

REGION IX FALL CRC MOTIONS

Last Revised: 08/10/2023

Motions - 2023 Fall CRC

Nebraska Chapter - Motion (08/04/2023):

That the Region Operations Manual (ROM) Appendix D, Section II be modified as follows: (Open)

"A. Transportation reimbursement is approved for attendance at one annual regional planning meeting held within the region (annually) or at the ASHRAE headquarters (triennially) to plan their upcoming year's activities for the following individuals:

D. The DRC has the option to invite the region's presidents elect for President Elect Training to the Regional Planning Meeting ~~however, transportation costs will not be reimbursed for these optional members except as defined in Section I, Paragraph B- utilizing allocated regional discretionary visits.~~

The ~~chapter~~ visits will be used as a way of transportation reimbursement only if authorized by the DRC to attend."

Nebraska Chapter - Motion (08/04/2023):

That the following changes be made to website and the ROB and H&A MOP. (Open)

Rules of the Board Change:

"The Exceptional Service Award is established to recognize members who have served the Society faithfully with exemplary effort, in excess of that required for the Distinguished Service Award. The individual must have been a be a Full Member for a minimum of ten years and a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. (96-06-27-34/97-01-30-36)"

H&A MOP Change:

"The Board approves the establishment of the Exceptional Service Award to recognize members who have served the Society faithfully and with exemplary effort, in excess of that required for the Distinguished Service Award. The individual must have been be a Full Member grade for a minimum of ten years and recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. ROB 520-134-006, (96-06-27-34/97-01-30-36)"

Website changes: (taken from ashrae.org/membership/honors-and-awards)

"Exceptional Service Award

This award recognizes members who have served the Society faithfully and with exemplary effort, far in excess (45 service points) of that required for the Distinguished Service Award (15 service points). The individual must be have been a Full Member for a minimum of ten years and be a past recipient of the Distinguished Service Award."

Nebraska Chapter - Motion (08/04/2023):

Create investment accounts through ASHRAE Society that Chapters can use for multiyear investments for large expenditures. Large expenditures would be for Chapter needs. (i.e. Hosting a CRC, Technical Conference, and Annual Meeting Host Chapter). ~~Having these accounts would be managed by the ASHRAE Finance Committee or another committee as seen fit by the ASHRAE Board.~~ (Open)

Utah Chapter - Motion (08/04/2023):

That Honors & Awards Committee implement a formal appeal process for rejected Fellow Grade nominations. (Open)

Utah Chapter - Motion (08/04/2023):

That Honors & Awards Committee publish detailed explanation, criteria, examples for the meaning of the requirement of "Attained distinction and made a substantial contribution in HVAC&R and in the built environment," and define in greater detail the following term: "exceptional accomplishments," regarding the nomination of consulting design engineers for Fellow Grade nominations. (Open)

Utah Chapter - Motion (08/04/2023):

That Honors & Awards Committee provide individualized feedback to all rejected College of Fellow nominations to explain the reasons nominee did not meet the criteria, including recommended improvements to the nominating materials for resubmission. (Open)

Motions - 2022 Fall CRC

Kansas City Chapter Motion 58 (8/04/2022):

That the database used for Research Promotion be updated to an online database similar to the one used by Membership. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) RP already uses the same database. If there is a problem with the data in the database, we can address that as needed.

Kansas City Chapter Motion 59 (8/04/2022):

That all assessments assessed to the chapters collected by society at membership renewal. This would include the DRC and CRC regional Assessments. (Complete)

Answer: Assessments are a Regional decision and vary in amount and frequency. This should be kept at a Regional level.

Motions - 2021 Fall CRC

Kansas City Chapter – Motion 6B (11/4/2021):

That non-current ASHRAE Handbook editions be made available to dues-paying ASHRAE members (Full or Associate Member grade) in an electronic format, in lieu of the hardbound handbook. (Referred to PubEd; Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) PDFs of noncurrent Handbook chapters are already available for purchase from ASHRAE Customer Service for a nominal fee. PDFs of volumes starting with 2018 Refrigeration are posted for members on the Technology Portal. Both these options need to be publicized so members know they can obtain the desired chapters. Historically, demand for these chapters is low and would not justify spending the approximately \$10-15k per volume to post this content on the Technology Portal or carry them in the bookstore.

