



LETTER FROM YOUR DRC

LEADERS,

Hoşgeldiniz (Welcome) from Turkey! I hope your enthusiasm is still high and you are still working toward your goals for the year. The more you put into your tasks and goals early, the better you will be able to accomplish them. Please ensure all your social activities and general chapter meetings are scheduled and coordinated by this point to ensure that you are on everyone's calendars.

Region News

I had the HUGE honor of representing you all at the Fall Board Meeting/RAL CRC/HVAC Global Summit in Istanbul, Turkey. Its amazing to see how a region with 4600 people in 30 chapters (6 being brand new) all over the eastern hemisphere with different languages and cultures manage to get their regional activities and business done. It certainly gave me inspiration to do better! I will present more on this at the Region IX CRC.

Our new RMCR Jonathan Smith was present to vote on an update to the MCO for advice on legal actions that I want to make you all aware of:

If a Chapter or Chapter officer receives threat of a lawsuit related to their ASHRAE work or activities, they should take the following steps as soon as possible.

A. Limit all written communication about the issue or situation, including but not limited to emails and documents. *In the unlikely event that a lawsuit moves forward, all written statements and information can be requested as evidence. Due to this possibility, be mindful of what information is in writing and how that information is worded.*

B. Set up a call or meeting with the DRC, RMCR and Executive Vice President *to let them know of the issue or situation.*

Society News

Please start communicating and encouraging attendance to the **ASHRAE Winter Meeting in Atlanta, GA** where I'm sure attendees will have the opportunity to tour the new ASHRAE headquarters.

During the fall meeting, we voted to approve the newest **Infectious Aerosols position document**. Please find the latest version with new guidance and even rated mitigation strategies and utilize them in your professional career as well as for public guidance. This is a great tool to bring to schools and local governments specifically.

https://www.ashrae.org/file%20library/about/position%20documents/pd_infectiousaerosols_2020.pdf

Coming up for November 1st, applications for the YEA Award of Individual Excellence as well as the New Face of Engineering are due. Contact your YEA chair Marie for more information.

I also want to provide context on two votes I had during the fall meeting where I was in the opposed.

The first is the major vote on the restructuring of the ASHRAE Leadership to have regions combine into districts for board representation (stated simplified). While our region was pretty silent, there was a lot of internal opposition and surprisingly from the international chapters of whom I thought it would benefit more. In the end, I did not want the possibility of a region not having a direct voice at the highest leadership level and I believe the goals I want to establish in streamlining regional and board operations can happen outside of a restructuring. I was disappointed in board members that were opposed because they still had questions when we have been reviewing this approach for almost a year.

The second vote was from a member requesting ASHRAE make a coordinated statement with AIA on the Roe v. Wade US supreme court decision. I openly corrected board members who were in opposition as they did not want to take a stance on a social issues by reminding them it's a human rights issue. Even stated as such, in our worldwide presence we would potentially be then addressing a large number of assorted human rights issues that impact our chapters. I also believe that a stance without action is ineffective, and any statement would oblige us to take some major actions on a worldwide basis affecting a lot of our membership. Similar to us not taking an official position on the war in Ukraine, I opposed this motion.

I'm happy to discuss my positions with anyone who has questions. Please just reach out.

For PAOE upcoming deadlines:

For a presentation on the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan (November30)

Filing any required tax forms (November15)

Chapter RP Full Circle Award (November 15)

Planning/goal setting session with DRC or associated RVC (deadline passed, but maybe they will be lenient if you do it ASAP!!)

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