



GRASSROOTS GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES 2014-15

1. Continue to gather contact information for building code enforcement officials and politicians and their administrative staff at community and state/provincial levels, specifically for persons that influence local policy and legislation that falls within the ASHRAE area of interest. Identify chapter members that have good working relationships with these contacts. These chapter members can ease introductions, if/when your chapter has an issue to discuss. This contact list should include those that are accessible and can influence policy and legislative outcomes.
2. Identify key contacts in other organizations within your jurisdiction that have intersecting goals, interests and issues to those of your ASHRAE Chapter. These organizations may represent architects, mechanical contractor and other trades groups, codes officials, energy efficient and green building organizations, etc. If there are issues of common interest, work with them to try and find common ground and a united voice when approaching government contacts about the issue.
3. Watch for GGAC relevant issues arising within your jurisdiction. To ensure that all ASHRAE members within the jurisdiction speak to with a unified voice, discuss these issues with other chapters within your jurisdiction and develop plans for action with them.
4. As GGAC Chapter Chair, participate in the CRC GGAC workshop each year. Your suggestions will be used to revise the training material.
5. Year end is a good time for you to (re)connect with government officials. This can be done at social events or by sending them a card offering seasons' greetings, and a gentle reminder that ASHRAE members can provide unbiased expertise and information on certain technical issues.
6. Remind BOG members, committee chairs and membership to report qualified, GGAC PAOE activities, and enter PAOE points before the end of year.
7. For Canadian Chapters – Many jurisdictions are in the process of adopting (or updating) energy codes, either the new National Energy Code for Buildings or ASHRAE Standard 90.1. Encourage politicians and authorities having jurisdictions to do so in a timely fashion, and not delay implementation and enforcement for a year or two to allow industry time to adapt. Sooner is better for the environment and the economy.