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Region I Conference Call Thursday, March 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.

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")

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:

Spencer reported on his visit to the CRC hotel and meeting with the CRC Host Committee on March 9. Spencer reports that the hotel is excellent! It was built and opened during summer 2008, so everything is still new, but all the issues associated with a new building (commissioning!) have been worked out. Most important, the hotel staff is superb and easy to work with, so we should have no "surprises", like \$100 pots of coffee, inflated meal attendance counts, etc.

The location is simply stunning! The hotel is located at the far southern tip of Seneca Lake, and overlooks this finger lake looking due north. A public park & pier is located just steps away, so if you fish, bring your pole! Shirley stressed the point that they are trying to make this a family event where members are encouraged to bring their spouses and kids. There is a lot to do in the immediate area. Spencer reported that the host committee is well organized and charged up for the CRC. Final planning and the final agenda is just about ready to be locked into place.

Saturday morning workshops – RVC's were poled as to their workshop needs. Some only need 2 hours, while others need 4 hours to conduct their training. Those requests will be accommodated! 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!

Awards Lunch at CRC – Spencer advised that the number of awards to be presented at the Awards Lunch will be scaled back at this year's CRC, which is a result of feedback received at last year's CRC. RVC's and Committee Chairs need to when possible, present their committee awards at their Workshops held earlier that day on Saturday morning. Whether the award will be presented during the workshop, Or at the Awards Lunch will be at the discretion of the RVC's & Committee Chairs.

Official CRC 2010 E-Mail address for registrations & questions; "ASHRAE Region 1 CRC 2010" ashraeregion1crc@gmail.com; the CRC committee is targeting to have by the Region I Planning Meeting on April 23, the flyer & registration info. The next task for the CRC host committee is to solicit for sponsorships.



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Phil Knowlton, chair of CRC 2008 (who had much success with sponsorships) will forward to Shirley, examples of the solicitation letters he used.

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

c. CRC 2012 – Boston – Date TBD Darcy Carbone – General Chair;

Darcy reported that Bob Persecheni will be co-chair. Bob is a seasoned pro, having acted as general chair at the last CRC held in Boston in 2002. Current priority is to choose a hotel. A search is currently under way.

4. CRC Planning & President Elect Training – Spencer Morasch

Mark your calendars for April 23 & 24, 2010. Hilton Garden Inn, 235 Hoosick Rd, Troy, NY (just outside of Albany). For room reservations, call the hotel directly at: 518-272-1700 Ask for Registration. Mention you are with "ASHRAE Region I" in order to get the discounted room rate of \$99 plus tax. Most people will reserve only for Friday night, April 23, but if you need to come early, or stay later, the rate will also apply for Thursday and Saturday night stays. Please reserve by Tuesday, March 23 to insure you have a room (we have booked a block of rooms for us). Later, we will provide you with a special code in order to get the ASHRAE rate if you prefer to book the hotel on-line.

April 23 – Friday, Meeting from 1 – 5 PM; followed by dinner at 6 PM. Dinner is open for all ASHRAE members. All pay for their own meals, except Region I EXCOM, which is paid by Region I. To be held at "Browns Brewing Company". It's a top-ranked brew-pub and restaurant located in downtown Troy, NY - just barely a mile from the hotel – details, address & directions to follow. An RSVP is needed by March 31 for attending the dinner. We need to know all who will attend. If you are bringing a spouse or children, please let us know!

April 24 – Saturday, Meeting from 8 AM to 4 PM, Morning coffee & lunch included (no breakfast included) This is President Elect Training only. A detailed agenda will follow. Please RSVP by March 31. 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! (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

Steve sent out to all chapter newsletter editors approx. 2 weeks ago, a flyer on the Region I Dinner in Albuquerque. An RSVP is required. Chapters need to publish this info in their newsletters. Please advise if you did not receive the flyer via E-Mail.

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

a. ARC & Treasurer – Garry Myers; No present, no report.

b. Student Activities – Rich Velow;

Rich advised he is seeing good progress on chapters entering their PAOE points. Scholarships are available, but the deadline for submissions is April 20. Om Taneja will take over from Rich the RVC position for Student Activities in July.

c. Research Promotion – Darcy Carbone;

As a Region, we are AHEAD by \$20,000 as compared to last year at this time. 7 Chapters are behind where they were same time as last year. 8 Chapter are AHEAD of where they were same time as last year. Of particular note – Long Island and New York (City) chapters are doing exceptionally well!



