

## **REGION XIV CRC MOTIONS**

**Last Revised: 07/23/2020**

### **UK Midlands Chapter – Motion 7f (11/14/2019):**

That Region XIV be consulted in the process of replacing the staff member in Europe.

**Answer:** This motion was referred to Society ExCom for consideration. (Note: the EVP is responsible for hiring staff and no other region has input in staff hiring nor does anyone know what the job description details.

The Executive Committee was not in favor of this motion. The Brussels Staff Presence Review Task Group has consulted Region XIV as part of the work of that group. **(Complete)**

### **Portugal Chapter – Motion 14 (11/14/2019):**

That ASHRAE consider the support of electronic voting process at the Regional level, applying an “electronic Caucus-Executive session” as it is done at Society level.

**Answer:** Members Council was not in favor of this motion. The software used for the BOD is “Poll Everywhere” and is specifically written just for the rules of that election so it would not be a viable option for chapters. **(Complete)**

### **Ireland Chapter – Motion 33 (11/14/2019):**

That ASHRAE **implements investigate** a carbon offset policy for air travel.

**Status:** The above amended motion was referred to Technology Council for consideration. **(Open)**

### **Hellenic Chapter – Motion 34 (11/14/2019):**

That ASHRAE engage with a Certification Administration firm that offers a greater number of testing facilities outside US/Canada or use an online testing service with appropriate certification procedure controls that makes certifications more accessible to members outside the US/Canada.

**Status:** This motion was referred to the Certification Committee for consideration. **(Open)**

### **Danube Chapter – Motion 35 (11/14/2019):**

That MP chapter chairs be eligible for transportation reimbursement to attend Region XIV CRC MP CRC training the 1st year of chairing chapter MP committee.

**Answer:** Members Council was not in favor of this motion. When an MP Chair first enters their position, it is very important that they learn, in depth, about ASHRAE’s membership structure and benefits. The 2-3 hour workshops at CRCs, led by one Regional Vice Chair, cannot provide the in depth training necessary compared to an 8 hour, multiple RVC led Centralized Training. **(Complete)**

### **Portugal Chapter – Motion 36 (11/14/2019):**

That integration of personal photos be included in the ASHRAE bios **at the member’s option**.

**Answer:** Members Council approved this amended motion. IT Staff has taken an action item to research the fiscal impact and what it will take to implement. **(Complete)**

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### **Hellenic Chapter – Motion 16 (11/8/2018):**

That ASHRAE establish a certification examination for Refrigeration.

**Answer:** This motion is being sent back to the chapter with the following link to establish a certification program. This is the only way to have the chapter’s request addressed. **(Complete)**

<https://www.ashrae.org/professional-development/ashrae-certification/certification-forms>

## The Public

 [Recommend a new certification program](#)

### **Hellenic Chapter – Motion 17 (11/8/2018):**

That ASHRAE provide HVAC training courses during the Region IV and Region XIV Mega CRC 2019.

**Answer:** Members Council was not in favor of this motion. This is already available as long as it is coordinated ahead of time by the region. **(Complete)**

### **UK Midlands Chapter – Motion 18 (11/8/2018):**

That ASHRAE create a web-based platform for the ASHRAE members in the Region to find and contact fellow members based on their geographical locations.

**Answer:** Members Council was not in favor of this motion. The request goes against ASHRAE's privacy policy and membership data cannot be made public. **(Complete)**

### **Hellenic Chapter – 2018 CRC Motion 31:**

That Region XIV be present and represented in all conferences, expositions and related events that ASHRAE participates in Europe” until the winter conference in Atlanta

**Answer:** This motion was postponed until the 2019 Winter Conference in Atlanta. The motion was revised as shown below and approved by Members Council. **(Complete)**

### **Motion 21 (01/15/2019):**

That the Director and Regional Chair be informed ~~Region XIV be present and represented in~~ of all conferences, expositions and related events that ASHRAE participates in within their region Europe.

Background: It is important that the DRC and/or the RMCR be aware of activities in their Region that ASHRAE participates in, to be able to assist and consult with ASHRAE leadership for local support and expertise, and to participate in said activities if there are no limiting conditions.

### **Hellenic Chapter – Motion 40 (11/8/2018):**

That ASHRAE provide centralized training on the grassroots committees during Region IV & Region XIV Mega CRC 2019.

