

ASHRAE TC 8.3 Absorption and Heat Operated Machines
Meeting Minutes
For Monday June 24, 2002
ASHRAE 2002 Summer Meeting - Honolulu, Hawaii

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting agenda and sign-in sheet were distributed. TC 8.3 has 14 voting members, 2 of whom are international. The meeting was attended by five of the non-international voting members, so a quorum was not achieved. In addition to the voting members, three corresponding members and one guest attended the meeting.

Liaison Reports

No liaison reports were presented.

Minutes

Minutes from the Winter Meeting in Atlantic City were amended to clarify the single-bidder issue for proposals to ASHRAE.

Roster

Effective July 1, 2002, the TC management team will change. The officers will be Vikas Patnaik (Chair), Jay Kohler (Vice-Chair), Laura Schaefer (Secretary and Program Chair), Don Erickson (Handbook), Steve Petty (Standards), and Uwe Rockenfeller (Research).

Sub-Committee Reports

Research

Research Sub-Committee Chairperson Uwe Rockenfeller provided an update on the committee's research activities. A more detailed description of these activities can be found in the minutes of the Research Sub-Committee meeting, which was held immediately prior to the general TC meeting.

1. Both the WS on *Optimized Operation of ... Chiller Equipment in Hybrid Machinery Rooms* and the WS on *Analysis of Transient Responses of ... Ammonia-Water Systems* were sent back to the committee. In order to increase their chance of funding, the explicit benefits to industry need to be submitted.
2. There are no changes in the committee's project priorities. The two WSs outlined above are the top priorities. ASHRAE will only recognize 2 RTARs per TC.
3. Suggestions for additional WSs can be submitted to Vikas Patnaik or Uwe Rockenfeller.

Programs

Laura Schaefer presented the Program Sub-Committee report.

1. TC 8.3 participated in two sessions at the summer meeting. The first session was a symposium entitled “CHP for Buildings — Is it Ready for Prime Time?” and was sponsored jointly with TCs 9.5, 3.5, and 6.2. The second session, “What’s Cool in CHP for Buildings,” was a seminar chaired by Reinhard Radermacher. Five papers were presented in the symposium, and four presentations were given in the session.
2. The TC will sponsor one symposium at the Winter 2003 meeting in Chicago. The symposium, “Absorption/Sorption Heat Pumps and Refrigeration Systems,” will include four papers.
3. For the Summer 2003 meeting in Kansas City, the TC will sponsor a seminar on “Future Developments in Absorption.”

Handbook and Standards

There was nothing new to report for either of these sub-committees.

Other Business and Additions to the Agenda

1. The ASHRAE Learning Institute is looking for instructors to teach and create special courses.
2. The E-Book is now the official version of the *ASHRAE Handbook*. Since yearly designations are no longer possible, the title of each year’s handbook is currently unknown.
3. On-line news:
 - a) On-line submission of programs is up significantly. In the future, all programs will be required to be submitted on-line.
 - b) In September, submissions to the ASHRAE Research Journal can be made on-line.
 - c) Web site space for TCs will be available in October.
 - d) Members are urged to be sure to update their addresses with ASHRAE, particularly with respect to e-mail.
4. ASHRAE is looking for nominees for the “Outstanding Technical Achievement Award.” The Section Head of 8.0 (currently Stan Westhoff) presents the award. Stan Westhoff also asked TC members to let him know if have any concerns. He can be contacted at smwesthoff@trane.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by Laura Schaefer.