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Darcy announced her offer to chapters of the following golden opportunity: I am proposing a contest!!!!!! The first 10 chapters to call three Lybunts, Sybunts and or New Donors on their list and are successful on getting a donation, I will send them a RP cup and the proceeds will go to those chapters that win. If you run out of names on your list please let me know and I can get you more. The donations must be collected before you can submit to me that you are a winner. For every 3 phone calls I will make 1 one phone call on behalf of your chapter. Just send me the three names that appear on your list of Lybunts, Sybunts and a New Donor so I don't repeat a call. You must have had to talk to them personally.....get everyone on your volunteer list to help!!!!!!! GOOD LUCK

LYBUNT = Donated Last Year, But Not This Year (to date)
SYBUNT = Donated some years, but not this year (to date)

See the attached info about the special edition ASHRAE Research Promotion reusable "Research Investor Cups"

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

Spencer advised that there is a recently published "CTTC Newsletter" available from the Society CTTC Committee. Contact Steve Rosen if you didn't get a copy via E-Mail.

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

ii. **History – Phil Knowlton;**

Phil provided a brief report concerning the Boston Chapter Web site, and the good news that chapters are going to the ASHRAE web site to log in their PAOE points.

iii. **RECC – Heather Nowakowski;**

Heather reported that with her assistance, both the Maine and Rhode Island Chapters are very close to launching their own web sites! Heather advised that she is receiving via E-Mail most, but not all chapter newsletters. Make sure Heather is on YOUR chapter's E-mail distribution list for the newsletter. Black Ink award – To date – 10 Chapters have newsletters that qualify. CRC 2010 – Heather stands ready to assist the CRC 2010 committee to get CRC registration on line whenever they are ready!

iv. **Refrigeration – Steve Friedman**

Steve reported that he will NOT be able to attend the March meeting of the New York Chapter. Kevin Gallen was advised. Due May 15 are submittals for the Chapter Programs "Star" Award, and the ASHRAE Government Activities Award.

Steve confirmed that he received and accepted an invitation to join the Society Refrigeration Committee. This is an honor, and will help provide Steve with an important link to Society level refrigeration activities, which will help him in his role as the Region I refrigeration chair.

e. **Membership Promotion – Joe Furman;** Not present, but Joe provided the following report:

I see you have PAOE on the agenda. I would strongly emphasize to the presidents the benefits of PAOE on guiding chapter operations and reflects how their organizations are run. Membership can do a better job and I will call the MP Chairs. I show an example of two reporting time stamps, hardly any action (except for a few) and too many goose eggs.

Delinquencies slightly break the 10% mark and 90+ unpaid are about 45% of those unpaid, too high in my estimation. We will lose these after the grace period is up and it is better to retain these members than spend more energy getting new members. I will address this in my call to MP Chairs as well. We have some good action in regards to YEA events and YEA member participation. I realize that everyone is busy but a few calls a week can trim the deadwood.

Joe also submitted several attached files. In order to keep the E-Mail size down, please contact Joe directly if you need to see any of those Membership Promotion reports & files.

Rich Vehlow will become the RVC for Membership Promotion in July.

f. **Nominating – Cliff Konitz (Alternate)**



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Cliff reported that an important E-Mail was sent out by him on March 17 to all Region I Chapter Presidents and President Elects. If you did NOT receive this E-Mail, contact Cliff to have it resent. This is a VERY important E-Mail, as it states what chapters need to be doing Along the lines of Region I & Society nominations. Spencer stressed that there are attachments, and that everyone should take the time to read & review those attachments carefully!

Don't forget Awards! Certain awards not handled through the RVC's are handled through the Region I Nominating Committee. Emery & Cliff can provide details. You need to start NOW with nominating activities in order to both identify potential future ASHRAE leaders, as well as to identify potential Award prospects.

As a result of the Nominating process at LAST YEAR's CRC in Albany, the following changes will occur for the upcoming Society Year 2010 – 2011:

Region I ARC – Joe Furman

RVC Membership Promotion – Rich Vehlow

RVC Student Activities – Om Taneja (Past President of the New York Chapter)

Nominating Committee Member – Cliff Konitz

Nominating Committee Alternate – Emery Otruba

BACKUPS:

At CRC 2010, there will be no open Region I EXCOM seats up for Nomination; however, Cliff stressed the importance of filling BACKUP slots for each position. This not only provides for a clean transition if for whatever reason a Regional officer can no longer serve in their current roll, it also helps identify FUTURE candidates for Regional positions. Chapter Delegates need to bring to the CRC, names of candidates with them to the CRC as per the instructions provided by the Nominating Committee!

