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Meeting Record – Chapter Regional Committee Conference Call 7/8-2

Present Were:

Don Carrington – GST
Emery Otruba – NC Member
Jerry Chabot – CHV
Joe Furman – RVC-Mem
John Fusco – BIS
Khaled Yousef – NE
Mark Rabbia – CNY
Peter Frangiskou – NJ
Phil Knowlton – RC History
Richard Vehlow – RVC SA
Spencer Morasch – ARC
Steven Rosen – BOS
Stan Westhoff – CRC '10
Jason Gilbert - TWT

Absent Were:

Brian Ryglewicz – NYC
Casey Bernhard – ROC
Cliff Konitz – NC Alternate
Doug Martin – MAI
George Denecke – NIA
Heather Nowakowski – RECC
Paul Marques – CT
Peter Gerazounis – LIS

Excused Were:

Lee Loomis – RVC – CTTC
Michael Kelly – RIS
Peter Oppelt – RC Programs
Ron Swarhout – RVC RP
Shirley Bergman – TWT
Wayne Vanasse – RC Ref.

The conference started at 8:00

- **Region**

- New Post RECC
 - Heather Nowakowski has agreed to be the Regional Electronic Communications Chair.

- **CRC**

- The CRC schedule was discussed and everyone was invited to take a shot at re-arranging the schedule. The required elements are Orientation (15 minutes), Business Meeting (4.5 Hours), Caucus (1.5 hours followed by a minimum of 4 hours), Executive session (1.5 hours Minimum) Awards Luncheon (or dinner – 2 hours) and work shops (concurrent 4 hours) for Membership, RP, CTTC , SA, and Ops. The schedule has to be “set in stone” by the end of January (Winter Meeting). I will gather the ideas and those that contribute will join me in a special conference call to develop it.

- **PDH Accreditation**



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- We discussed the PDH path. Khaled has the process down pat. He know the PIE players and processes the requirements each month. If we do certification on the Regional level, we will need to acquire a number of PEs that will commit to being reviewers and also commit to turning the applications around in time for the meeting. I think this is the vehicle for meeting attendance (along with good marketing by the chapters).
- **Reports**
 - CRC General Chair Report is (Still) due.
 - Chapter visit Reports required after visit. Required for Voucher approval for travel and lodging. Everyone (except Joe) will owe a report (or two) by the end of the month
 - Chapter's President – Overall things are going well. No one had any bad or disappointing issues to report.
 - NC – Emery – NC reports have been forwarded to the Society Nominating Committee and Emery is looking forward to the Fall meeting of the entire nominating committee.
 - SA – Rich Vehlow – Reports everything is “looking up”. Excited about the work of the committee.
 - RP- Ron Swarthout – No Report
 - CTTC – Lee Loomis – “There are two remaining DL opportunities. If we can use them up by 11/15 or so, we could continue to set up meeting dates for the Region I Chapters and be "first in line" for those additional opportunities that wind up in the "pool", after 11/30/07.”
 - MP – Joe Furman – Joe reports he has several MBOs from the chapter chairs and is very optimistic.
 - Programs – Peter Oppelt – No Report
 - Refrigeration – Wayne Vanasse - “Many chapters have revitalized the Refrigeration Committee in their chapters. CHV chapter is doing an all day seminar with a DL on Refrigeration. There are several chapters that do not currently have a Refrigeration Committee, and he will be encouraging them to re-start this committee.
 - WEB – Heather Nowakowski – No Report
 - CRC '08 – Phil Knowlton – Phil reported that the plans for the CRC '08 are coming together. The committee is planning on the welcome party to be at the Mystic Aquarium but the cost s prohibitive and won't be possible without major sponsor contributions.
 - History – Phil Knowlton – Phil reported that the history department is status Quo. Phil has a PBS celebrity coming to the December 2008 meeting and will publish the details to the other chapters in case they want to take advantage of the visit for their chpters.



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- **Upcoming Meetings**

- **President Elect Training** – In Albany, NY. Was looking at the date of April 12th, however it was discussed that April is really too late. It should be February or March. I suggested that maybe it should be held as a part of the CRC to expose the Presidents elect to the workings of the CRC and be able to have the Delegates and Alternates assist in mentoring. I took an action item to explore training next years Presidents elect at CRC'08 tailoring the operations workshop accordingly.

The next call is scheduled for **November 21, 2007 at 8:00 PM.**

- **Comments**

*Please try to **attend** or **let me know you can't** be there. I understand it is taking away from family time, and that is valid, but if you let me know you won't be there it helps me plan the topics of discussion better or save everyone's time and cancel if too many can't come.*

Thanks for joining the call