

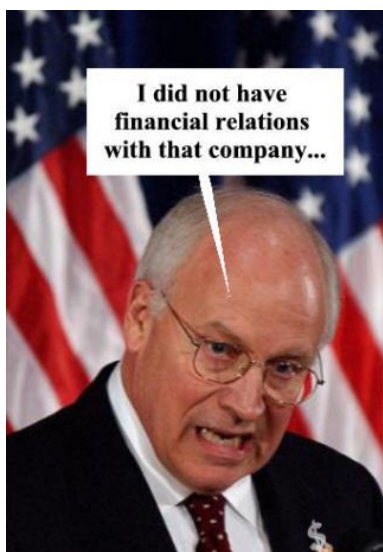


“Government Affairs”



Part of the Chapter Technology Transfer Committee

Section 2.7 MFCO





From Section 2.7 MFCO,
the Committee is charged with:

- C. Provide input to, and maintain liaisons with local and state governmental advisory bodies.



From Section 2.7 MFCO,
the Committee is charged with:

- D. Promote the appointment of chapter members to local and state governmental advisory bodies.



From Section 2.7 MFCO,
the Committee is charged with:

- E. Keep the chapter informed on governmental activities on technical issues related to heating, ventilating, refrigeration, and air conditioning.



From Section 2.7 MFCO,
the Committee is charged with:

- F. Investigate government-related matters as requested by the chapter's president or Board of Governors.



From Section 2.7 MFCO,
the Committee is charged with:

- G. When the chapter has been requested by a governmental body to assist in the writing or development of a regulation, a code, an ordinance or law, or to participate as a member of an advisory group to a government agency, provided such activity (05-06-27-29):



From Section 2.7 MFCO,
the Committee is charged with:

- G. (continued)
 - Does not conflict with Society or chapter bylaws;
 - Does not conflict with Society publications;
 - Involves technical aspects only and not political aspects;
 - Does not involve lobbying (see government affairs section in the *Chapter Technology Transfer Manual for Chapter Chair*);



From Section 2.7 MFCO, the Committee is charged with:

NOTE: Any input provided must be based upon

- existing Board approved policy
- Position Documents
- Board approved Standards or Handbooks.



Arkansas Chapter Liaisons

- Arkansas Energy Office, Susan Recken
- State HVAC/R Licensing Board-Sam Cummings and Mike McClellan
- State Committee of Plumbing Examiners-
- Arkansas Department of Education-Terry Granderson
- Task Force to the Joint Legislative Committee on Academic Facilities-Sam Cummings, Teri Borton



What's Happening In Arkansas

Arkansas HVAC/R Licensing Board

- Made-up of 9, Governor appointed, board members
- 5 contractors, 1 consulting engineer, 1 consumer, 1 city inspector and 1 plumbing examiner board member
- Establish and administer the Arkansas Mechanical Code which represent the minimum standards for installation, alteration, and repair of mechanical equipment and systems.
- Perform inspections in designated areas of the state.
- Licenses HVAC/R contractors and mechanical inspectors.
- Monthly meetings:
 - Hearings on violations of code
 - License approvals and suspensions



What's Happening In Arkansas

Arkansas HVAC/R Licensing Board (con't)

- Committee to explore the benefits of merging/or not merging with other construction oriented government entities

- Committee to explore the merits Mechanical Plan Review



What's Happening in Arkansas

Task Force to the Joint Legislative Committee on Academic Facilities

- Several months of work to establish the minimum acceptable standards for design and construction of K-12 facilities

- Also included, analysis of maintenance needs and requirements



Challenges in Arkansas Gov't

- Implementation of Std 90.1-2001
- Implementing ventilation standards while maintaining comfort standards
- Implementing proper budgeting to ensure the above can happen
- School board understanding of required expenditures
