

REGION VIII SPRING CRC MOTIONS

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East Texas Chapter – Motion 7 (06/28/10):

That beginning July 1, 2011, all ASHRAE society and chapter dues be made due at the same time of the year, which would be at the beginning of the ASHRAE society year, July 1. All new members joining within the year would have their annual dues pro-rated at a rate of 1/12 per month, including the month that they join, to run through the end of the society year.

Secretary's Note from Membership: Here is why anniversary billing is better for ASHRAE in general:

- Having monthly income for dues that is more levied between the 12 months is better for ASHRAE's cash position in terms of regular cash flow.
- Having anniversary billing allows members to be elected the first day of the next month after they apply, and not have any communications with ASHRAE regarding dues until it is time to renew next year. Annual billing would require new members to have to deal with a pro-rated dues bill that first year, so that unless they joined in June, they would have to pay twice.
- Managing new members on a monthly basis is much easier for chapters. Getting to know and contacting just a few people each month is much easier than doing a large chunk of individuals all at once. I think there is a much better chance it will be done effectively when the load is more manageable...and this is an extremely important piece of the new member experience.
- It's simply better service to handle people immediately as they come in to the organization...at the Society and chapter level. I think it's possible but things could fall through the cracks if our database is moved to an entirely different billing system.

It is more challenging in terms of PAOE, however, at the end of the day, the reports are real time and chapters can run them anytime, and they are now more in a position to get regular data and keep an eye on things. There are pros and cons to both and it would be extremely costly for ASHRAE to change. ASHRAE's database is set up for anniversary billing; we would have to completely change the election date structure and the billing process. It would be very hard to do. It's not to say we can't do it.

Secretary's Note from Comptroller: First; this can be handled with a different type of report. Second we would have to re-customize our database and restructure the setup of the system. I will get \$ amounts from IT but I think it was about \$80,000 or more. This does not include staff time to redo our system.

Five years ago we spent over \$112,500 to customize the software for our membership process. We would have to spend about \$3-5,000 to get a quote to change that process. Changing from anniversary to annual will also affect our Journal subscription and ABC auditing which could also affect our advertising income. The more I think about the change the more things I think will be affected (and not for the positive). All of this does not include rewriting all of our membership reports.

Mr. Fulk reported that if chapters are keeping record of the chapter dues payments to the chapters, then historically, the chapter should know how much to expect annually from the chapter dues. It was also determined that when Society dues and Chapter dues were coming in annually, it created more work and more staff was needed to enter the dues in the system. This process would be cost prohibitive to Society to revert back to this system of billing and will cause a burden to larger chapters which have a larger number of delinquents that will be created by going to annual billing.

Defeated because of the two secretary notes.



Mexico City Chapter – Motion 13 (06/22/09):

That ASHRAE offer special rates for members that have maintained continuous membership for periods of 10, 20 or more years.

Defeated because of the following reasons and the different levels of membership dues that Society already offers:

- ASHRAE currently offers a \$20 membership to fully retired members who are at least 55 years old and have 10 years of ASHRAE membership. Retired members do not receive the annual Handbook but may purchase a copy of any Handbook volume not received as part of their membership services at a discount of 50 percent from the list price, plus postage and handling. We have approximately 260 Retiree members.
- ASHRAE offers Life members free membership after 30 years of membership who must be 65 years of age or older. They receive several benefits as part of their Life membership such as the annual Handbook, free registration to ASHRAE meetings, etc. We have approximately 4,300 Life members.
- \$90.00 per year for Member and Associate Member grades for individuals who reside in countries listed in low-income and lower-middle-income groups of the World Bank List of Economies, effective for new members and renewals after July 1, 2008.
- Effective July 1, 2009, the dues structure for the Affiliate grade of membership will increase to \$50 (year 1), \$70 (year 2), and \$90 (year 3).
- The current student membership dues are \$16.

South Texas Chapter – Motion 14 (06/22/09):

That Society develop promotional materials geared to high school students more likely to pursue a technical degree (along with guidance counselors, teachers, and administrators) to inform them about career opportunities in the HVAC&R service industry and encourage them to pursue these valuable, high-paying jobs.

Referred to the Student Activities Committee (SAC.) SAC is in the process of completing the development of industry related K-12 promotional materials that coincides with this request.

Monterrey Chapter – Motion 9 (06/22/08):

That ASHRAE includes the Councils in Charge of Accreditation of Engineering Teaching in Different Countries Worldwide (CCAETDCW) wherever a program must be “accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) or a substantially equivalent program in countries outside the USA.