Nebraska Chapter – Motion 31 (11/4/2021):

That student members be able to hold chapter committee member positions. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) Chapters can already do this for their student members. Students may serve as members on committees but cannot be entered on the CIQ because of their grade status and the database programming which excludes Student grade members. To receive credit for their service, Students may enter their chapter committee member position onto their bio in the Member Entered Data section of the bio. After their Student grade changes to Associate grade or higher, and upon request, the information can be formally entered into the CIQ's history log.

Motions - 2019 Fall CRC

Kansas City Chapter – Motion 7c (11/14/2019):

That the candidate requirements for all Regional Vice Chair positions be revised except for the YEA Regional Vice Chair as follows: (Referred to BOD for approval; Complete)

“Regional Vice Chairs shall hold Member grade or higher in the Society, shall have been in the grade of Member and in good standing ~~for three years prior to the start of their terms.....~~”

Answer: This motion was referred to the Society grassroots committees for review to determine what works best for them and if their specific ROB should be updated as suggested in the motion.

The motion was amended as follows: (Rules of the Board 3.300.005) Regional Vice Chairs shall hold Member a membership grade or higher in the Society as indicated in the grassroots qualifications section, ~~shall have been in the grade of Member~~ and shall be in good standing ~~for three years prior to the start of their terms and shall reside in the Region.~~ Regional Vice Chairs shall reside in the Region they represent.

Rocky Mountain Chapter – Motion 7d (11/14/2019):

That the ASHRAE Bylaws, Article II, be amended to change the print grade from “Member” to “Full Member.” (Referred to MP. Passed; Complete)

New Mexico Chapter – Motion 43 (11/15/2019):

That lanyards given to attendees at registration for the ASHRAE annual meeting and winter meeting shall have at a minimum “ASHRAE” and “Lanyards Sponsored by [Company],” on the lanyard. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) Event Sponsorship Ad Hoc report sent to Members Council for review. New sponsorship packages have been updated on the website and will officially be launched for the Austin Conference.

Motions - 2018 Fall CRC**Nebraska Chapter – Motion 9 (11/8/2018):**

That ASHRAE Members Council create an action item for ASHRAE staff (as assigned by society) to search for and select a standard mobile point of sale device that can be used by chapters and sections. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) ECC has addressed similar motions like the motion above in the past. Based on the previous motions and their similarity, ECC has made available on the ECC page of ashrae.org a whitepaper entitled *Electronic Tools Used by ASHRAE Chapters for Websites, Event Planning, and Electronic Communication* containing a list of online tools and resources available to, and currently used by, chapters. ECC notes that this and similar requests for online tools to be used by chapters are reoccurring requests from chapters and therefore, despite the large expense would be open to considering it, however, ECC feels that this is still best addressed at the Chapter level, and not by Society, so recommends at this time that the chapters refer to the guidance currently available from ECC.

New Mexico Chapter – 2018 CRC Motion 12:

That ASHRAE voluntarily release copyright on any publications over 28 years old every year. (Withdrawn; Complete)

El Paso Chapter – Motion 30 (11/8/2018):

That Region IX include the city of Las Cruces in the Dona Ana County of New Mexico to be associated with the El Paso Chapter. (Passed; Complete)

El Paso Chapter – Motion 39 (11/8/2018):

That the Society include the City of Ciudad Juarez in the Mexican state of Chihuahua into Region IX. Or allow the residents of the City of Juarez to be associated with the El Paso Chapter of Region IX. (Passed; Complete)

Motions - 2017 Fall CRC**Rocky Mountain Chapter – 2017 CRC Motion 24:**

That Society offer the most recent version of an ASHRAE Standard, Standard User Manual or ASHRAE Design Guide as an option to receive in lieu of current ASHRAE Handbooks as part of their yearly membership benefit to be specified as currently done during membership renewal process. (Referred to Standards & Handbook Committees; Complete)

Answer: This referral was made to Handbook Committee and to Standards Committee but since the impact is fiscal the Fiscal Planning Subcommittee of Publishing and Education Council took up the issue. The Fiscal Planning Subcommittee recommends that PEC not approve the motion. The subcommittee concluded that the process of determining print runs would be extremely complex and either excess or inadequate inventory leading to a negative substantial fiscal impact; Handbook print runs would become smaller increasing unit cost; substantial effort required to reprogram dues notices; complexity in assembling publication packages of equal value and varying update schedules for items in package; reduced sales of publications. Additionally, a limited distribution of the Handbook would diminish the editorial value of the Handbook as a unifier of technology application Society wide.

