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Region I Conference Call Thursday, February 18, 2010; 12:30 PM – 1:35 PM

1. Welcome, Roll Call & Prioritize Agenda – Spencer Morasch

2. PAOE – Spencer Morasch

Chapters are encouraged to enter their points on the ASHRAE web site on a regular (at least monthly) basis. In fact, points are awarded for entering points! Some chapters have not entered any points, while others are logged in at least once a week! RVC's and other Regional folks who need to enter points should at this time make an effort to award chapters their points ASAP.

I know that PAOE has some controversy, but please, if you deserve the points, at least go in and claim the points by logging onto the ASHRAE web site. It's easy, and should not take you more than 15 minutes at the most. Don't leave your points "on the table".

Chapters need to enter their own points under most PAOE categories. There are still a few chapters who have entered NONE. If you have any trouble with this (logging on, etc.), contact Jeanie Kirksey at ASHRAE headquarters. Kirksey, Jeanie, Region Activities Coordinator - Ext. 1169 - jkirksey@ashrae.org ASHRAE Main Phone Number, 404-636-8400 (reference the CRC Flash drive, under file folder "Reference Documents", in a file called "ASHRAE Staff Phone & E-Mail Directory")

You can literally get points just for entering points! As pointed out by Bryan Hermany - Boston Chapter President, and "PAOE Pointmeister," EACH category offers 10 points for EACH month that you enter points. There are 5 categories that offer this. Doing the math means that chapters can earn up to 600 points in the year if they simply enter points each month for each category! i.e. YOU GET POINTS FOR ENTERING POINTS!!!!!! The categories are: Chapter Operations, CTTC, Historical, MP, and SA. These points are awarded by the DRC / RVC / Regional Chair in charge of the particular category. I as DRC award the points in the Chapter Operations category.

Chapters should check the points entered by the RVC's, Regional Chairs, and myself as DRC. If there are any questions, please contact the appropriate person right away. Please don't wait to the very end of the year to question something. For Chapter Operations, I'm caught up with the points I need to enter as DRC, so please let me know if I've missed anything.

3. CRC 2010 (Watkins Glenn) / CRC 2011 (New York City) / CRC 2012 (Boston)

a. CRC 2010 - Watkins Glen, NY – August 19 – 21, 2010 Shirley Bergman – General Chair:

I gave everyone a heads up that the hotel will cost more at this year's CRC, as compared to previous years, so please budget accordingly. The hotel will cost approx. \$200 a night (vs. \$150 in Albany in 2009.) There was also a rumor going around that we might be short of rooms, as the original block of rooms was for only 50, where we really need around 80. Jason Gilbert from Twin Tiers confirmed that the blocks have been adjusted to reflect the room rental numbers from CRC 2009, so that on the Friday night (peak night), that a block of 80 rooms is indeed reserved for us.

Saturday morning workshops - Chapter Pres Elects are encouraged to let their new committee chairs know that CRC Workshop attendance "is expected", and that they need to plan to attend. The CRC is held on August 19 - 21, with the workshops on Aug. 21 (Saturday). Workshop attendance has been declining in recent years, and it is VERY IMPORTANT to get the actual Chapter Committee Chairs at the CRC workshops!

b. CRC 2011 – New York City – August 18 – 20, 2011 Bill Lau – General Chair; Bill not on call, no report.



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c. **CRC 2012 – Boston – Date TBD Darcy Carbone – General Chair;** Darcy not on call, no report.

4. CRC Planning & President Elect Training – Spencer Morasch

Mark your calendars for April 23 & 24, 2010. Hilton Garden Inn – Troy, NY (just outside of Albany). April 23 – Friday, Meeting from 1 – 5 PM; followed by dinner. April 24 – Saturday, Meeting from 8 AM to 4 PM, lunch included. Rich Vehlow is finalizing the hotel, which will offer a much larger meeting room.