Referred to the Members Council Electronic Membership Ad Hoc Committee. Engineering programs that are not ABET-accredited, but that are accredited by a body in the respective country of the university/school, are now used in the calculator. If a member graduated from an accredited engineering program in Sri Lanka, and we have that school in our system, and have been told that the school is accredited by the country’s leading engineering accrediting body, the member would get equal points to a ABET or Washington Accord accredited program (like Penn



State). This requires our international branches and chapters to help us build this list, unless their program is already listed with ABET or the Washington Accord.

Dallas Chapter – Motion 8 (06/25/07):

That Society provide guidelines for chapter financial audits in the Manual for Chapter Operations.

Defeated because guidance is already documented in the Manual for Chapter Operations and because ASHRAE does not have the expertise to provide local accounting and tax advice to chapters.

Monterrey Chapter – Motion 25 (06/25/07):

That ASHRAE includes the Council for Accreditation of Engineering, Teaching, Mexico (Consejo de Acreditacion de Ensenanza de la Ingenieria, CACEI) wherever a program must be “accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) or a substantially equivalent program in countries outside the U.S.A.

Referred to the Members Council Electronic Membership Ad Hoc Committee for consideration. Engineering programs that are not ABET-accredited, but that are accredited by a body in the respective country of the university/school, are now used in the calculator. If a member graduated from an accredited engineering program in Sri Lanka, and we have that school in our system, and have been told that the school is accredited by the country’s leading engineering accrediting body, the member would get equal points to a ABET or Washington Accord accredited program (like Penn State). This requires our international branches and chapters to help us build this list, unless they program is already listed with ABET or the Washington Accord.

Austin and East Texas Chapters – Motion 26 (06/26/07):

That the language of the most current BOD approved version of ASHRAE 62.1-, Article 6.3.1.4 (or other article if another is more appropriate) to read as follows:

"6.3.1.4 Design Approaches. Select one or a combination of the following design approaches to determine minimum space and system airflow rates and all other design parameters deemed relevant (e.g., air cleaning efficiencies and supply airflow rates). It is intended that this subsection promote ventilation alternatives which can be reasonably demonstrated: through sound engineering principles; or through testing that adequately reflects the respective occupancy conditions and ventilation system. It is further intended that exact equivalency of another recognized ventilation method (e.g., ventilation rate procedure, demand controlled ventilation/dynamic reset, etc.) is not required to be demonstrated in every occupancy condition, provided the Purpose of the Standard and its definition of acceptable indoor air quality are achieved."

"(e) A constant ventilation rate design approach at rates less than those prescribed by the Ventilation Rate Procedure is an acceptable approach to consider. For example, a constant volume ventilation design approach which compares itself to the requirements of variable volume ventilation or demand controlled ventilation is acceptable if: it yields higher average daily ventilation rates for 85 percent or more of the occupied hours; and if it yield higher instantaneous (15 minute interval testing) ventilation rates for 70 percent or more of the occupied hours."

"(f) Design approaches shall consider sustainability features and performance, including, but not limited to: electrical demand; maintenance requirements, maintenance capability of the operator/Owner; energy



and resources consumption during operation; energy and resources consumption during manufacturing and installation; and initial construction costs."

Motion 26 was referred to Technology Council. Technology Council transferred this motion to the Manager of Standards for action at the New York 2008 Winter Meeting. Subsequently the motion was referred to SSPC 62.1 but it was decided that this recommended action should come directly from the Austin Chapter as a formal continuous maintenance addendum proposal. On April 9, 2008, Andy Persily, Vice Chair of Technology Council, transmitted a Continuous Maintenance proposal submittal form to Cameron Labunski, President of the Austin Chapter, with instructions for him to complete the form and submit it to the Standard 62.1 project committee. To date it appears that the form has yet to be submitted and a follow up reminder note was sent to Labunski today by ASHRAE standards staff. Please note that in the future such proposals should be submitted directly to the appropriate ASHRAE committee for the most expeditious action. Thus Technology Council considers this referral closed.

Arkansas Chapter – Motion 27 (06/25/07):

That Society expand the current biographical record system found on www.ashrae.org for each chapter member to include honors and awards points by category.

Defeated because the computer system cannot calculate the points without having significant programming changes and significant cost (estimation of at least \$50K), and potential subjective interpretation of regional and chapter activities.