

Consent Agenda

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Report of the Vice President

I recently attended a seminar for “Lean Thinking” in business, given by Dave Pomeroy. It was extremely informative. This may be something to consider for the Board and Staff to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Priesing
NCSG VP

NCSG Region 1 Report

Good news from Region 1, new and renewing membership remains healthy!

Despite fielding complaints throughout the past year regarding NCSG annual membership dues versus the increased cost of maintaining individual trade certifications, there are currently 490 NCSG members in Region 1 compared to last year's total of approximately 495 at this time of year.

January 2009 NCSG membership at 490 in Region 1: CT 39; DE 5; ME 24; MD 44; MA 62; NH 24; NJ 80; NY 105; PA 78; RI 11;and VT19.

Regional Updates

Members from Region 1 report the revenue spike created by the national fuel crisis last spring has evaporated with the onslaught of our nation's economic recession. Interestingly, the declining cost of heating fuel in the northeast seems to have significantly contributed to the glut of pellet appliances in the northeast and pellet fuel is once again easy to obtain.

An EPA wood stove changeout program is in the works for VT, it was reported that initial plans include both catalytic element and wood stove replacement programs. Members seeking more information may contact NCSG for resources.

Respectfully submitted,
George Stroup
Region 1 NCSG Director

NCSG Region 2 Director Report

February 2, 2009

I have made contact with several members with the region and have tried to maintain a communication liaison by making initial telephone calls and emails.

Reports from members in the SE are showing a busy season this winter and continuing into the first quarter of 2009.

With the NCSG convention in the Southeast this year and driving distance from many that haven't recently attended a National convention, I anticipate a good turn out from SE member companies.

Region 2 currently has 115 member companies: The breakdown is as follows.

Florida (11), Georgia (19), S. Carolina (10), N. Carolina (23), Virginia (45), W.Va. (7)

Sincerely,

Jay Walker
NCSG Region 2 Director

NCSG Region 3 Report

The weather in Region 3, since before Christmas, has been just horrible for work. The sweeps I have been in contact with are suffering the 1st quarter blues and are concerned about what the coming months might be like.

In my business it has been a trend that folks are shopping very diligently for low price and I've been concerned with how many of them actually state that they can't afford our quotes. Personally, I think in our area the news is worse than the true condition. When the weather breaks we do have jobs we can accomplish.

I am anticipating a better Region 3 convention attendance than Reno. Last year there was not a good showing but Winston-Salem, NC is more accessible and I also think the February schedule will prove more convenient. I will be watching for members and asking them specifically if the location and timing has influenced their participation. As much as I personally like to go out West, I think it is destined we will always do better east of the Mississippi.

For everyone's information, 2009 will be my final year on the NCSG Board. I will announce this intention in my next Region 3 letter and will begin soliciting candidates for the seat.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Baynes
Region 3 Director

NCSG Region 4 Report

Most of the sweeps I've talked to in this southern region say that the downturn in the economy is now affecting their businesses. They are by far slower than normal. Everyone that I've spoken with is planning to attend the NCSG Convention in hopes that something will be learned to help enhance their business at this crucial time. The only ones that seem to be staying steadily busy are the ones in larger metropolitan areas and those with hearth stores.

Dennis Dobbs
NCSG Region 4 Director

NCSG Region 5 Report

The area has slowed down significantly. In talking with companies across the region, there are many layoffs happening. Work is very spotty. I do not know of any additional companies going out of business since my last report.

There has been a good amount of snow in the area which should lead to good flashing and masonry repairs in the spring. Most companies the past year noticed an increase in their masonry but a decrease in their relining. My company reflects these same statistics. Believe the masonry ups were due to the large amount of snow we received last year. That is why we are hoping this year's so far significant snow will boost the spring repairs. In talking with others, nobody seems to be able to put a different spin on why there has been such a drop in relines besides the economy.

I hope our convention has good turn out. At our Wisconsin Guild meeting, I asked about the convention and got a limited response to attendance. Our guild meeting also did not have a good attendance although the speaker was very good and very helpful.

I would like to say thank you for all of the support I received as a new director and look forward to the new year and the new challenges.