Who MUST attend? Region I EXCOM – both days (travel expense paid by Society, hotel by Region I) Chapter President Elects – Saturday PE Training (travel expense paid by Society). Shirley Bergman – CRC 2010 General Chair – Friday's CRC Planning Meeting. Other Chapter Officers are of course welcome to attend! (but only one travel voucher/chap)

5. Region I Dinner at Society Meetings – Spencer Morasch

a. Orlando (Winter) – Darcy Carbone – Chair

Spencer reported great turnout – approx. 35 attendees. About 8 student members attended from the New York Chapter.

b. Albuquerque (Annual) – Steve Rosen – Chair

Spencer announced that plans are in the works for a really special dinner at the Albuquerque ASHRAE Annual Meeting in June. The restaurant is called "High Finance", and requires a 2.5 mile tram ride up the mountain to get to it. The views are breathtaking! The only downside is that the cost will be higher than what we target Regional Dinners for (\$40). With transportation, total cost will come in at approx. \$70 per person. Spencer sent out an E-mail two weeks ago to regular Regional Dinner attendees, and did not hear any negatives about the cost. On the conference call, I asked those on the call if anyone would have any reservations about the cost, and no one expressed any. So therefore, we are GO for the Region I Dinner at "High Finance". Steve Rosen is the chair for this dinner, and he will be putting together a flyer for distribution to the chapters and Region about the dinner.

6. Expense Vouchers – Spencer Morasch

General Comments & WATCH THE 90 DAY LIMIT! Spencer brought to everyone's attention about the 90 day limit for filing expense vouchers. ASHRAE rules require that the voucher be IN to Headquarters no more than 90 days from when the expense was incurred. ASHRAE is now really cracking down on this rule, and have turned down expenses filed on the 91st day. Don't let that happen to you! Bottom line - please do NOT wait to the last minute. Many of these Society expenses I have to approve, and if you send it to me on a day that I'm out and not able to receive or send E-Mail, that will delay your voucher, and possibly put you over the 90 day limit. Also - the 90 DAYS is what counts. Don't assume it's simply 3 months. Some months have 31 days in them!

7. ARC, RVC's & Committee Chairs – Region I EXCOM.

a. ARC & Treasurer – Garry Myers

Gary not present, but submitted treasurer's report: "I have reconciled the accounts and both are balanced." The MM fund has a balance of \$35,333.68. The checking account has a balance of \$3,355.29

b. Student Activities – Rich Velow; Rich present earlier on call, no report.

c. Research Promotion – Darcy Carbone; No present, no report.

d. CTTC – Steve Rosen; Not present, no report.

i. Programs – Pete Oppelt; Not present, no report.

ii. History – Phil Knowlton; Not present, no report

iii. RECC – Heather Nowakowski; Not present, no report

iv. Refrigeration – Steve Friedman



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Steve present reported that for Refrigeration awards at Society level, many are going un-rewarded, because there are simply NO applications for the award submitted!!! Hard to believe, but true! Spencer added that it's not just Refrigeration Awards, but that many other Society level awards go un-rewarded due to lack of any applicants. Chapter CTTC Chairs need to get the word out about these awards, and that no one should assume their project is not worthy of an award. They may be pleasantly surprised! Spencer joked that he heard that if someone threw some insulation up in their attic, and then wrote it up on the awards application, that they might have received an energy award for building thermal envelope improvements!

