



PUERTO RICO CHAPTER REGION XII

HOST OF NEXT YEAR'S CRC



CHAPTER REGIONAL CONFERENCE
Activities' Report Summary 2001-2002



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**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
2001-2002 CHAPTER REPORT SUMMARY
CRC MEETING – STUART, FL**

Dear ASHRAE Member,

The Puerto Rico Chapter experienced a marked growth on attendance to the chapter programs/monthly meetings for the second consecutive year following is our summary of chapter operations by category.

Chapter Programs:

The average attendance grew in 25% maintaining a quorum of 57 people per meeting.

A key success factor for this growth was the selection of interesting technical topics and the improvement of the advertising system used for the chapter activities by using the Chapter's Newsletter. In addition to increasing the attendance, the newsletters became a communication vehicle that motivated students and new members. In terms of membership, our chapter has also experienced a record year with a reported growth exceeding 25%.

We had important visitors during the year, Suzanne LeViseur, who helped us to encourage our membership to support the efforts conducting to the hosting of the next CRC to take place in Puerto Rico, Glenn Grinnan (V.C. Membership Promotion) gave a motivating speech about the ASHRAE membership and its value. Both Suzanne and Glenn assisted to our monthly meetings and witnessed the excellent attendance.

T.E.G.A

We had two members of the ASHRAE distinguished lecturers program visiting our chapter to conduct a very interesting seminar on ASHRAE Standard 90.1. The assistance to the seminar was 130 people. The speakers

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were Mr. Larry Spielvogel and Mr. Don Herman. We highly recommend both speakers to any chapter interested in hosting a seminar on this topic. Continued education hours were honored for Professional Engineers.

A 6 hours “Considerations on Clean Room Mechanical Design” seminar was hosted by our chapter this year counting with the attendance of 115 people. The invited speaker was Eng. Manuel Del Valle considered an expert on this field.

Membership & Promotion

As of June 30th of 2002, we registered 36 new members and 29 new students achieving 180 assigned members. With this numbers we are even exceeding our last years historical record.

Also, in addition of formally announcing two membership nights during our monthly meetings , a well attended Christmas party was offered by our local chapter, the importance and main goal of this particular activity was to obtain family integration which we consider to be essential for the future of our chapter.

Historian

Different to preliminary start gathering information and collecting records of our membership we were not very active on this Area.

Student Activities

The importance of assistance to the chapter monthly meeting was heavily promoted with the student branches. As a result we had constant student presence averaging 15 students of the aerage 50 people assisting per meeting.

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Refrigeration

Ice Storage is very fertile area in our region. We at the ASHRAE local chapter are leading a campaign to promote this concept even involving the local Power Authority and inviting them to our monthly meetings. One night was dedicated to Ice Storage design this year.

Research

We achieved and surpassed our chapter goals by almost 30%. (\$2,290 goal vs. amount contributed \$2,931).

The implementation of creative strategies, such as raffles, for wine bottles was the key for our contribution this year.

Treasurer

As of June 30TH 2002, the Total fund balance is \$ 3,842.00. Due to the recently implemented collection system by society (listing the chapter dues on their invoicing), we expect to reduce our outstanding chapter members due in parallel with our local computerized collection system .

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Goals

Our main goals for the new year 2002-2003 are two folded.

- Reduce our chapter members due.
- Achieve active participation in the committee that will update the Puerto Rico Energy Code influenced by ASHRAE 90.1.
- Promote the advancement of chapter members grade from Associate Member to Members
- To instruct and motivate the committee chairs and their working teams.
- To plan & organize the Best CRC in the region's history: CRC 2003-2004 in our beautiful PUERTO RICO.

Yours truly,

Eduardo Varon

President 2001-2002.

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