Mark Maynard
Region 5 director

NCSG Region 6 Report

We're into the second month of 2009 after a mild winter. Reports from members have been all over the board...some are up and some are down.

Convention is the end of this month and I look forward to seeing everyone in Winston-Salem. This should provide a great time of idea sharing, new techniques and camaraderie.

I appreciate everyone's support during my first year as Regional Director and look forward to another year. See you in Winston-Salem.

Submitted by,

Jeremy Biswell

NCSG Region 7 Report

Where has a year gone? As I come to the end of my tour of Director for Region 7, I want to thank everyone for their support and participation during this past year. The Northwest Region, though sparse in the number of members compared to the other regions, is still active and filled with dedicated NCSG members. Oregon Sweeps are the most active and have a promising calendar of events planned for the May Day event coming up. Washington Sweeps are still pursuing organizing a state guild and helping each other.

This past year has brought challenges to business due to wildfires, floods, earthquakes, heavy snow fall, and the ever present economy hardships. Yet through all of these hurdles, consumers are turning more and more to qualified educated sweeps for service and expertise. Retail stores unknowingly assist our industry's trade by selling mismatched flue systems with product that in turn leads to the need for our skill and knowledge.

Case in point, oil furnaces venting into clay liners too small for the proper CFM requirements of the appliance and inability to withstand the long term operation of the system and eventual failure. Or the use of newer bio-fuel appliances being vented into standard pellet fuel flue liners and corroding rapidly, requiring replacement. The education CSIA trained sweeps receive outshines rapidly the everyday "sweep" found in the yellow pages. Service is on a strong up-swing for the certified and properly trained personnel. Keep up the efforts CSIA! It is paying off.

As I take my leave from the board, I say thanks for the support, friendship and the opportunity to serve. I will be back, asking for your support and confidence, at a later date. But first I must tend to some personal matters and make sure my "house" is in order to be able to give the undivided attention you deserve. Thanks again for letting me serve.

Dean Piper
Out Going Director Region 7 NCSG

NCSG Region 8 Report

Currently, member sweeps total 2 in the state of Hawaii, 3 in Arizona, 3 in Nevada, 3 in Utah and 66 in the state of California. That's a total of 78 region eight members. That's a two member decrease since my last report in November 2008, that's represents a 25% lose of members from this region alone over the last 36 months.

Many, if not all parts of the region have been hit hard by the currant financial crises and this has certainly impacted the chimney sweep trade. Consumers are loosing their jobs, credit is restricted and the loss of equity in homes only adds to the slide.

The "Golden State Chimney Sweep Guild" remains the only state guild within region 8. The GSCSG is holding its 27th annual convention and trade show in Bakersfield, CA this July. There will be four days of education available to sweeps from all over the country. Member numbers are down significantly in this regional guild as well with only 74 currant individual members listed on the web site representing only 69 companies state wide. The GSCSG dose a great job keeping local sweeps connected and providing workshops and educational opportunities to sweeps in region eight.

I will continue my efforts to increase membership within the region and make myself available to the members.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Brooks
NCSG Region 8 Representative

NCSG Supplier Director Report

Suppliers are reporting that just before Christmas there was a slowdown in sales. The contributing factors were two fold. The continuing bad economic news coupled with the decline in oil prices both caused less urgency in the consumers' minds.

Historically weak economic conditions have fueled significant growth in wood burning as consumers hunker down to weather the storm. There are numerous reports of older appliances being dug out of the barn and garage and reinstalled despite the lowering of fuel prices. Those installations are good for the trade in two ways. The appliances that are installed by professionals drive the sales of pipe and liners. The appliances installed by those less qualified often cause issues down the road that must fixed by a professional. There is optimism for a good 2009 in the industry as we capitalize on the "nesting" of homeowners.

Submitted by,

Russ Dimmitt

NCSG Governance Task Force

Phase One Conclusions and Board Report

“Making a better NCSG”

This is an interim report to the board to explain the work that the GTF has been doing. We are not making any specific recommendations for action at this time and while this report is extensive, it is for informational purposes only. The GTF has not finalized its work in either phase one or two of this project. All of the below conclusions require board review and approval before any implementation can occur.

