

# ASHRAE Region X -Chapters Regional Conference 2010, Reno, Nevada

**Motion Identification No.** Region X, Motion No. 126-1, Date 7-10-10

**Moved By:** Northern Nevada Chapter #126

**Motion:** "That the Chapters Regional Conference (CRC) of ASHRAE Region X be dissolved"

## **Background:**

It appears that, in the past few years, since the passing of Frank Coda, the regional framework concept, including grassroots involvements in the decision-making process, has gradually been chipped away into the present form of only 2 grassroots committees participating at the CRC in every Region. It seems that ASHRAE Staff is now creating more changes, which has diluted the functions, that at one time, was done by volunteers at a regional level. This change has resulted in increased dues to support staff positions thus diminishing the volunteer's opportunity to participate at the grassroots level.

The Region's host Chapter no longer receives a cash donation of \$2300 seed money for appropriate planning. This reduced the financial strain to the Chapter treasury and psychological stress to the Chapter volunteers. Even with this elimination, we are experiencing continued increase in our Society dues as well as Society registration cost to cover the Staff expenses. This also has caused the volunteerism to be reduced since "Staff" will now do the tasked once reserved for the volunteers and who cannot find their own purpose to do any work.

It was a surprise to Northern Nevada Chapter volunteers that, at the Orlando Winter Meeting, all Society MP RVC's voted to approve centralized training thus pulling out our MP Committee's volunteers from the CRC. Not too long ago Society supported 6 grassroots committees' volunteer for many years and has, in recent years, cut down to only two grassroots committees as we present this motion (Student Activities and Chapters Technology Transfer Committees).

All these changes will have detrimental effects towards the Region and the Reno CRC success. Northern Nevada Chapter envisions a lack of attendance due to Society changing the regional framework, which our founding fathers had established, to a point which makes the activities at CRC useless.

If the chapter delegates decided not to dissolve Region X Chapter Regional Conference, the subsequent motion #126-2 & motion #126-3 should be a moot point to resolve the issues/concerns thus bringing back the RP and MP Committee workshops to Region X CRC.

## **Fiscal Impact:**

ASHRAE would save the annual expenses of sending the Society Officer and staff to Region X CRC. The region, the host chapter as well as the remaining chapters would not have to incur any expenses to simply conduct workshops with less than half of the attendance due to diminishing participation from the grassroots committee members.

**Vote Count: For:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Against:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Abstained:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair Voting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Failed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Withdrawn:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ASHRAE Region X -Chapters Regional Conference 2010, Reno, Nevada

**Motion Identification No.** Region X, Motion No. 126-2, Date 7-10-10

**Moved By:** Northern Nevada Chapter #126

**Motion:** "That Research Promotion Workshop be held at each CRC."

### **Background:**

Doing so will support the purpose of the RP Chair attendance at the CRC, to introduce the program personally and have those attendees realize the values of an ASHRAE member. This event will benefit the local Chapter by the expectation of more attendees at the CRC therefore more donations toward a financially successful event. It was a surprise to Northern Nevada Chapter to learn that all Society MP RVCs voted to approve centralized training at the Orlando Winter Meeting and will have detrimental effects towards the Reno CRC success.

Staff is now creating the changes that will disperse all functions that are normally done by volunteers at a regional level. The result will be increased dues and the grassroots will not exist.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

There should be no fiscal impact to the Society. Nonetheless, each region & its host chapter should improve their cash flows as a result of the participation from the RP chairpersons plus their immediate family members.

**Vote Count: For:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Against:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Abstained:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair Voting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Failed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Withdrawn:** \_\_\_\_\_

# ASHRAE Region X -Chapters Regional Conference 2010, Reno, Nevada

**Motion Identification No.** Region X, Motion No. 126-3, Date 7-10-10

**Moved By:** Northern Nevada Chapter #126

**Motion:** "That Membership Promotion Workshop be held at each CRC."

## **Background:**

Doing so will support the purpose of the MP Chair attendance at the CRC, to introduce the program personally and have those attendees realize the values of an ASHRAE member. This event will benefit the local Chapter by the expectation of more attendees at the CRC therefore more donations toward a financially successful event. It was a surprise to Northern Nevada Chapter to learn that all Society MP RVCs voted to approve centralized training at the Orlando Winter Meeting and will have detrimental effects towards the Reno CRC success.

Staff is now creating the changes that will disperse all functions that are normally done by volunteers at a regional level. The result will be increased dues and the grassroots will not exist.

## **Fiscal Impact:**

There should be no fiscal impact to the Society. Nonetheless, each region & its host chapter should improve their cash flow as a result of the participation from the MP chairpersons plus their immediate family members.

**Vote Count: For:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Against:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Abstained:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair Voting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Failed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Withdrawn:** \_\_\_\_\_

# ASHRAE Region X -Chapters Regional Conference 2010, Reno, Nevada

**Motion Identification No.** Region X, Motion No. 126-4, Date 7-10-10

**Moved By:** Northern Nevada Chapter #126

**Motion:** "Region X formally adopt the Region X Finance Guideline dated 10-8-08."

## **Background:**

Region X has yet to formally adopt the Region X Finance Guidelines dated 10-8-08 since it was published. Doing so will help create sound fiscal policy with checks and balance in operating the Regional. The Regional funds consist of funds derived from all Chapters through a "Regional Assessment" which is based on the number of chapter dues-paid members from each Chapter. Presently, the Regional leadership is operating without formal acceptance of these policies by the Chapters Regional Committee members and can do as they please with our regional funds.

