



PUERTO RICO CHAPTER REGION XII

HOST CHAPTER



Activities' Report Summary 2002-2003
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**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
2002-2003 CHAPTER REPORT SUMMARY
CRC MEETING – SAN JUAN, PR**

July 31, 2003

Dear ASHRAE Member:

This year proved to be an interesting one since we are the host chapter for the CRC. It has been one of a lot of learning but at the same time of growth, we have seen as members have come forward and offered their help with this activity.

Following is a summary of our Chapter Activities:

Chapter Programs:

We had a very good year with our monthly meetings thanks in great part to a different variety of topics that proved of interest to our members like: system designs and pharmaceutical applications.

We had the opportunity to have as one of our speakers Mr. Lance Naylor, AMCA president for 2001-2002 who talked to us about the UL 555 & UL 555S – Fire and smoke dampers new standard. One of our most attended meetings was: Open Protocol Systems: BACNet vs LONTalk with an attendance of 75 people.

We were able this year to have two of our meetings with other associations: I.S.P.E, the International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineers and the Mechanical Contractor Association (MCA). In the last one it was a very interesting meeting since we had an open panel discussion where the topic was: “What does the Mechanical Designer Engineer expects from the Mechanical Contractor”. The meeting was such a success that this year we are planning the second part: “What does the Mechanical Contractor expects from the Mechanical Designer Engineer”

As far as attendance we had an average of 50 people per meeting.

On a personal trip to Brazil I had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Heitor Faria, president 2002-2003 of the Brazil Chapter, and talked about our chapters and ideas to motivate the members.

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This our second most important issue we had this year. We have been working closely with the PR Energy Government Affairs department regarding the PR Energy Building Code. At the moment there is not an official code and Standard 90.1 is one of options they are looking at.

We participated last June in the Kansas City Meeting for the ASHRAE 90.1 "Train-the-Trainer Program". We will be coordinating this next year some seminars, not only to teach about the standard, but also to see if we can implement it as a code in PR.

Membership & Promotion

As of June 30th of 2003, we registered 29 new members achieving 190 assigned members. With this numbers we exeeded last years record and surpassing our MBO.

This year we started to mention the new and reinstated members in our monthly meetings.

Historian

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

Student Activities

We had a good attendance of student members but we should have made more activities with them. At the moment we only have one active chapter, the Polytecnic University, but we have been talking with the Dean of the Mechanical Engineering Department with the University of Puerto Rico - Mayagüez Campus to re-instate their chapter this year.

Research

After our last year's record breaking numbers we were able to achive and surpass our goals for this one too. Our goal this year was \$XXXX and we achieved \$XXXX. We also completed our Full Circle Award. This is a great feat considering we were also asking our members for donations for our CRC.

We continued with our strategies, such as raffles for wine bottles, to keep the the contribution this year.

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Treasurer

As of June 30TH 2003, the Total fund balance is \$ XXXXX. One of our greatest achievements has been to reduce our Society and Memebers Dues. When we started this year we had an average of 47% delinquency in Society Dues and 53% in Chapter Dues. At the closing of this year we have 26% delinquency in Society Dues and 27% in Chapter Dues. We feel very proud of this numbers because it show us that the members are getting involved and interested in the Chapter. We performed our Chapter Audit.

CRC

Definetly our number one priority this year. This has been a very interesting learning experience for all of us. We are very pleased with the amount of members who will be assisting, it has definetly surpassed our expectations and we hope that everyone will have a great time in Puerto Rico.

I would like to thank everyone in the PR Chapter for all of their support this year, specially the board members, without them we could not have achieved any of our goals. You are only as good as the people you surround yourself with and this group is definetly the best.

Yours truly,

Guillermo I. Feria

President Puerto Rico Chapter2002-2003.

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