Background Information

The Governance Model of the NCSG has been discussed seriously since 2004. Then President Steve Pietila and ED Mark Mcsweeney brought in association expert Chuck Loring for a full day of board training. This training was the first exposure most of our board members had received to association governance and thus it prompted a great deal of conversation. After a number of starts and stops, a Governance Task Force was created and eventually began serious work on creating a system and environment which would provide the NCSG, and therefore its members, the best possible leadership.

There have been countless board members and volunteers who have served the NCSG with distinction and dedication beyond what can and should be expected. However, the NCSG like most non-profit organizations has struggled with difficulties in recruiting and retaining volunteers to serve it at all levels within the organization. It should be noted that many of the general concepts expressed in this report are inspired by or taken from training materials provided by Mr. Loring.

This task force is made up of myself, Mark McSweeney, Bart Ogden, Chris Prior, and Steve Pietila. Howard Rowell was also invited to participate in our meetings when we were discussing a specific topic where the input of an additional Past President was viewed as beneficiary. This mix of individuals represents those who served on the NCSG board, a respected industry association executive, a respected member of the sweep community and leader at the regional level, and two NCSG past-presidents. The talent and experiences of this task is a good as any I've ever worked with. The GTF has meet extensively over the past three months to discuss, from a governance model perspective, what has worked for the NCSG, what has not worked for the NCSG and what we believe will serve it going forward.

A Two Phased Approach

This task force has looked at its task as having two separate phases. Phase one was and is focused on cultural, structural, and strategic issues. In these discussions we covered topics as wide ranging as the make up of NCSG electoral map to how board members are recognized to ensure they are showed appreciation without sending a message to potential volunteers that board service is a challenge they will want to avoid. The second and eventually ongoing phase of this project is specific support documentation, systems, training, and the ongoing tasks part of this project. In this

section of this project, hard documents from marketing materials promoting association service to worksheets for self evaluations for board members will be produced. Many of the documents to be produced were noted for production during long range planning sessions in the past and you will find a list of them in past board materials.

Goals of this Task Force

This Task force started with the goal of providing the mechanisms for the NCSG to have a board and volunteer team which:

1. Serves and is responsive to its members.
2. Is, and is viewed as, an extension of the membership.
3. Is diverse in its make-up; so as to provide the needed variety of opinions for sound decision making.
4. Is deep with management and leadership skills and experiences.
5. Has the ability to evaluate itself so as to identify areas of weakness.
6. Has the ability to identify and recruit individuals with skill sets that the board may be missing.
7. Is willing and able to provide needed volunteered time.
8. Is a positive experience to serve upon and who's service upon is an aspiration of many NCSG members.
9. Has few or no barriers to service for potential board members and volunteer candidates.

About the work

This was and remains no small task. The work towards progress in these areas involved deep reflection and serious discussions on more subjects that we could have imagined would come up when this process was started. Always, what we believe is the best long term interest of the NCSG member and how he is served has guided our work.

Phase one Conclusions

While the focus of this task force has been to improve the governance model for the NCSG, it started with reviewing and acknowledging what is currently working for the NCSG and its members. The NCSG has benefited from a deep connection of its members and volunteers to the organization. It has also benefited from board members who have cared deeply about the association and each other. While not always deeply experienced in board service, they have devoted countless hours to the association and its members, often at the expense of business and family life. These board members and volunteers deserve our endless thanks and represent the shoulders that the NCSG stands on to see its future. Furthermore, the board training that has happened over the past few years has provided tremendous professional development for NCSG board members. This has been a real positive as this training has value far beyond the times when a board member is directly serving the organization. Finally, the opportunity to work with many of the finest

minds in the chimney service industry has and remains a benefit to NCSG board and committee members.

Conclusion I: There has never been a better time to serve the NCSG than right now in terms of time burden and stress on the individual board member.