**Answer:** This motion was referred to each ASHRAE grassroots committee for comment. All grassroots committees responded but the Region IV and Region XIV Joint CRC was cancelled. Both regions will have their CRC separately. The motion was withdrawn. **(Complete)**

**GAC comments:** The Government Affairs Committee is not involved in Centralized Training.

**CTTC comments:** CTTC was not in favor of this motion. CTTC does not currently conduct Centralized Training; instead all CTTC Chapter Chair training is conducted by CTTC RVCs at CRC. Therefore, training for Region IV and Region XIV CTTC Chapter Chairs is already planned to take place at the Joint CRC.



**MPC comments:** The MP Committee recommends to increase workshop time and utilize both RVCs.

**RPC comments:** RPC was in favor of this motion. The RP Committee agrees with the importance of holding RP Centralized Training at the Mega CRC 2019. RP Chairs from Region IV and XIV who attend will meet their obligation for Centralized Training and will have their transportation costs reimbursed through the standing RP Policy. RP Chairs from Region IV who do not attend the CRC training should still attend a scheduled Centralized Training.

**SAC comments:** The Student Activities Committee is receptive to providing centralized training for the Region IV/XIV mega CRC September 25-28. We propose this training is provided either one of two ways:

1. Region IV and XIV RVC's provide training in person via presentations, workshops etc. similar to how CRC's are completed in the other regions. If it's desired by Region IV & XIV to have one or two additional Student Activity committee members provide training, we would be open to sending them. However the student activities budget does not have any allowance to cover their travel and lodging expense. We would suggest that these expenses come from the CRC budget. To make this training worthwhile we'd suggest that the training be no shorter than 4 hours, but could use a full 8 hours
2. Provide presentations by the Student Activities Committee subcommittee chairs for each relevant section (Design Competition, Grants, K-12/STEM and Post High) via webinar. Provide question and answer period with subcommittee chairs, also through webinar, to answer questions from attendees. Due to the time difference, this will have scheduling challenges that we would plan for accordingly.

**YEA comments:** Since the YEA Committee does not currently host centralized training, we do not have the materials or resources to host a full centralized training program, which would involve developing the content and sending additional YEA Committee members to present the material. We would be able to host our typical YEA CRC workshop hosted by the YEA RVCs from Regions IV and XIV.

**Hellenic Chapter – Motion 41 (11/8/2018):**

That advertisements can be placed in the regional website, event posters and all related electronic or physical media.

**Answer:** Members Council was not in favor of this motion. Chapters are encouraged to use the ASHRAE Commercialism Policy on the website for events and advertising. This is also covered in the Manual for Chapter Operations. **(Complete)**

**Hellenic Chapter – Motion 42 (11/8/2018):**

That ASHRAE must unify and extend, to cover all cases, its guidelines and policies for electronic media in accordance with ASHRAE's commercialism policy. This must apply to all Regions, Chapters and Branches and must take effect as soon as possible.

**Answer:** Members Council was not in favor of this motion. This information can be found in the Manual for Chapter Operations under commercialism guidelines. **(Complete)**

**Spain Chapter – Motion 43 (11/8/2018):**

That the Spain Chapter will hold the 2020 CRC in Spain and explore the possibility of organizing a joint CRC with Region XII.

**Answer:** This motion was rejected because it is a regional motion. **(Complete)**



**UK Midlands Chapter – Motion 2 (02/22/2018):**

That Region XIV holds its annual CRCs with the mid to late September timeframe.

**Answer:** This motion was approved. **(Complete)**

**UK Midlands Chapters – Motion 3 (02/22/2018):**

That Society create a Regional Vice Chair position for Refrigeration.

**Answer:** Members Council was not in favor of this motion. Refrigeration is covered at the grassroots level through the Chapter Technology Transfer Committee (CTTC). **(Complete)**

**Hellenic Chapter – Motion 16 (01/23/2018):**

That ASHRAE create a Regional Office of ASHRAE in Europe (Region XIV) to accommodate and facilitate chapters and members in the Region.

**Answer:** This motion was referred to the ASHRAE Board of Directors. ASHRAE will have an office in Brussels beginning July 1, 2018 and headed by ASHRAE staff member Steve Comstock. **(Complete)**

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**Hellenic Chapter – Motion 2b (10/14/2016) / Motion 9 (01/31/2017):**

That Society in a 3 year time span implement a policy of having at least one YEA member in every committee.

