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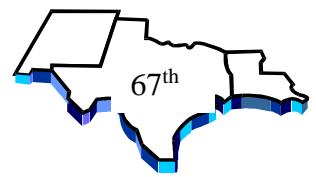
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**SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF THE
REFRIGERATION SERVICE ENGINEERS SOCIETY**

**67th Annual Conference Business Meeting**

Feb. 25th, 2017 Round Rock, TX 2:30 PM

The 67th Annual Conference Business Meeting was called to order at 2:39 PM, Saturday February 25th, 2017 at the Wingate by Wyndham Hotel and Conference Center Round Rock, TX, by Ron Solomon, CM 10196.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Brian Rabel, Sgt. at Arms.

Invocation: Given by Mr. Jerry Clark, CM

Introductions: Guests attending:

Ray Clary, CMS	Richmond Virginia, Director Region 6
Michael Thompson, CMS	Garden State Chapter, International President RSES

Parliamentarian: President Ron Solomon, CM appointed Dick Burks CM to act as Parliamentarian for the meeting.

Roll Call of Officers: Brian Rabel, conducted the roll call. In Attendance were:

President-	Ron Solomon, CM
Vice President-	Mark Beiser, CM
Secretary-	Mark Ferguson, CM
Treasurer-	Burt Wallace, CMS
Sgt. at Arms-	Brian Rabel
Educational Director-	Cameron Taylor, CM
Historical Chairman-	W.D. "Mac" McCarthy, CM
Region 10 Director-	Jerry Clark, CM

Certification of Delegates: Secretary Mark Ferguson, CM, stated that we have 7 pre-registered chapters with 10 delegates having 1 vote each, and 2 delegates having 2 votes. Certifying that 7 chapters have a total of 14 votes.

Minutes of the 67th Pre Conference Business Meeting: Secretary Mark Ferguson CM, presented the minutes of the 67th pre conference business meeting, asked if everyone had a copy and if there were any questions. W. D "Mac" McCarthy, CM 10200, made a motion to accept these minutes, Wayne Young, CM 10209 seconded this motion. No discussion, with a voice vote, the motion carried.

Financial Report: Treasurer Burt Wallace CMS, asked if everyone had received a copy of the financial report, Burt explained that a couple of bank fees on this statement will be credited by the bank and reflected on the next statement.

Jill Malone, chapter 10200, made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The Motion was seconded by Jerry Clark CM 10481, No discussion, with a voice vote the motion carries,

Richard Bohnert CM 10386, politely requested that discussion be requested by the President prior to any further votes being carried.

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Conference Reports:

Dick Burks CM 10196, provided the conference report. He stated that 6 chapters preregistered all their members, they were Cross Timber, Brazos Valley, Houston, San Gabriel, Hill Country and Austin. We had 7 sponsors, MM manufacturing, Hydro Balance, Inesco, Cowtown, Austin, and Houston chapters as well as our own SWRA Auxiliary. Dick expressed his appreciation for Rector-seal and Southwestern HVAC for their sponsorship of the pancake and sausage breakfast held yesterday morning. We had 88 people register for at least 1 event.

The trade show had 24 vendors and 25 tables, one vendor had two tables.

The Thursday seminar had 39 in attendance.

The first class on Friday had 31 in attendance, Class 2, had 41 show up, Class 3, had 32, Class 4, had 30 and the Fifth Class had 23. The CM exam prep class had 5 people participate.

The Friday evening dinner was attended by 46 people.

This Morning, 14 members attended the SWRA past president's breakfast. The Auxiliary past president breakfast had 5 members attend.

Five CM and three CMS exams were taken today. Today's education class was attended by 26 people. Lunch today had 43 in attendance. Tickets sales for tonight's Banquet is at currently at 49 people.

Dick announced that the conference has done well and money should be left over upon completion.

SWRA Educational Director's Report:

Cameron Taylor, CM 10200, presented the Education Director's Activity and Education Reports.

Cameron stated that documents were handed out prior to the meeting that contained information on the educations directors financial account to maintain the duties of the office. And activity that occurred that Cameron supervised since the last conference.

May 2016 approval for the Geo thermal course was granted. June 2016, we got approval for Air Distribution class that was taught in Houston. Jerry Clark CM taught a couple of classes. In Sept. in Fort Worth, the Geo Thermal class was taught for TDLR CE credit by Jim Malone CM and Cameron Taylor CM. In Oct 2016 Cameron visited New Branfauls chapter and held the Geothermal class with 6 members attending, The TDLR renewal of our provider ship was completed in October.

