



Associate Society Alliance

AASA

MINUTES

Annual Meeting – 26-June-2023

These minutes were approved by the ASHRAE
Associate Society Alliance on January 22, 2024.



ASHRAE ASSOCIATE SOCIETY ALLIANCE MINUTES
TAMPA, FLORIDA
MONDAY, 26-JUNE-2023
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM EDT

Mission Statement

To establish a global platform to raise the stature of HVAC&R, related industries and its science and application, in order to influence decision makers in creating a more sustainable world.

I. Call to Order

Sheila Hayter called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

II. Ethics Statement

ASHRAE's Ethics Statement was read into the record by Sheila Hayter

III. Members Present (Attachment A)

Sign in sheet lists members present both in person (17) and virtually (8).

Attendees – In Person		Attendees - Virtual
Gerardo Alfonso	Cesar Luis D L Lim	Didier Coulomb
Bjarne Olesen	Gratiela Maria Tarlea	Rainer Jakobs
Maged Fouad Hashem	Ioan Silviu Dobosi	Irene Reichert
Ashish Rakheja	Bratislav Blagojevic	Noboru Kagawa
Vikram Murthy	Marko Ignjatovic	Akio Miyara
Filippo Busato	Sheila Hayter	Luis Neto
Luca Alberto Pitera	Tamera Catchings	Vinceriuc Mioara
Mohammad Abbas Sajid	Pacia Wright	Jun Choi
Jojo G. Castro		

IV. Review of Agenda

There were no additions or changes to the agenda as written.

V. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (Atlanta W2023) were distributed and approved by unanimous vote of the General Assembly.

VI. Standing Committee Updates

The three standing committees (Communications, Government Affairs, and Website) gave their reports.

- **Communications Committee:**

- Members: Franco D'Atri (Americas); Maged Fouad Hashem (Africa/Middle East)

- **Government Affairs Committee:**

- Members: Jun Young Choi (Asia/South Pacific); Dr. Kemal Gani Bayraktar (Africa/Middle East); Cesar Luis DL Lim (Asia South Pacific); Dr. Gratiela-Maria Tarlea (Europe); Eleazar Rivera (Americas); Olli Seppanen (Europe)

- **Website Committee:**

- Members: Vishal Kapur (Africa/Middle East); Dominador Castro, Jr. (Asia/South Pacific)

**VII. Presentations by Associate Societies**

Organization	Presenter
ACAIRE	Gerardo Alfonso
AGFR	Gratiela Maria Tarlea
IIR	Didier Coulomb
AIIR	Ioan Dobosi

VIII. Status of the Leadership Council and Task Groups – Hayter

- AASA Leadership Council members

Bjarne Olesen	Chair		2023-26	ASHRAE
Farooq Mehboob	Vice Chair		2023-24	ASHRAE
Ashish Rakheja	Member		2023-24	ASHRAE
Ginger Scoggins	Coordinating Officer		2023-24	ASHRAE
Khurram R Malick	Councilor	AASA Africa-Middle East	2020-23	PHVACR
Oswaldo D S Bueno	Councilor	AASA Americas	2020-26	ABRAVA
Noboru Kagawa	Councilor	AASA Asia-South Pacific	2020-25	JSRAE
Carlos E Lisboa	Councilor	AASA European	2020-26	EFRIARC
Ioan Dobosi	Councilor	AASA European	2022-25	AIIR

- 14 June 2023 Leadership Council meeting summary
 - A new representative for Africa-Middle East must be selected. Vikram Murthy (vikrammur@gmail.com) will take care of that and be contact person until a new member is selected.

AI 1 Vikram to receive nominations for new councilor.

IX. Other Business – Hayter/Olesen

- Thank you and departing comments from 2022-23 AASA Chair, Sheila Hayter
- AASA member certificate design – Olesen
 - The certificate was well received. All AASA members will receive a signed certificate before AASA meets in Chicago in January 2024.
- AI 2 Staff to print and mail certificates to AASA members.
- HVAC Summit Report, action items for the AASA – Olesen
 - AASA was only mentioned regarding future actions related to Food Security. It was reported that IIR is active on this topic and AASA members should contact IIR if they want to be part of this activity.
- Policy for ASHRAE and national organizations to co-exist – Olesen
 - A new board Ad Hoc “Collaboration Policies” has just been established. Will work with AASA during the fall.
- 2023-24 AASA priority focus area – Olesen
 - Two MBO’s were presented (**Attachment B**).
 - MBO 1: Increase visibility and impact of AASA within and outside of ASHRAE. The AASA members welcome to sometimes have the summer meeting in other international locations instead of the ASHRAE annual meeting.



2. Update alignment of Board Approved Rules, AASA requirements, etc.
The Leadership Council will get an action item to look at this and come up with a revised text for the AASA meeting in Chicago.

AI 3 Staff to setup Webex (virtual) meeting.

This work is very much related to the work of the Board Ad Hoc.

Here is a link to the AASA photos taken in Tampa, including the group shot.

They turned out great! <https://www.ezeventphotography.com/p646698310>

X. Next Meeting

ASHRAE 2024 Winter Conference and AHR Expo (20-24 January) – Chicago, Illinois

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned

Meeting Date
June 26, 2023 9:00 AM EDT

Duration
132 minutes

Attendees
17 In Person
8 Virtual

WebEx ID
2348 144 3083

Details - In Person

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AASA member certificate design

- Until now nothing tells you are an AASA member except an email confirmation
- Some of you may have a MOU with ASHRAE, which is not dealing with AASA membership
- All existing and future AASA members will now receive a certificate.
- AASA certificate
 - On the wall in your office
 - On your website
 - Etc.



