

Report  
on  
ASHAE's  
Region 7 CRC  
in  
Toronto's  
Engineers Club  
April 9, 1956

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING ENGINEERS

CHAPTERS REGIONAL MEETING - REGION SEVEN

The first A.S.H.A.E. Chapters Regional Meeting, in Region 7, was held at the Engineer's Club, Toronto, April 9th, 1956.

The members and alternate members present were:

C. Van Boeyen -	British Columbia
P.M. Butler -	Northern Alberta
E.K. Cumming -	
A.H. Millar -	Winnipeg Chapter
C.J. Bootes -	Ontario Chapter
C. Torry -	
W.J. Robinson -	Ottawa Valley Chapter
D.L. Lindsay -	Montreal Chapter
H. Murray -	

Attending the meeting were A.V. Hutchinson, J.H. Ross, J.N. Livermore, P.B. Gordon, John James, B.W. Farnes, John Fox, E.R. Queer, John Everrets, Jr., A.B. Algren, W.M. Vidulich, H.R. Roth, D.L. Angus.

Chairman John Fox called for nominations for Secretary.

It was moved by D.L. Lindsay, seconded by H. Murray, that C.J. Bootes be elected Secretary for a period of one year. Carried.

The Chairman welcomed the members and guests and called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the Chapters Conference held in Toronto on March 14th and 15th, 1956.

The Chairman then called on President John James to address the meeting on "Our Society and the Future". Mr. James mentioned that it had been felt at the last meeting that Region 7 did not have full representation on the various committees of the Society. He pointed out that some progress had been made since we now had Neil Hutcheon on the Committee on Research, and Lorne Lindsay and Allan Jones on Technical Advisory Committees.

President James expressed confidence in the continued growth of the Society.

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Chairman Fox then called on First Vice-President P.G. Gordon to talk on the Philosophy of the Plan for Regional Operation of the Chapters.

Mr. Gordon, assisted by slides, stated the purpose for which the Society was formed. He then developed the means by which the chapters fulfill the stated purpose.

The speaker also traced the history of the development of the Regional Plan of Operation of the Chapters and illustrated the means by which the plan would be placed into full operation by stages, until complete operation in 1959.

Discussion was invited at the conclusion of Mr. Gordon's talk.

Mr. Lindsay inquired as to the qualifications of a delegate to a Chapters Regional Meeting.

Mr. Gordon replied that the delegate could be a member of any grade except Junior and should preferably be an officer of the chapter.

Mr. Lindsay inquired whether expenses of the committee members to a Regional Meeting would be paid.

The reply by Mr. Gordon indicated that the travel cost of the member, but not the alternate, would be paid.

In reply to a question, Mr. Gordon indicated that the Host Chapter would be expected to provide meeting place for a Regional Committee Meeting except in the case of a Regional Conference.

At least one officer of the Society must be present at each Regional Committee Meeting.

The meeting then went into Committee of the Whole to select a member and a first and second alternate member to the Nominating Committee.

After luncheon the Session was resumed with a talk by A.V. Hutchinson on Minutes and Records. Mr. Hutchinson mentioned that the blue covered book on Chapter Operations should be used as a guide. Chapters should be careful in choosing speakers from the lists provided, checking with other chapter who have heard the speaker before making a commitment.

A change was indicated in the Journal and a "Guess Who's Who" picture page was mentioned as a possibility.

*1957 - H. G. Sawyer*  
*1958 - H. G. Sawyer*  
*1955*  
*1956 - [unclear]*

*Chapter*  
*Frank [unclear]*  
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*Frank [unclear]*  
*B. [unclear]*

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Mr. Hutchinson mentioned that it is the duty of the Chapter Secretary to certify the members and alternate members for Nominating Committee. Chapters acting as host to Society Meetings will have instructions sent to them.

D.L. Lindsay asked if the Chapters might have access to the names of those who subscribed to the "Guide" and "Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning" as a prospective source of new members. Mr. Hutchinson said this list was available.