**Answer:** This motion was postponed until the winter conference in Las Vegas. Staff was assigned an action item to determine how many YEA members participate on Members Council reporting committees. During the Las Vegas conference, this motion failed. It was determined that Chapters would need to recruit members in order to move younger members forward when selecting RVCs. **(Complete)**

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**Region XIV (formerly Sub Region B) – Motion 3 (10/14/2016):**

That a “Regional fund of \$5” item be added to the annual HQ dues collection for non-Chapter assigned members to support the work and development of the Region to better serve those members.

**Answer:** This motion was approved. Regional fees of \$5 will be applied to the renewal notice of ASHRAE members not assigned to chapters or sub regions. An action item was assigned to staff to make programming changes. **(Complete)**

**Region XIV (formerly Sub Region B) – Motion 4r (10/14/2016):**

That the term ‘Sister’ when referring to kindred societies be removed.

**Answer:** This motion was referred to the Refrigeration staff to replace the word “Sister” with “Kindred” (or like word) in reference to the refrigeration societies. **(Complete)**

**Hellenic Chapter – Motion 8g (10/14/2016):**

That Society include a Certification Chapter Chair in the Manual for Chapter Operations (MCO).

**Answer:** Members Council was not in favor of this motion. Chapters are permitted to have whatever type of committee/chair that is needed in the chapter. Although not a formal position, chapter positions or activities assigned by the chapter president may be entered in the Member Entered Data field for credit on the member’s bio. **(Complete)**



**Region XIV (formerly Sub Region B) – Motion 8j (10/14/2016):**

That Society include each RAL Section President as an observer attending the CRC.

**Answer:** Members Council was not in favor of this motion. DRCs can use the region's allotted chapter visits to cover the cost of transportation for section members to attend their region's CRC. **(Complete)**

**Region XIV (formerly Sub Region B) – Motion 8k (10/14/2016):**

That ASHRAE provide a standard email address for communication for each Chapter, Section and Regional officer.

**Answer:** Members Council was not in favor of this motion. The email alias address system is already available to chapters and regions and could possibly be available to sections in the future. **(Complete)**

**Region XIV (formerly Sub Region B) – 2016 CRC Motion 59:**

That ASHRAE an increased awareness be provided to Sections in ASHRAE by adding the sections to the ASHRAE Interactive Map.

**Answer** Staff has taken the above motion as an action item and will update the interactive map on the website to include sections without chapters. **(Complete)**

**Region XIV (formerly Sub Region B) – 2016 CRC Motion 60:**

That a 'welcome pack' be prepared to advise new Sections and Student Branches on the initial steps to get it off the ground.

**Answer:** The above motion was referred to the Region Activities and Student Activities Staff as an action item to update the websites to include information for new sections and student branches on how to get started. **(Complete)**

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**Region XIV (formerly Sub Region B) – Motion 8 (11/5/2015):**

That ASHRAE review CTTC PAOE points to amend the following: Hold planning session and finalize program schedule prior to October 1 within 3 weeks of CRC workshop training 2 weeks after the CRC or before October 1 whichever is later.

**Answer:** The amended motion was approved and will be part of the 2016-17 PAOE categories. **(Complete)**

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**Hellenic Chapter – Motion 19.h (10/2/2014):**

That ASHRAE make a plan or strategy, by the year 2015 annual conference, for comparing, aligning and promoting ASHRAE standards, especially on the energy performance of buildings, with the corresponding standards from other international standardization bodies, for example, ISO and CEN.

**Status 11/5/2015:** This motion was referred to Technology Council for consideration. This turns out to be a complex issue that will require a bit more work. ASHRAE representatives on ISO committees report that we need to have some discussions with ANSI about alignment and scoping issues at ISO. The reason ASHRAE consult with ANSI is because they officially hold the U.S. seat at ISO. So while the motion is a good one, the analysis and plan will take some time.

**Status 06/20/2017:** This motion is still under review. The ASHRAE Director of Technology will schedule a meeting at ANSI headquarters to request a change to the business model for standards sales. There is also a Presidential Ad Hoc on Globalization of Standards that will present recommendations for consideration to the ASHRAE Board in Long Beach. **(Open)**



**Hellenic Chapter – Motion 26.2 (10/5-6/2013):**

That ASHRAE adjust the recertification requirements to reflect international needs.