The subcommittee concluded that the question of member benefit, however, extends beyond fiscal issues and Handbook editorial issues, and should be considered at a higher policy making level within ASHRAE. An action item was assigned to Vice President Julie Keen to initiate discussion at the Executive Committee about the type of membership benefit that should be offered in the future. Council members discussed the complexity of implementing this motion. Mr. Comstock gave a brief review of the process printing the Handbook and agreed with the subcommittee that is seemed to be a much boarder policy issue concerning what member benefits should be and should be made by the Board of Directors. Publishing and Education Council was not in favor of the motion.

Rocky Mountain Chapter – Motion 26A (11/3/2017):

That Society shall track website domains for each chapter and pay to renew their website domain prior to expiration. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) Society only keeps track of the Society-provided subdomain. Society assigns a subdomain of (www.ashraechapters.org) for each chapter that requests their chapter website be hosted by ASHRAE.

Rocky Mountain Chapter – Motion 27 (11/3/2017):

That Society provide training in best practices for Chapters in financial matters including, but not limited to, book keeping, fraud prevention, avoiding the appearance of fraud, tax preparations, and the legal ramifications for the Treasurer and President. This training would be provided during the President-Elect Training along with other chapter operations. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) There is already a financial presentation. An ad hoc has been formed to review and update the presentation if needed for both the US and International chapters.

Motions - 2016 Fall CRC**Wichita Chapter – Motion 4g (10/14/2016):**

That ASHRAE Society explore options to become a national sponsor of Science Olympiad. (Referred to SAC; Complete)

Answer: The SA Committee supports the motion and has asked staff to explore the sponsorship options available.

Wichita Chapter – Motion 12a (10/14/2016) / Motion 16 (01/31/2017):

That the PAOE point system be modified to award points for Chapter websites that comply with the ASHRAE Web Policy beginning in Society year 2017-18. (Referred to ECC. Passed; Complete)

Motions - 2015 Fall CRC**Wichita Chapter – 2015 CRC Motion 30:**

That ASHRAE add items directly tied to the ASHRAE Web Policy document to the PAOE program with associated points for compliance. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) a policy is already in place and points are already available and associated with communications in the PAOE. Also, not all chapters use websites as their main communication.

Motions - 2014 Fall CRC**Big Sky Chapter – Motion 26 (10/2/2014):**

That the Distinguished Lecturer (DL) allocations be increased for each region in ASHRAE to be equal to the number of chapters in the region plus one. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) There does not seem to be a need for additional DL visits across the board as proposed in the motion. This motion requests an additional 22 allocated visits. However, in 2013-14 there were 20 allocated visits that were not used and sent to the “pool” on December 1. The pool consists of those visits not allocated by the Regions by the November 30 deadline. Each Region has until November 30 to use their allocated visits; if they are not used by that date, they are sent to the common pool and assigned on a first come, first served basis, beginning December 1. It seems that a reallocation of visits could better address the usage and needs of the Chapters.

Rocky Mountain Chapter – Motion 13 (10/2/2014):

That Transportation and Registration reimbursement shall be provided for the chapter’s YEA chair to attend the YEA Leadership Training. The requested amount of funding would be \$700. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) YEA Leadership Weekend is not centralized training and some regions budget for YEA to attend this event.