Wisely, past leaders recognized trends in volunteerism and along with the natural growth of the association put in place a stable professional staff. This staff handles most of the tactical work of the NCSG. This development has allowed the NCSG board to become, in terms of duties and responsibilities, a leadership board verses and volunteer board. While this is all good news, this development, from a governance model perspective, does create some its own problems. Often it is that case that a great volunteer does not make a great leader. Tactical work is not the same as strategic work and that ever important strategic work takes a different set of skills and experiences than those processed by some of board candidates who historically would have been recruited due to there willingness to do hard tactical work.

Conclusion II: The NCSG must have a board made up, in terms of skills and experiences, strategic thinkers and decision makers.

This conclusion leads to the natural question of how recruit, develop, and retain those with the skills and experience that the NCSG needs?

Conclusion III: Recruiting, developing, and retaining leaders' starts with the service experience.

If board service represents endless hours of burdensome work that is unrecognized and feels like it has little value to the membership, then recruiting quality people to serve in any volunteer role will be extraordinarily difficult. The good news here is that, as I stated previously, the board service experience is better than is has been based on the experiences of the members of the task force. However, there is still room for improvement in the board experience.

Conclusion IV: The quality of the service experience can still and should be improved.

The ideal service experience for a volunteer leader is one where the mission of the organization is clearly defined, the duties of the volunteer is clearly defined, the definition of success for a volunteer is clearly defined, and said volunteer is recognized for their work. It is also important that during their time of service, the board member develops connections with his fellow board members and has opportunities to learn and develop as a leader with provided leadership development training.

Conclusion V: The NCSG must have, not just for the sake of effective management but for the sake of maintaining a good governance model, a clearly defined and attainable mission.

This conclusion is the elaboration of the fact that clearly stated goals attract goal oriented people. Goal oriented people tend to be strategic thinkers and those are the type of people the organization needs to serve as its leaders as it moves into the future. The good news is that this work is already done.

Conclusion VI: The NCSG must express its mission to its board members clearly and define their role in achieving success.

A clearly defined mission is not the same as clearly defined role that the volunteer knows. Task assignments must have measurable results so as to have a moment of achievement. The task force talked at length about this subject and it can't be overstated as to how important is it for the quality of the volunteer experience that the volunteer feel as if they are doing something that is important and that there are results from their work. In many ways this is a function of the President, the committee chairmen, and top leadership of the organization. But beyond that, this position must be promoted through all levels of the volunteer system of the NCSG. From the board as a whole, to standing committees, and limited purpose task forces clearly defined goals which can be achieved make the experience of serving a rewarding one and minimize potential volunteer frustrations.

Conclusion VII: The NCSG should continue the practice of annual leadership development training for its board members.

For the strategic thinkers the NCSG will need going forward growth as a leader is clearly an important and attractive benefit of service. The opportunity to serve with industry leaders represents one part of this growth experience, but the most direct way to provide this type of development is to bring in experts in leadership and management to provide training and exposure to leadership concepts at the annual strategic planning session.

Conclusion VIII: The NCSG should continue the practices it has in place for deepening relationships among board members and consider adding the practice of a board retreat.

This conclusion is in support of the past great experiences that include things as simple as group dinners to team building exercises. While we are not recommending expensive or elaborate retreats which have made the news of late, the NCSG should consider off site board meetings with schedules meant to keep the board together in working and non-working situations. These events are meant provide opportunities for new board members to get to know and learn from more experienced board members. Furthermore, these events encourage bonds to grow between those who will work together for the betterment of the association and its members.

Conclusion IX: The NCSG must continue to recognize its volunteers, but do so in a way that does not overstate the burdens of service to potential volunteers.

As noted, the board service experience has improved greatly in the recent past. The establishment of a stable staff and the development of successful systems have lowered the time and stress burden of board service. However, prior to these times, board service truly was a burden on ones business and family life. Rightfully so, these burdens were recognized and board members were thanked for their service. However, the widespread knowledge of and, for the lack of a better word, promotion of these service burdens may have served to scare off good candidates to serve the organization. The NCSG must update the tone in which those who serve the organization are recognized in light of improvements of the service experience. By improving the tone in its recognition of those serving the association it will help to lower a psychological barrier to the service for the potential volunteer. This goes hand in hand with the next conclusion of the GTF.