In April of 2017 the Geo-Thermal class will be taught again in Cowtown.

Cameron stated that the TDLR Geo thermal class expires in May 2017 and he is looking for suggestions for the following years CE class. Cameron mentioned that an Alternative Refrigerants class suggestion was brought up in discussions with members during the past couple of days. Cameron asked if there were any questions. Jim Malone requested book inventory. There are 15 Geo thermal books remaining and will be used during the Cowtown class in April.

Region 10 Director's Report:

Director, Jerry Clark CM 10481, stated "As you all know we have been very diligent to organize the International RSES in a way that is more conducive to doing business in today's atmosphere" Jerry asked Michael Thompson CMS, RSES International President, to speak regarding this.

Michael Thompson CMS, commented that the world is changing and therefore the RSES business model has to change with it.

Lori Schiavo has moved into the VP position and is doing very well. Michael mentioned the trade show and the success of giving away RSES pins for Marketing purposes,

Other challenges being worked on by RSES is the publishing of all their material on demand and providing an electronic Journal for the student population. This is what students will read.

Michael asked if there were any questions and let everyone know he is available after the meeting for any conversation.

Michael thanked us for our hospitality and said he has had a very good time at the conference.

Darwin Sharp is not in attendance this year due to medical situation with his family. Jerry noted that the Katrina Hurricane has devastated the RSES participation in Louisiana, any suggestion s on how to help out with this situation is welcome.

Jerry has been contact with Louis in New Mexico, and membership is struggling there. They have 2-3 dedicated members that still attend business meetings.

Jerry stated that RSES is partnering with ESCO. We will start seeing our material in their catalog and they will be pushing for our material to be sold to secondary schools. This will help introduce the RSES name to more people.

At this time, Jerry invited his Deputy Directors to speak on behalf of their respective chapters:

Stanley Domel CMS 10196, reported that the Tri County and Austin chapters are active with education and business meetings. Georgetown has not been meeting.

Richard Bohnert, CM 10386, reported that the Hill Country is still looking for an educational chairman, and they still have an average of 7 members attending the meeting

Elena Castillo 10210, reported that the San Antonio has meetings every month and they invite students from the local technical schools. Meetings have approx. 50 – 75 people show up. A 30-minute educational session is held prior to the business meetings. Elena visits technical schools to talk to students and educates them on what to expect when they get into the job market.

James Bowman 10206, reported that the Houston chapter is trying to meet at different wholesalers, but this has been difficult. They currently meet at centrally located restaurants. They typically have 6-15 members per month and will continue to meet and promote ways to increase their attendance.

Jerry Clark CM commented that he asked James Bowman to oversee the Brazos Valley chapter, although his schedule has prohibited him to do this due to his work schedule. Jerry said the Brazos Valley chapter has been meeting in a local restaurant, with 8-16 members attending. Their core group of individuals want RSES material and education. They are trying to get John Lane from TDRL to visit them to understand what role TDRL is trying to play these days.

Jim Malone CMS 10200, started with comments on the Brenham, Brazos Valley chapter, Jim visited Brazos Valley in December and had discussions about RSES education and how important future training on natural refrigerants is going to be.

While at a conference in Las Vegas Jim was approached by the Ammonia Refrigeration Association and invited to their regional natural refrigeration conference in Irving TX on May 2 and 3rd which is sponsored by RETA (Refrigeration Engineering Technician Association) They are interested in RSES getting involved with their organization.

In March, there will be an international Natural Refrigerant conference in San Antonio that will run for 4 days. This will have people from Europe and Asia attending., The world is heading to Natural Refrigerant usage and RSES has a course that we should consider teaching.

Jim said the Cowtown, Fort Worth Chapter, meets the second Thursday of every month and we partner with the Tarrant County College, Thanks to their Staff and instructors who are members of RSES.

Jerry Clark CM stated that Art Miller from Region 2 has been providing hydro-carbon courses at other organizations on behalf of RSES. Several members of RSES have gone to San Diego based ATMosphere <http://www.atmo.org/> events to promote RSES as a leader in Hydro-Carbon training in the future.

Wayne Young, CM 10209, announced that he will be vacating his position as deputy director, Director Jerry Clark CM asked Jaroy Roberts CMS to take over this position, which was accepted.