P. Butler asked if the Society automatically up-grades members. Mr. Hutchinson replied that the Society no longer does this. It is now up to the member to apply for up-grading of membership.

C. Van Boeyen asked if a member dropped from the rolls is notified. The answer was yes, by registered mail with copy to the Chapter.

Mr. Hutchinson mentioned that many chapters do not list a man on the roster if Chapter or Society dues are in arrears.

The procedure, after a member has been dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues and wishes re-instatement of membership, is to file application and pay re-instatement fee usually of one year's dues.

H.R. Roth mentioned that a member must be paid up before resigning, in good standing.

Some of the delegates mentioned that a receipt indicating payment of dues was needed for taxation purposes. Mr. Hutchinson mentioned that this was available on request.

Mr. Lindsay enquired the qualifications for Life Member. Mr. Hutchinson gave these as a member of any grade, (except Junior), for thirty years and at least sixty-five years of age.

Mr. Fox then talked on Publications and Publicity in his role of Chairman of the Publicity Committee. He brought to the member's notice the ASHAE MEMO as a publicity medium of the Society. Mr. Fox felt that this information should be passed to the officers and members of the Chapters and not restricted to senior officers only. Mr. Fox pointed out that no abbreviation of the "and" by a symbol is permitted in the full name of the Society, and that the "and" is omitted in the initials ASHAE when they are used.

Chapters may receive publicity assistance by writing John Fox in Toronto or W. Vidulich at New York headquarters.

Henceforth, Journal accounts of Chapter meetings will include only date, place of meeting, and name of speaker. Attendance figures will be accumulated and published quarterly in the ASHAE MEMO.

The Chairman called on John Ross for a report on membership. Mr. Ross mentioned that the grades of membership in the Society were now those recommended by the Engineering Council for Professional Development. In order to advance in grade, continuity of membership is essential.

After the talk by Mr. Ross, Bert W. Farnes carried out a spot poll of the members on quantities of various proposed forms which could be used by the Chapters, if, as, and when these are made available.

In response to a request by Mr. Butler, Mr. Lindsay outlined the Montreal system of collecting dues along with the price of the season's meals at the start of each season. The amount charged is \$15.00 including meals. Mr. Roth stated the Ontario Chapter dues at \$5.00 and meals at \$3.00. British Columbia Chapter dues are \$5.00 with meals at \$3.50. Ottawa Valley dues are \$5.00 with meals at \$2.25. Mr. Butler stated the Northern Alberta Chapter had not yet made an assessment of Chapter dues, but charge \$1.50 per meal.

Mr. Robinson asked about the possible formation of new chapters in Region 7. Mr. Fox mentioned Quebec City, Windsor, Calgary and Western Ontario as being locations under consideration.

Mr. Murray brought forward a matter which he wished to have included on the 1957 Regional Agenda, namely the possibility of the coming together of A.S.H.A.E. and A.S.R.E. groups.

Mr. Murray mentioned that, formerly, these groups operated in divergent fields. During the past twenty years the two have moved closer together, largely due to their common interest in air conditioning. Mr. Murray mentioned that out of twenty-five to thirty personal conversations, he had had with members of each group, only two had expressed serious objection to merging the two Societies.

Duplication is becoming more important, since on an individual basis it is sometimes impossible for a man to attend both. On the National basis, the Executive Officers of both Societies are duplicating effort and expenditures. Mr. Murray asked that this group give consideration to the idea of merging the interests of the two Societies.

P. Butler, as a member of both groups, was in favour of discussing if further.

C. Torry expressed similar views.

K. Cumming asked for further clarification.

President John James mentioned that at least one joint meeting a year was being held in some areas. Also, that in certain cases, conflicting dates had interfered with full attendance at annual meetings. These have, to a great extent, been resolved by the joint A.S.H.A.E. and A.S.R.E. Committee on co-operation.