Conclusion X: Board service can be, and often is, a great experience. The NCSG must promote the activity as if it were product for sale.

Recruitment is another way of saying marketing and sales. While some of the detail work on this front it yet to be done by the current GTF and the future standing Governance committee, support materials including a brochure (and any other appropriate marketing materials) should be produced. These recruiting materials should include testimonials, talking points, and positive imagery needed in recruiting volunteers to serve the NCSG at all levels. This will require a budgetary commitment that should pay dividends in bringing in high quality volunteers.

Conclusion XI: This task force should evolve into a standing governance committee which replaces the nominations committee.

The nominations committee has severed the NCSG with a limited scope and with admitted frustrations. A standing governance committee will be much broader in its purpose. The standing Governance committee should be charged with much larger list of duties. This will mean this committee will do more work than the traditional nominations committee and may need additional training to perform the tasks placed before them. This, with the exception of the executive committee, may become the most important committee in the NCSG. It should be responsible the following:

1. Provide and promote the use of tools for evaluating the board's strengths and weakness.
2. Promote and organize ongoing and annual board training.
3. Promote the board's ongoing development.
4. Develop the list of candidates for board members, committee membership and committee chairman candidates.
5. Evaluate effective committee members who may be ready to make the jump to the board
6. Evaluate the board as a whole for its effectiveness via documented evaluation tools.

7. Provide mechanisms for individual board members to evaluate their own effectiveness on the board.
8. Reach out to other active groups within the industry including but not limited to MIX groups, state guilds, and regional groups.
9. Marketing association service generally and the service experience specifically featuring, the training part of board experience, general altruistic reasons for serving and the professional development elements of board service.

Conclusion XII: The NCSG must change how it looks at potential association volunteers and actively promote that there are many association service options.

This is a cultural issue. Examples were discussed by the GTF where a strong candidate for association service was recruited directly to board service from no role, other than that of active members, in the association. This type of recruiting creates, all be it unintentionally, an “all or nothing” service option for the service candidate. While board members and those more experienced in the workings of association know there are many service options, many candidates for service do not. It should be a role of the standing governance committee to look for and recruit candidates to serve the association and bring them into service at the level they are ready for be that as a committee member, task force member, or and board member.

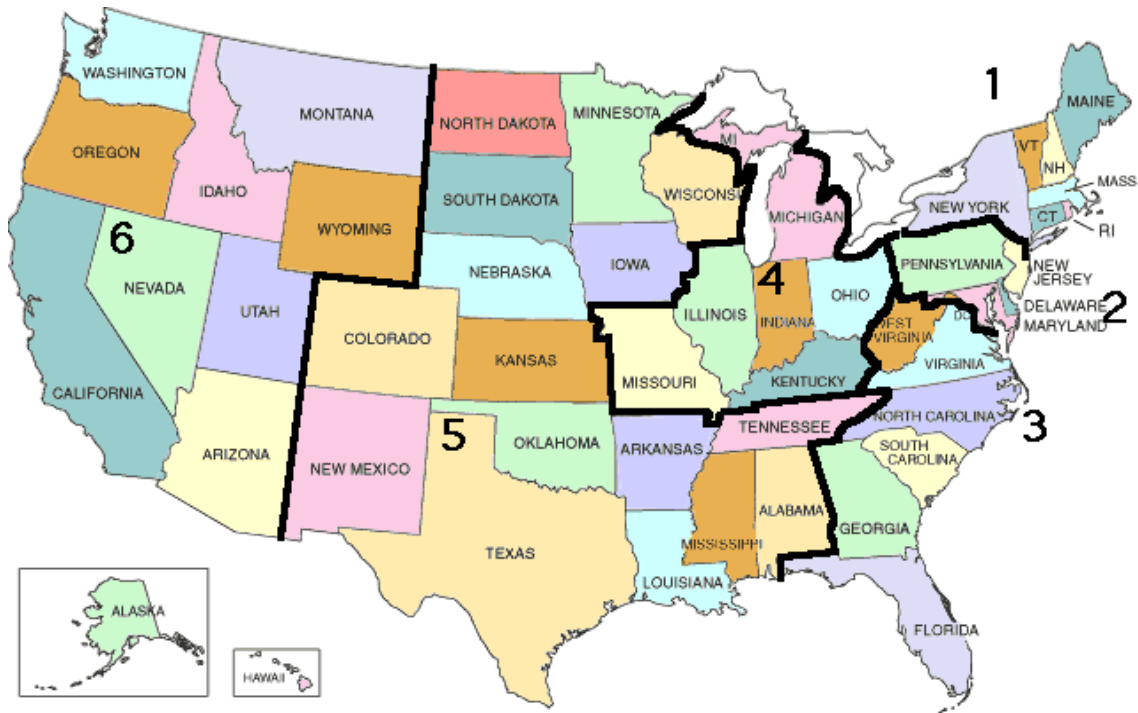
Conclusion XII: It is in the best interest of the NCSG to have a feeder system for board members and association volunteers.