7. 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; Breakfast meeting had excellent attendance. Product show in April is a MAJOR fundraiser for the chapter, held every 2 years.
- c. **Central New York** – Jim Walker not present (excused), and submitted the following report: Our March meeting went well. We had 29 people for Carrier Sponsored History night. A gentleman named Vishnu from Carrier spoke about the history of compressors and had some very detailed and interesting knowledge about the early days of Willis Carrier and his design process.
- d. **Champlain Valley** – Peter Bailey not present (excused), no report.
- e. **Connecticut** – Phil Knowlton reported. March meeting – HUGE turnout of 115, was a field trip / tour of the Westminster School, featuring their new Ground Source Heat Pump system with 72 boreholes. Normal meetings are typically in the 50-60 attendance range. The programs at the CT chapter have been OUTSTANDING for the 2009-2010 year!
- f. **Granite State** – Joe Myers reported. Also had a GSHP field trip / tour, but attendance reduced due to a snow storm! The April meeting will be joint with the Maine Chapter, which is scheduled for April 15, and will feature a DL speaker – Julian DeBullet, on new standard 189.1
- g. **Long Island** – Steve Giammona reported. Meetings during the year have had lower than normal attendance. However, Feb & March meetings have both been better attended. This is possibly due to a recent update of the chapter's E-Mail list, which has had a positive effect on attendance. The recent 90.1 seminar held in March also had a good turnout.
- h. **Maine** – Dick Rollins not present no report.
- i. **New Jersey** – Janet Shipton not present no report



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- j. **New York** – Om Taneja reported for Kevin Gallen, who was on the conf. call earlier, but had to drop off the line. Lynn Bellenger – Society President Elect, was a featured speaker at a special event held at Con Ed. Lynn talked about the new ASHRAE Standard 189.1 – High Performance Green Buildings. Planned for the March 23 Student Night, actual student members will be featured as guest speakers! Note – Both Student and YEA members get reduced cost for dinner fees!
- k. **Niagara Frontier** – Michelle Mitchell reported. Recently held a Mechanical Room Tour, and are also planning a joint meeting with the Rochester Chapter.
- l. **Northeast** – Christine Lazzar reported. Northeast ran a successful Lunch meeting on the topic of “Leadership”. The chapter is now using Google groups to communicate to their members.
- m. **Rhode Island** – **Bob Wayne not present, no report.**
- n. **Rochester** - Jeff Davis not present (excused,) no report.
- o. **Twin Tiers** – Jason Gilbert reported. March meeting featured a DL and was well attended. Joint meeting planned with the Central New York Chapter on April 14. Symposium is planned for April, and members can register and pay in advance via PayPal.

8. 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 ASHRAE 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!

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

- Rich Vehlow advised that Society has published hotel info for the Annual Meeting in Albuquerque In June. Hotels book up fast for Society meetings, so book yours ASAP. Of note, there is a choice of 5 hotels to choose from.
- Spencer advised that the fact that in the past, Chapter Presidents used to receive a list from Society, of members who are in their chapter (either as Chapter Members, or just Area Assigned Members), Who are a member of an ASHRAE Technical Committee. Cliff Konitz confirmed that the list is no longer provided by Society for various reasons – one of which That the new membership software for whatever reason cannot have a report run of TC members by their Chapter. Spencer noted that this list might be of value to Chapter for two reasons – First, it can serve as a source of Program Speakers on a specific technical topic, and second, it can serve as a source of potential candidates for ASHRAE Awards and positions in Society (nominations). Since motions are a key tool to effect change in ASHRAE, Spencer offered this idea to the chapters For drafting a motion if they felt that having such a list would be of benefit to them. The time to present the motion is of course at CRC, but as with all motions, They should be written and submitted for review by Region I EXCOM well before CRC. The CRC Planning Meeting to be held on April 23 is an ideal time to present draft motions.

10. DRC's Closing Thoughts – Spencer Morasch



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- Spencer announced the sad news of the recent, sudden accidental death of Bi-State Chapter President Elect Steve LePorisz. Steve was only 27 years old, and was a young, energetic engineer whose youth, energy and leadership were inspiring to all who knew him in the Bi-State Chapter. This is truly sad news for the Bi-State Chapter, as well as for ASHRAE Region I, where Steve's charisma and youthful exuberance will surely be missed. Our deepest sympathy & prayers go out for Steve and his family. Details on the arrangements will be sent out separately to the Region via E-Mail.

The next call is scheduled for **Thursday, April 15, 2010 12:30 – 1:30 PM**

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



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