**Answer:** This motion was referred to Publishing and Education Council via the Certification Committee for consideration. After reviewing the requirements, the Certification Committee concluded that the requirements as worded give the impression of being more restrictive than the intent. An action item, therefore, was brought forward in the January 18, 2014 meeting for staff to post revised wording for certification renewal requirements which more accurately reflects the process and which better enables certification holders from outside North America to retain their certification. These changes are now being implemented on the ASHRAE website and in other committee documentation. **(Complete)**

**Hellenic Chapter – Motion 29.1 (10/5-6/2013):**

That ASHRAE create a new membership grade awarded to applicants based on their Engineering discipline.

**Answer:** This motion was referred to the Membership Promotion Committee for consideration. The Membership Promotion Committee was not in favor of this motion and felt it was too broad to act upon. **(Complete)**

**Hellenic Chapter – Motion 32.1 (10/5-6/2013):**

That ASHRAE develop a position document on F-gas regulations regarding phase out of existing refrigerants and pre-charge equipment ban.

**Answer:** This motion was referred to Technology Council for consideration. [See Attachment B4 \(2\)](#) from Technology Council. **(Complete)**

**Hellenic Chapter – Motion 40 (10/5-6/2013):**

That ASHRAE provide online membership payment option through Pay Pal.

**Answer:** This motion was referred to the Finance Committee. The committee reported There are still issues with the NetForum system. There is a way to work around this but it still does not accept Pay Pal. **(Complete)**

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**Hellenic Chapter – Motion 16 (11/5/2011):**

That ASHRAE adjust the timing of submission of the student competitions to suit the international Universities graduation time (after July every year).

**Answer:** This motion was withdrawn because the current submission date was changed to January 15 to accommodate international schools. The Student Activities Committee continue to work on the timing of submissions and determine the adequacy of the dates. The committee hope to have the 2013 submissions posted sometime after the Chicago meeting and will be working on the 2012 submissions simultaneously. **(Complete)**

**Region XIV (formerly Sub-Region B) – Motion 20 (11/5/2011):**

That ASHRAE invite one non-voting representative & bear the transportation costs from each RAL Section to the CRC to participate and represent their Section.

**Answer:** This motion was withdrawn because the DRC has the option to approve transportation reimbursement to CRCs from the allotted chapter visits. **(Complete)**



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Date: January 28, 2014  
To: Joyce Abrams, Director of Member Services  
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Subject: Members Council Referral to Technology Council from October 2013

During the Members Council meeting in October 2013, Members Council referred the motion below to Technology Council for consideration.

**Region at Large (Hellenic Chapter) – Motion 29.1:**

That ASHRAE develop a position document on F-gas regulations regarding phase out of existing refrigerants and pre-charge equipment ban.

**Background:** There is an ongoing global movement to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions via improving energy efficiency from simple house hold appliances to industrial and commercial products. However, the majority of new technology and development of high efficiency units are based on existing HFC technologies. An abrupt movement to ban use of all HFC's would be a counterproductive measure as this will result not only in units with a lower operating efficiency level, but also a substantially higher cost for the new products required to be purchased by the consumer. At the same time, in the Europe Union (EU), there is an ongoing discussion to ban pre-charge refrigerant for all units sold or manufactured in the EU. However, charging a unit on site, in a non-controllable environment, is considered to be substantially less effective than charging the unit in a well-equipped and effectively monitored and controlled manufacturing facility that must meet all required safety regulations. In addition, charging on site will result in a substantial increase of improper unit charging and hence, unit malfunctions and also possible increase of HFC concentrations in the atmosphere. It would be a mismanagement of natural resources for manufacturers to charge their units with refrigerant for proper testing prior to the sale of the unit, and to have to reclaim and recycle and charge the unit with nitrogen before shipment. The additional resources and labour required for these actions would result in an increase in manufacturing costs which would then be absorbed by the end user. Given that these issues have a direct impact on HVAC&R industry and ASHRAE members throughout the world, ASHRAE should consider preparing a Position Document on the ban of HFCs and manufacturer refrigerant pre-charge of equipment.

Attached you will find several documents (JBCE - Japanese Business council in Europe, EPEE- European partnership for energy and the environment, EHI-European heating industry, EHPA-European heat pump association) explaining the negative global effects of such actions environmentally and economically.