While the GTF does not have a specific recommendation at this time for what that feeder system might look like, it is clear that as a national association, NCSG could benefit from some sort of structure that would identify and develop future leaders. This is an element the task force can further explore in the next phase of our assignment.

Practical Implications and Structural Changes

Conclusion XIII: The current regional map needs to be redrawn to make it more reflective of the population density of the membership and to reduce the total number of regions.

The current regional map for the NCSG does not accurately reflect the population density of the membership. While it would not be in the best interest of the association to redraw the regional map strictly on population density numbers, there should be some modification to the NCSG regional map. Also, the GTF believes it is in the best interest of the NCSG to reduce the total number of regions from eight to six. This combined with our next conclusion provides more opportunities for competition for board seats and an opportunity to recruit individuals with specific skill sets that serve the association. Below is what we propose the new regional map should be.



Conclusion XIV: The board of director should be resized at eleven directors with the make up of the following:

- 1. Six (6) Regional seats elected directly by Sweep Members.**
- 2. Five (5) At-Large seats made up by:**
 - a. One (1) Supplier seat elected by Supplier Members.**
 - b. Two (2) Sweep At-Large Seat elected by the Sweep Members.**
 - c. Two Appointed Seats which must be confirmed by the Board that can be filled by any voting / dual / supplier member.**

A tremendous amount of time and debate went into this configuration of the board. The reduction of the total board size is designed to ensure that a balance is struck between diversity in the make up of the board, and therefore diversity of opinions, and a size that is manageable to lead. Also, a slightly smaller size could create more competition for seats which will be a mechanism for ensuring the best possible candidates earn seats on the board. There are a few nuances here that are new to the NCSG. It was made clear to the NCSG board during board development work that high quality candidates are often willing to serve an association who are unwilling to participate in elections. In order to have a mechanism to bring on talented people of this nature the GTF recommends that two of the at large seats be nominated and confirmed by the board. The final step of confirmation by the elected board is to assure that these appointed board members are responsive to the general membership. These two seats are also open to any voting, dual, or supplier member of the NCSG in good standing, therefore putting in place a mechanism for having more than one supplier director on the

board should a quality candidate present himself who is willing and able to serve the NCSG.

Conclusion XV: The Term of a board of should two years with the opportunity to serve up to four terms continuously.

The GTF concluded that a two year term, compared to the current three year term, is better for the following reasons. It creates a less daunting commitment to the potential volunteer. It shortens the term of the director who finds the experience to be too much and is looking to step down gracefully at the end of their term thus allowing them to be replaced by a stronger candidate. It provides and opportunity for four years of service which we concluded to be a ideal length of time on the board in terms of introduction, development, contribution and natural conclusion of service. The term limit of four terms, in the case of the extraordinarily motivated and dedicated director, allows for up to eight years of continuous service before they must step down. The current term limit is three terms of three years allowing nine years of service.

Conclusion XVI: The current expectations of time and effort commitment to the NCSG are fine.

The NCSG currently has three face to face meetings which require travel and one electronic meeting. The meetings vary in length depending on the specific meeting. The GTF confirms that this programs works and should continue without major change.