It was pointed out that the joint committee survey in the United States had indicated an 11% duplication of membership in the A.S.N.A.E. and a 7% in the A.S.R.E. The financial picture of the two groups had been studied and also overlapping Technical Committees. 1

It was pointed out that for the two Societies to merge would take a 75% vote on the part of each in favour of so doing. 2

Mr. Murray pointed up the possibility of a third group entering the field, such as A.S.M.E. 3

Mr. Hutchinson referred to a plan developed in the 1930's. At that time it was proposed that two Journals and two Guides be published alternately with dues rates adjusted to the services supplied. He also pointed out that the thing to avoid was a splinter society composed of the non-concurring groups. 4

P.B. Gordon pointed to the A.S.M.E. and the A.S.C.E. as an example of the diversity of interests which could still be represented by one Society. 5

In a poll of the representatives present, from the six Canadian Chapters, the members voiced the estimate of the overlap as follows: 6

Torry - Ontario Chapter	-	5% to 10%
Van Boeyen - Vancouver	-	14%

Prof. Queer commended the item as one suitable for the Chapters Agenda. 7

It was moved by L. Lindsay, seconded by A. Millar "That the matter (i.e. of merging) should be referred in a referendum to the individual members and that further study be given the matter as an item on the Regional Agenda". Carried. 8

The details of the polling would be worked out at a later date by the Regions Central Committee. 9

Chairman Fox called on C. Torry to speak on Technical Advisory Committees, Mr. Torry said that when requested by New York to supply names of those who would act we were without information to enable us to make a recommendation. The advantages to an individual of serving on a T.A.C. were greater knowledge of the working of the Society, and becoming known by the Council. (Mr. Torry recommended that all Chapter representatives return to study their own roster to try to bring forth suitable names to recommend to Council.)

John Everetts, Chairman of the Weather Data Committee, mentioned that his committee required men. Mr. Everetts mentioned that the Canadian climatologist H.K. Thomas served on his committee.

The nominees put forth by the Ontario Chapter as a result of Mr. Torry's work were as follows:

D.L. Angus	-	Suggested Committee	-	Cooling Loads
H. Belyea	-	"	-	Odors
R. Matheson	-	"	-	Air Distribution
J. Parker	-	"	-	Evaporative Cooling
F. Ewens	-	"	-	Insulation

Mr. Gordon suggested that this be a continuing committee and that Mr. Torry co-ordinate this information from the Chapters and pass to the chairman.

Chairman Fox read a letter received from Barney Kellam, H.E.P.C., stating that he had accumulated statistical data on insulation on a house he had built.

Mr. Everetts suggested Mr. Kellam send this data to the Executive Secretary for forwarding to the T.A.C. on Insulation.

Mr. Lindsay gave a report on the arrangements being made for the Semi-Annual Meeting at Murray Bay in 1957.

A letter was tabled from S.A. Gitterman, Advisor on House Construction, Central Mortgage and Housing Limited, Ottawa, expressing interest in making contact with people in charge of erection, development and design of low cost housing.

Mr. Robinson mentioned that the Board of Governors of the Ottawa Valley Chapter had arranged for individuals to help this man, but not in their capacity as members of the A.S.H.A.E.

Chairman Fox called for a recommendation for the location of the next Chapters Regional Meeting. Mr. Robinson asked that the Ottawa Valley Chapter be considered as host Chapter at the 1957 meeting, preferably the first or second week in May.

Mr. Millar mentioned that some of the smaller chapters might be hesitant to offer to be host on account of lack of financial reserves. President James pointed out that the meeting was supposed to be self-supporting; the host chapter merely arranging a meeting place for which no charge would be made.

Mr. Butler voiced appreciation of the first Region 7 Chapters Regional Meeting. He expressed thanks to attending Council Members for their assistance in starting the Northern Manitoba Chapter and also for all those who had wired or mailed good wishes.

Chairman Fox then summed up, pointing out that this first meeting had established a pattern which may be improved upon in subsequent years.