*See attached Finance Guideline document.*

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Vote Count:** For: \_\_\_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Voting: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Failed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Withdrawn:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ASHRAE Region X -Chapters Regional Conference 2010, Reno, Nevada

**Motion Identification No.** Region X, Motion No. 126-5, Date 7-10-10

**Moved By:** Northern Nevada Chapter #126

**Motion:** "That Society lowers the overhead and operating cost by offering retirement to headquarter employees who are receiving salaries over \$80,000 as soon as possible."

**Background:**

Doing so will help reduce overhead cost and operating cost while acquiring capable staff that will bring the focus of the Society rule making to the membership versus staff driven initiatives. To the ASHRAE membership detriment long term staff naturally acquires methods to change the direction of the Boards of Directors, Technical and Grassroots membership visions for the future at the various decision making levels. Asking the long term employees to retire will make the extra fees required at meetings, rooms and transportation to be contained and allow more membership attendance by reduced registration fees.

**Fiscal Impact: To be determined.**

**Vote Count: For:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Against:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Abstained:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair Voting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Failed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Withdrawn:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ASHRAE Region X -Chapters Regional Conference 2010, Reno, Nevada

**Motion Identification No.** Region X, Motion No. 126-6, Date 7-10-10

**Moved By:** Northern Nevada Chapter #126

**Motion:** "That Society Meetings and Arrangement Committee lower the registration cost at Winter and Annual Meetings to below \$300."

**Background:**

The early bird registration for members at the 2010 Orlando Winter Conference was listed as \$480 if registered by October 31st, 2009. Advanced registration is set at \$515 for members before 12/31/09 and on-site registration is \$660 for a member .... forget the non-member pricing. In light of the serious economic conditions of the world, our meetings and not adjusted the approach in providing a lean and austere structure to lower the cost to our MEMBERSHIP. What happened to Members First? If our Society does not reflect the abilities of the Membership to afford the Society meetings then we are headed for disaster in the whole society.

**Fiscal Impact: To be determined.**

**Vote Count: For:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Against:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Abstained:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair Voting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Failed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Withdrawn:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ASHRAE Region X -Chapters Regional Conference 2010, Reno, Nevada

**Motion Identification No.** Region X, Motion No. 126-7, Date 7-30-10

**Moved By:** Northern Nevada Chapter #126

**Motion:** "That, effective 2011-2012, the Society Honors and Awards Committee revise the qualifications for an Exceptional Service Award to include a requirement for each candidate to have received a higher education degree issued from a qualified college or university."

**Background:**

1. The Society recognition of an individual should require the polished minds of a formal education.
2. Exceptional status has connotations of over and above average educational knowledge of an ASHRAE member.
3. As this award has more than merit implications the recipients should be capable of representing ASHRAE in a polished manner.

**Fiscal Impact:** It should have no impact to the Society as well as to the region.

**Vote Count: For:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Against:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Abstained:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair Voting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Failed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Withdrawn:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ASHRAE Region X -Chapters Regional Conference 2010, Reno, Nevada

**Motion Identification No.** Region X, Motion No. 126-8, Date 8-24-10

**Moved By:** Northern Nevada Chapter #126

**Motion:** "That, effective Society Year 2010-2011, Region X should not allow a chapter president or any other chapter officers to serve simultaneously any of the regional officer's positions."

**Background:**

To the best of our knowledge, serving both positions as stated could have an appearance of conflict of interest. Moreover, the responsibilities of any chapter officers especially that of the chapter president is quite demanding to handle the affairs of the chapter. It is extremely taxing for he / she to simultaneously serve our region as a regional vice chair of a grassroots committee. Mistakes have been made collectively at previous caucus and mitigation should be taken appropriately to strengthen the regional operation as well as the chapter operation.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Vote Count: For:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Against:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Abstained:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair Voting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Failed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Withdrawn:** \_\_\_\_\_

# ASHRAE Region X -Chapters Regional Conference 2010, Reno, Nevada

**Motion Identification No.** Region X, Motion No. 126-9, Date 8-23-10

**Moved By:** Northern Nevada Chapter #126

**Motion:** "That, effective Society Year 2010-2011, Region X chapter presidents & their respective grassroots committee chairs should evaluate the annual performance of their respective RVCs (Regional Vice Chairpersons)."

## **Background:**

To date, RVCs in Region X hardly communicate with the Chapter Presidents and/or Committee Chairs. It appears that the appropriate protocols have either been bypassed or completely ignored. We recommend to start with the following items as the criteria for the suggested performance evaluation:

1. Training workshop: 25 points
2. Management by objectives: 25 points
3. Quarterly communication via newsletters: 25 points
4. Chapter visit at least once in 3 years: 25 points

The annual evaluation of each RVC performance can improve the effectiveness of the discussion among the Chapter Delegates/Alternates at the CRC caucus & executive sessions. Moreover, it should help each RVC to be pro-active in managing the respective committees by disseminating the required information to/from the Chapters to the Society. It should also help to improve their communication with the Chapter Presidents & their respective Committee Chairs.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Vote Count: For:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Against:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Abstained:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair Voting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Failed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Withdrawn:** \_\_\_\_\_