Rocky Mountain Chapter – Motion 24 (01/27/2015):

That the age or birth date field be a required field in the initial sign-up and/or renewal process. (Passed; Complete)

Motions - 2013 Fall CRC**Rocky Mountain Chapter – Motion 5.3 (10/5/2013):**

That Society allocate no more than 15 minutes at either the Presidential Luncheon or Plenary Session to recognize the sustainability project at both Winter and Annual meetings. (Referred to CEC; Complete)

Answer: CEC is supportive of this request.

Rocky Mountain Chapter – Motion 10 (10/5/2013):

That the Honors and Awards Committee allow a separate path to award the ESA/DSA such that any applicant who has earned 10% more points than the minimum will be presented the award. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) The ESA and DSA awards should be awarded because of the breadth of experience instead of the focus being on the number of points. The current path to the ESA/DSA award, as recently changed by the Honors and Awards Committee, provides for a better balance of activities and work performed to achieve the ESA/DSA award.

Motions - 2012 Fall CRC**Utah Chapter – Motion 5.1 (10/19/2012):**

That TCs or other standing committees sponsoring technical programs at the annual or winter meetings be granted one, 1 day meeting registration coupon or waiver as incentive to acquire more outside industry speakers. (Referred to CEC; Complete)

Answer: Outside speakers are always welcome to participate in the conference, and CEC encourages this type of thinking for organizing programs. This year's transition to the speaker registration policy has created new situations where speakers, who previously may have received complimentary registration, are now required to register and pay the speaker registration fee of \$95. The CEC is implementing the Board policy on speaker registration fees. Therefore, CEC does not support setting up a complimentary registration policy for speakers outside of ASHRAE, which would circumvent the Board policy and open the potential for additional inquiries for complimentary registration to other parties.

Rocky Mountain Chapter – Motion 7 (10/19/2012):

That Society increase society funding to the sustainable project in the host city of the annual conference to \$60,000. (Referred to CEC; Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) due to the potential fiscal impact; funds over the \$20,000 would have to come out of the Members Council budget. Also, the sustainability projects where they have been executed, have had variable results. The question is what is the correct level of funding and how good is the chapter at fundraising? What is the level of expectation for the delivery of a \$60K project vs. a \$20K project?

Rocky Mountain Chapter – Motion 22 (10/19/2012):

That Society provide online interactive training for chapter treasurers. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) The Region Operations Subcommittee already has an action item to re-work the standardized chapter officer training, including the training for chapter treasurers, having online training would be a duplication of effort and would require more effort to maintain and keep up-to-date.

Rocky Mountain Chapter – Motion 23 (10/19/2012):

That Society create a Sustainable Engineering Grassroots Committee with chapter chairs and regional officers structured similar to Membership Promotion, Research Promotion, CTTC and Government Affairs. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) It was noted in the comments opposing the motion that sustainability should be inherent in all ASHRAE endeavors. Specific PAOE points are awarded to chapters as part of chapter operations. Keeping sustainability integrated in operations rather than as a separate function is more consistent with ASHRAE's sustainability roadmap.

Motions - 2011 Fall CRC

Black Hills Chapter – Motion 29 (11/5/2011):

That the baseline for evaluating the energy savings be based on ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2004. ([Referred to Tech Council](#); [Complete](#))

Answer: The following are recommendations to the Black Hills Chapter from the Standards Committee:

1. Standard 90.1-2004 is currently being used as the baseline for the energy reduction goal for Standards 90.1, 189.1 and the 50% AEDG Guides.
2. Standard 90.2 uses the 2006 International Energy Conservation Council (IECC) because it would not make sense to use a commercial standard as the baseline for a residential standard.
3. While the 2004 edition of Standard 90.1 is currently, as the referral suggested, being used as a baseline for measuring energy savings for most energy savings measurements within ASHRAE, this is not a permanent decision. SSPC 90.1, the committee which is the consensus body responsible for producing the technical content and updates to Standard 90.1, and as such could change to a different baseline if they wish. Likewise the committee responsible for the Advanced Energy Design Guides, the AEDG Steering Committee, could choose a different baseline.
4. It should be noted that Standard 90.1 and the Advanced Energy Design Guides are jointly sponsored efforts with two non-ASHRAE organizations: the Illuminating Society of North America (IESNA) and the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). It is not within the authority of ASHRAE to determine or fix the baseline for energy measurement without concurrence of the cosponsoring organizations.
5. It should be noted that the ASHRAE Board of Directors, Technology Council, and Standards Committee cannot dictate the technical content of Standard 90.1 as SSPC 90.1 is the consensus body responsible for the technical content in the standard.