Jerry Clark CM spoke about the chapter that he oversees: Cross timbers has dwindled down to only a few members, The Abilene chapter is not meeting regularly, but, Jerry is working with an Abilene college to see if RSES can sponsor some educational courses at the campus. The Concho Valley has a core group of 6-8 members that meet regularly, and 1 CEU class was done in Sept. 2016 that drew 14-15 participants. Jerry has asked their members to join us at future RSES Conferences.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

President Ron Solomon CM, requested reports from the following Committees:

Audit: James Poole CM 10196, current chair of the audit committee reported that his committee members were Jerry Clark CM, Brian Rabel, and Treasurer Burt Wallace CMS. The checkbook balanced with the bank statements and all is in order.

Resolutions: Stanley Domel CMS 10196, current chair of the resolutions committee had no resolutions to report.

Nominations: Wayne Young CMS 10209, current chair of the nominations committee reported that his committee members were Jim Malone CMS, Jaroy Roberts CMS, and Richard Bohnert CM. Wayne Young CMS presented the slate of officer's nominees as written below.

President -Mark Beiser CM 10200, Vice President -Mark Ferguson CM 10200, Secretary- Burt Wallace CMS 10202, Treasurer- Brian Rabel 10196, Sgt.at Arms -James Bowman 10206, and Educational Director-Cameron Taylor CM 10200,

Stanley Domel CMS 10196, made a motion to accept this slate of officers, Jill Malone 10200 provided the second, Discussion was requested, Ellen Castillo 10210, asked for the slate of officers to provide chapter numbers. President Solomon asked for any nominations from the floor three times, none were presented, motion carried with a voice vote.

Ron Solomon CM, released the chairs and their committee members of their responsibilities.

At this time, President Ron Solomon CM turned the floor over to Mark Beiser CM.

As his first order of business President Mark Beiser CM asked Ron Solomon CM to chair the Resolutions Committee, James Poole CM to chair the Nominations committee, Elena Castillo to chair the Audit committee and W.D. "Mac" McCarthy CM to chair the Historical Committee. All chairs were accepted by the appointees.

New Business

President Mark Beiser CM asked if all the delegates have a copy of the proposed bylaw change which would add a Web committee to Article VIII-Committees of the SWRA RSES by laws. W.D. "Mac" McCarthy CM 10200, made a motion to accept this change as written, which was seconded by Richard Bohnert CM, 10386. After discussion, this motion carries by a voice vote.

Dick Burks CM, 10196, requested that the President instruct the Secretary to enter this amendment change in the Region10 By Laws and amend the officer manual to reflect this change, publish the changes and email to each chapter

Ellen Castillo, 10210, requested that once these changes are completed that the new bylaws be sent to chapter presidents and also be published on the website. The Secretary agreed to handle this task.

Richard Bohnert CM 10386, made a motion to adjourn meeting, the president requested a second, which was not made at this time.

President Beiser CM, asked if any chapters would like to host the 2018 Business Meeting and Annual conference. Elena Castillo, 10210 stated that they will gladly host the 2018 Conference and it is her understanding from the auxiliary meeting that Cowtown 10200 will be hosting pre-conference and the International Annual Business Meeting in September. President Mark Beiser CM, reiterated that San Antonio has offered to host the 2018 SWRA RSES conference in March and Cowtown will hold the Pre-Conference and International Business meeting in September, after discussion, James Bowman 10206 moved to accept these offers, Jerry Clark 10481, seconded the motion. Discussion followed and the motion carried with a voice vote.

Elena Castillo 10210 requested \$2000.00 seed money for the 2018 Annual Conference. Richard Bohnert CM 10386, made a motion to accept this offer, Linda Clark 10481, seconded the motion, Discussion was requested, Ben Huddleston CM10206, asked for definition of "Seed Money"

President Mark Beiser, described "Seed Money" as a loan from the SWRA to the chapter for the 2018 Annual Conference. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Jim Malone CM 10200, asked for the of dates for the upcoming pre-conference and 2018 conference, Elena Castillo 10210, replied that a date for the 2018 Conference has not been selected yet.

Jill Malone 10200, stated that the SWRA pre-conference will be held between September 27th-30th, with the SWRA Region 10 Business Meeting to be held on Saturday September 30th. The International Annual Business Meeting will also be held on that Saturday.

Gary Edmund CM 10210, asked if Austin had received "Seed Money" for the current conference. Jill Malone 10200 replied that they did not, they funded this themselves, along with a gift from the auxiliary.

Adjournment: Richard Bohnert CM10386, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wayne Young CMS 10209. No further questions, the motion carries by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

Compiled by:

Mark Ferguson

SWRA-RSES Secretary