The Next Steps – Phase Two

These conclusions must now be presented and review by the board of directors as the representatives of the membership. Should you be in support of these recommendations, then the tactical work of drafting any required By-Law changes shall begin by what will be in phase two of this project the Governance Committee. Furthermore, there are many support documents which need to be drafted, some already in process or completed earlier as this subject has been discussed over the last five years, which help the standing Governance Committee fulfill its role.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Huta
Governance Task Force Chairman.

NFPA 31 Representative Report

On November 5 and 6 the NFPA committee meeting was held at NFPA headquarters in Quincy, MA. This was a very productive meeting for the venting industry. I was appointed to head the task force on the NFPA 31 Annex E venting tables. We have been trying to get these tables into the main body of the code book for a long time. I'm confident I will be able to steer the task force to do that, it may take some time and I hope to have this done by the 2010 edition.

I submitted five code changes that will benefit our industry. The following are proposed changes to NFPA 31 as they apply to the chimney industry. They were approved by the committee but in order for them to be approved for the code book only a formal letter ballot determines the official action by the committee on the proposed amendments and that won't be until after the committee's June meeting.

Reduction in Size of Chimney Connector at Connection to Chimney Flue

Revise 6.5.7 to read: "The connector, for its entire length, shall not be smaller in effective cross-sectional area than the flue collar of the appliance, as delivered or as modified in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Any change in size made to accommodate a chimney lining system shall be done at the connection to that system."

REASON: This clarifies where a change in effective cross-section is allowed to be made.

Revise 6.5.9 to read: "Where insulation of the chimney connector is required to maintain the temperature of the combustion products, an insulated Type L chimney connector or a factory-built chimney connector listed for the purpose shall be used.

REASON: Recognize available products that meet the intent of this provision.

Note: This will add text in the code for flexible insulated double wall connector pipe.

Revise 6.5.20 to read: "Connectors for appliances installed in attics or crawl spaces shall be of either a Type L vent material chimney connector or a factory-built chimney connector listed for the purpose or the appliance shall be attached directly to the chimney.

REASON: Recognize available products that meet the intent of this provision.

Note: This will add text in the code for flexible insulated double wall connector pipe.

Proposed new 6.5.28: accepted, but change "male" to "crimped"

Single wall connector pipe shall be installed in accordance to one of the following:

1. The appliance manufacturer's instructions
2. The male crimped end toward the chimney

REASON: This will provide a smoother flow of the flue gasses through the connector pipes to the chimney.

New 6.5.29: (create table)

New Table

8" or less - 26 gauge

9" to 10" - 24 gauge

11" to 16 - 22 gauge

> 16" - 16 gauge

REASON: This will clearly define what has been in current use and is time tested.

Add to Annex:

Diagrams of different types of combustion gas venting

Respectfully submitted,

John

John Pilger

Site Selection Committee Report

February 2, 2009

2010 Site is set in Indianapolis, IN. as previously reported.

The committee is visiting 2 potential sites in the North East on February 11 & 12th, 2009.

We are hoping to have a site picked for 2011 convention soon and perhaps will be able to report additional information at the board meeting in Winston Salem on February 24th, 2009.

Jay Walker
Site Selection Chairman
NCSG

Government Affairs

Legislation was slow in 2008, since it was an election year. All pertinent legislation to date has been put on website by Melissa Heeke, CAE, Director of Communications and Marketing.

Melissa Heeke and myself will be presenting a seminar.....Government Affairs: Become an Industry Advocate at the NCSG convention in Winston-Salem.

Mark Putnam from Rhode Island wrote an article on Government Affairs last year which was credited to me. Melissa will make sure Mark gets due credit for the article.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Pilger

By Laws Report

There is no current activity to report.

Bob Priesing
NCSG Vice President

Annual Planning Report

There is no current activity to report.

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NCSG Vice President

New Business

Approval of FY 2008 Audit

Election of 2009-2010 Officers

Nomination and elections will take place at the NCSG Board of Directors Meeting.

Seating of New 2009-2012 Directors

Next Board Meeting

May 4-6, 2009: Annual Planning Meeting, Plainfield, IN – CSIA Technology Center