Utah Chapter – Motion 30 (11/5/2011):

That ASHRAE create mobile apps for Android phones and tablets to complement offerings for iPhone/iPod devices. ([Complete](#))

Answer: The Publishing and Education Council (PEC) referred this motion to the Publications Committee for consideration. The committee voted to recommend that staff pursue development of apps for mobile devices using the Google Android platform in addition to Apple iOS as deemed viable from business perspective.

Big Sky – Motion 31 (11/5/2011):

That registration for ASHRAE Annual and Winter Conferences be free for all ASHRAE members grades starting in Society year 2012-2013. ([Complete](#))

Answer: An ad hoc group of Members Council was formed to address this motion. It was determined that it would be cost prohibitive for all ASHRAE members to attend Society meetings at no cost for registration.

Motions - 2010 Fall CRC

Wichita Chapter – Motion 15 (10/24/2010):

That Society provide a direct deposit option directly into chapter bank accounts in lieu of mailed check. This direct deposit could be on a quarterly or monthly basis as determined by Society. ([Passed](#); [Complete](#))

Motions - 2009 Fall CRC

El Paso and Pikes Peak Chapters – Motion 10 (10/25/2009):

That Society, through Members Council, assign to the ECC to research a timely solution for having workshop webinars and webcasting services for CRCs, available for Spring 2010 CRCs, such as the purchase of laptop air cell with camera systems that can be used by CRC and DRC for workshop presentations. ([Referred ECC](#); [Complete](#))

Answer: ECC determined the issue of having a more standardized way of doing e-meetings, from the internet connection side is a real concern. ECC was tasked to determine if air cards were a viable means of solving the issue with the hotel's internet access. After reviewing 9 different air cards and their functionality, the air cards themselves appear to work fine for Go-To-Meeting sessions. The problem is that the vast majority of hotels that we can hold a CRC at (ones that have meeting space and such) also employ a "cellular/ wireless block" in those rooms so that you must



use their internet. They do this as internet access is one of their largest revenue items for conferences. The conclusion is that air cards, as well as other wifi or cellular technologies, may work in some hotels and not in others. CRC host committees, along with their respective RECCs can decide if this option will work at their location. ASHRAE on a society level, does not have the staff nor the budget to purchase and implement this technology.

Motions - 2008 Fall CRC

Rocky Mountain Chapter – Motion 6 (10/25/2008):

That Society reduce the amount of paper used when conducting business **by 25% per year**. (Passed; Complete)

Utah Chapter – Motion 18 (10/25/2008):

That ASHRAE Society support the continued implementation of a Sustainability Demonstration Project at each future winter and summer ASHRAE Society meeting with a total of \$80,000/year of seed money (\$40,000 per Society meeting). Sustainability Project shall be selected and organized by the ASHRAE host committee for each Society meeting. Financial support shall be provided from ASHRAE Society enabling Sustainability Demonstration Project to be selected, designed, installed and celebrated at each future ASHRAE meeting. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) due to fiscal impact to Society and because this program is already in place and has been BOD approved. The funding will be considered annually and increased as funds become available.

Motions - 2007 Fall CRC

Pikes Peak Chapter – Motion 13 (09/21/2007):

That Society make readily available proper assistance for tax filings for chapters. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) This is already documented in the Manual for Chapter Operations.

Wichita Chapter – Motion 31 (09/21/2007):

That Society add a discussion forum to the ASHRAE web page to allow members to ask questions and post comments. (Passed; Complete)

Answer: This motion was approved. (Complete)

Pikes Peak Chapter – Motion 42 (09/22/2007):

That minimum PAOE points are automatically provided in research promotion for the CRC host chapter each year to prevent penalizing if they do not meet their Research Promotion goal. (Complete)

Answer: (Defeated) Supporting information from RP ExCom and staff indicates this is not detrimental to the RP campaign.