the ASHRAE website for no cost to all ASHRAE members that are in good standing. Downloading a copy, print copies and using information for reports or uses other than personal information will cost the same as it does currently for members. The cost of standards for non-members will be increased an additional 30% as a penalty to non-members. ([Referred to PubEd; Complete](#))

Answer: PEC concluded that based on the cost of making documents available for viewing only and the potential loss of income that all standards should not be made available for free viewing. ASHRAE income from standards sales and royalties is approximately \$1 million annually. At the current time, ASHRAE makes available for free viewing code intended standards. Converting all standards would add initial cost of about \$70,000. (The cost per standard to create a viewable only file is \$900.) In addition, there would be an annual cost to convert new and revised standards. Lastly, posting all standards as viewable would increase the annual hosting fee to by an estimated \$3,000.

North Piedmont Chapter – Motion 29 (09/21/2007):

That Society look for a way that Joe/Jill Public hears the word ASHRAE. ([Complete](#))

Answer: This motion was referred to Bill Harrison and Tom Watson. (Mr. Harrison reported that this motion has been fulfilled and is considered complete since the structure in ASHRAE's marketing area has changed, i.e., new marketing manager; marketing embedded in each department at headquarters; and hiring new marketing specialist.)

North Piedmont Chapter – Motion 30 (09/21/2007):

That ASHRAE implement an intense and ongoing marketing and promotional campaign utilizing outside vendors and public relations specialists. ([Complete](#))

Answer: This motion was referred to Bill Harrison and Tom Watson. (Mr. Harrison reported that this motion has been fulfilled and is considered complete since the structure in ASHRAE's marketing area has changed, i.e., new marketing manager; marketing embedded in each department at headquarters; and hiring new marketing specialist.)