Steve Friedman also feels that Chapter Refrigeration Chairs really need to be in their positions for a 2 year minimum, as they are just up on the learning curve after just one year, and they are out. Steve will investigate what the Manual of Chapter Operations states about this, and if necessary, be prepared with a motion to address this at the CRC.

e. Membership Promotion – Joe Furman; Not present, no report.

f. Nominating – Emery Otruba

Not present, no report; Cliff Konitz (Alternate) – Present, reported as follows: Cliff Konitz confirmed that the Regional Nominating Committee will be issuing their annual information letter during the month of March, well before the April CRC Planning meeting. Cliff also gets info from Society of who in the Chapters are also involved on Society Technical Committees. These people could be a good source of chapter programs, project awards, etc. Cliff will investigate if he can distribute this info to the chapters (the CD he receives with this info is marked "confidential"). Spencer also stated that there are MANY Society level positions that have committee positions that need to be filled. Many of these positions need DRC recommendation to the Society President. Chapters know who in their chapter might be candidates for these positions, and should be encouraged to let the Regional Nominating Committee know of these ASHRAE people who could be moved up in the Society.

8. Chapter Reports – Chapter Presidents

VERY Brief, update on only things that would benefit the group we need to hear both positive and negative stuff. Chapters are doing well!

a. Bi-State – Dennis La Vopa - not present, no report.

b. Boston – Bryan Hermany reported; Boston is getting consistent attendance around 150 at their meetings.

c. Central New York – Jim Walker reported.

d. Champlain Valley – Peter Bailey reported.

e. Connecticut – Ed Gatowski filled in for Phil Knowlton & reported.

f. Granite State – Joe Myers (excused) not present, no report.

g. Long Island – Steve Giammona not present, no report.

h. Maine – Dick Rollins not present, no report.

i. New Jersey – Chris Phelan reported for Janet Shipton. New Jersey's most successful meeting is a joint meeting with the local Mechanical Contractor's Assoc.

j. New York – Monica Perl reported for Kevin Gallen.

k. Niagara Frontier – Michelle Mitchell reported.

l. Northeast – Christine Lazzar not present (excused), but submitted a report in advance. Northeast ran a successful Super Bowl pool for ASHRAE Research. Northeast may also gain a student branch chapter at RPI, who is reinstating their HVAC course in the Fall.



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- m. Rhode Island – Bob Wayne not present, no report.**
- n. Rochester - Jeff Davis reported. Rochester now runs almost all lunch meetings, as they get better attendance than dinner meetings.**
- o. Twin Tiers – Jason Gilbert reported.**

9. DRC Needs & Action Items – Spencer Morasch

- CIQ – Chapter Information Questionnaire – Not due till May, But chapters should be well into their elections, and President Elects need to start thinking about who they are going to fill their committee positions.
- This leads into promoting CRC Workshop attendance by your Chapter Chairs & Officers.
- Begin to start year end pushes for things like Research Promotion.
- Motions – Chapters need to begin drafting motions for the CRC. Need to begin discussions NOW. Please run motions past me first as a sanity check before spending much time.
- Chapter Pres Elects need to begin staffing their committees for the 2010 - 2011 fiscal year so that they can have their Chapter Information Questionnaires (CIQ) completed by the end of May latest. EVERYTHING in ASRHAE having to do with Chapter and Regional Operations uses the Chapter CIQ's for information. Pres Elects need to get a jump on this NOW so that they are not scrambling in June to fill positions. Their term as President begins on July 1, which is only a little more than 4 months away!

10. Open Floor for Comments and Q&A – All

11. DRC's Closing Thoughts – Spencer Morasch

- Society Winter Meeting – Jan. 2010.
- New stuff coming from Society – ABEL, Standard 189.1, etc.
- If anyone is interested in ASHRAE Positions, such as standing committees, make this known to both the Regional Nominating Committee and myself! Spencer gave everyone a heads up that Standard 189.1, High Performance Green Building Standard just published by ASHRAE, will be the big news of the year for the Society. This standard, where ASHRAE has partnered with the US Green Building Council (LEED), will be highly publicized, and chapters may want to consider this in their future program planning. Spencer announced that while still confidential, ASHRAE is also in final negotiations with a major player, which will really ramp up the level of promotion of the standard in the industry. So stay tuned!

The next call is scheduled for **Thursday, March 18, 2010 12:30 – 1:30 PM**

Thank You for joining the call & giving your time to ASHRAE!