ASHRAE Global HVAC&R Summit

- By invitation only
 - Six critical issues of the day – developed by international survey by AASA
 - Decarbonization
 - Climate Crisis Mitigation
 - Energy Security
 - IEQ/Wellness
 - Food Security
 - Workforce Development



ASHRAE Global HVAC&R Summit

- Huge success
- About 75 invited delegates
 - Board of Directors-9 AASA members
 - Manufactures
 - Architects and consultants
 - AHRI-EUROVENT-AMCA
 - WHO-UNEP-IEA-IIR-IOR
- Final report available on ASHRAE website



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HVAC Summit Report, action items for the AASA

- The Food Security—The Cold Chain team proposed three action plans:
 - Increase Cold Chain Competency Globally to Make it More Available Where Required
 - Advance Low-Energy and Low-Carbon Cold Chain Technologies
 - Advance Low-GWP Refrigerants

HVAC Summit Report, action items for the AASA

- **Increase Cold Chain Competency Globally to Make it More Available where Required**
 - plan calls for streamlined cooperation between organizations such as Global Cold Chain Alliance (GCCA), United Nations (UN), International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR), ASHRAE, and **ASHRAE Associate Society Alliance (AASA) members active in the cold chain.**
- **Advance Low-Energy and Low-Carbon Cold Chain Technologies**
 - plan calls for ASHRAE and AASA organizations to work with the industry and identify knowledge gaps that these organizations can fill, coordinate their programs to address these knowledge gaps, and work together to fund (or get funding for) research. There should also be collaboration with the United Nations and other organizations to move the most practical technology to Low Income countries.



Policy for ASHRAE and national organizations to co-exist

- ASHRAE members
 - Member of National Association
 - Member of Regional chapter/section
 - Member of Society technical committees,
- National Association
 - Member of AASA
 - MOU with ASHRAE
 - Internal ASHRAE section



Policy for ASHRAE and national organizations to co-exist

- Competition between a National Association and an ASHRAE chapter
 - Chapter was establish as protest against national association.
 - Compete to get sponsors
 - Compete to get members
- Avoid competition between a National Association and an ASHRAE chapter
 - Joint activities
 - Joint meetings
- No rules against ASHRAE members establish a chapter/section in a country with a National Association



Policy for ASHRAE and national organizations to co-exist

ROB-2.106.002 Associate Societies (93-01-27-p35)

- 2.106.002.4 The following organizations are Associate Societies:
 - 57 associations are listed; but we are probably 65 members
 - The Alliance may annually meet in conjunction with the ASHRAE Winter Meeting or other venue as is advantageous to both the Associate
 - An ASHRAE Chapter or an ASHRAE section may contribute to, affiliate with, or hold membership in any society, association, council or other organization in accordance with the Rules of the Board.
 - ASHRAE Groups
 - MOU between ASHRAE chapter and association
 - 2.106.003 ASHRAE Libraries (96-06-23-11B)
 - ASHRAE will provide complimentary libraries to Associate Societies.



Policy for ASHRAE and national organizations to co-exist

ROB-3.800 ASHRAE ASSOCIATES

- Requirements and Application Procedure for Association with ASHRAE (also link on AASA website)
 - Organizations located outside of the United States and Canada
 - D. ASHRAE and the Associate will provide to each other its principal publications.
 - E. An ASHRAE Library which consists of the following publications: monthly ASHRAE Journals, annual volumes of the Handbook series, Meeting Transactions, ASHRAE Standards as they are developed and revised
 - B. The ASHRAE Library provided to Associates must be placed in a well patronized location.
 - C. An annual report on ASHRAE activities (promotional activities, membership levels, library usage, ASHRAE membership groups where applicable) must be submitted.



Policy for ASHRAE and national organizations to co-exist

- Presidential Ad-hoc “Collaboration Policies”
 - Established April 2023
 - Very much focused on ASHRAE chapters in AASA countries
 - Collaboration
 - Cooperation
- Work closely with AASA during the fall
- Next update in January 2024, Chicago meeting



2023-24 AASA priority focus area-MBO-1

- Increase visibility and impact of AASA within and outside ASHRAE
 - 1 Hold AASA meetings outside NA
 - The winter meeting should always be at ASHRAE; but sometimes the second yearly meeting could be in connection to where one of the federations are meeting. As example REHVA every third year at the combined REHVA yearly meeting and CLIMAxxxx conference.
 - It could also be in connection with an international CRC. This could increase cooperation between AASA members and ASHRAE in the region.
 - 2 Invite federations and industry associations to become AASA non-voting Members or liaisons.
 - 3 International Webinars
 - 4. Each winter meeting organize an AASA seminar in the technical program



2023-24 AASA priority focus area-MBO-2

- Update alignment of Board Approved Rules, AASA requirements etc.

2023-24 AASA priority focus area-meetings

- Online meetings of Leadership Council before and after AASA meetings.
- AASA January-February meeting at ASHRAE winter meetings
 - Preferably face-to-face; but with a hybrid option
 - Monday morning 9:00 to 11:45
 - Meeting of AASA Sub-committees on Sunday afternoon
- AASA second yearly meeting at ASHRAE summer meeting or somewhere else (CRC outside North-America, meeting of HVAC&R federations, others)



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AASA Leadership Council

2023-26	ASHRAE	Bjarne Olesen	AASA Chair	
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2023-24	ASHRAE	Ashish Rakheja	Member	
2023-24	ASHRAE	Ginger Scoggins	ExCom Representative	
2020-26	ABRAVA	Oswaldo D S Bueno	Councilor	AASA Americas Zone
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