**Fiscal Impact: None.**



**Response:** The Hellenic Chapter passed Motion 29.1 in early October 2013, requesting "That ASHRAE develop a position document on F-gas regulations regarding phase out of existing refrigerants and pre-charge equipment ban". The last sentence of their background information states: "...ASHRAE should consider preparing a Position Document on the ban of HFCs and Manufacturer refrigerant pre-charge of equipment". The background information also refers to the ongoing discussion in the European Union (EU) of these two issues related to F-gas regulations.

These EU discussions were completed on December 16, 2013, with agreement on new rules for F-gases, pending final vote of the EU Parliament in March 2014. A brief summary of the new rules is attached (IZW informiert 41e-2013), revealing compromise positions that do not impose bans on all HFCs, nor bans on pre-charge equipment.

Based on these developments, plus consideration of existing ASHRAE position documents on "Climate Change", February 2013, and "Refrigerants and their Responsible Use", January 2012, the need for the new position document does not seem appropriate.

Technology Council considers its response complete and that this item is closed.

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## **IZW informiert über** *Info:* **F-gas agreement**

**Source: EPEE and others**

### **F-gas agreement**

The EU institutions yesterday agreed on new rules for F-gases. See IZW informiert 40e. **Some more details of the preliminary content:**

The rules will introduce a cap on HFC consumption to achieve a 79% reduction by 2030.

The maximum quantity referred to in **Article 13(1)** shall be calculated by applying the following percentages to the annual average of the total quantity placed on the market into the Union during the period from **2009 to 2012**

*Compromise proposal*

2015	->	100%
2016		93%
2018		<u>75%</u>
2021		<u>55%</u>
2024		31%
2027		24%
2030		21%

In addition to the cap and phase-down of 79%, the EU institutions also agreed to a traceability system to better track equipment containing F-gases which are imported into the EU, as well as a service and maintenance ban to ensure that current equipment moves towards more environmentally-friendly alternatives.

#### **Article 12**

“Pre-charging of equipment”

*Compromise proposal*

1. From 1 January 2017 refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump equipment charged with hydrofluorocarbons shall not be placed on the market unless hydrofluorocarbons charged into this equipment are accounted

for within the quota system referred to in Chapter IV.

2. When placing pre-charged equipment on the market, manufacturers and importers of equipment shall ensure that compliance with paragraph 1 is fully documented and shall draw up a declaration of conformity in this respect. Where hydrofluorocarbons contained in the equipment have not been placed on the EU market prior to the charging of the equipment, importers of equipment shall as of 2018 ensure that the accuracy of the documentation and declaration of conformity shall be verified every year by 31 March, for the preceding calendar year, by an independent auditor, ....

#### **ANNEX III**

#### **Placing on the market prohibitions referred to in Article 9(1)**

It was also agreed to broaden the scope of bans by introducing a Global Warming Potential (GWP) limit for bigger refrigeration systems and small split air-conditioning systems.

Products and equipments

#### **Date of prohibition**

**10.** Domestic refrigerators & freezers that contain HFCs with GWP of 150 **1.1.2015**

**11.** Refrigerators and freezers for commercial use (hermetically sealed systems) that contain HFCs with GWP of 2500 or more **1.1.2020**

that contain HFCs with GWP of 150 or more **1.1.2025**

**11a.** Stationary refrigeration equipment, that contains, or that relies upon for its functioning HFCs with GWP of 2500 or more except equip-

ment intended for application designed to cool products to temperatures below -50°C

**1.1.2020**

**11b.** Multipack centralised refrigeration systems for commercial use with a capacity of 40kW or more that contain, or that rely upon for their functioning, fluorinated greenhouse gases with GWP of 150 or more, except in the primary refrigerant circuit of cascade systems where fluorinated greenhouse gases with a GWP of less than 1500 may be used **1.1.2022**

**12.** Movable room air-conditioning appliances (hermetically sealed equipment which is movable between rooms by the end user) that contain HFCs with GWP of 150 or more **1.1.2020**

**12a.** Single split air-conditioning systems containing less than 3kg of fluorinated greenhouse gases, that contain, or that rely upon for their functioning, fluorinated greenhouse gases with GWP of 750 or more **1.1.2025**

**Article 19 (3) new:** No later than 1 July 2017, the Commission shall publish a report assessing the prohibition pursuant to Annex III, point 11b, considering in particular, the availability of cost effective, technically feasible, energy efficient and reliable alternatives to multipack centralised refrigeration systems referred to in that provision. In light of that report, the Commission shall submit, if appropriate, a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council with a view to amending the provision pursuant to Annex III, point 11b.