

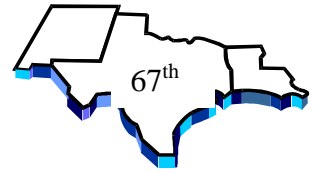
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**SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
REFRIGERATION SERVICE ENGINEERS SOCIETY**



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**68th Pre Conference Business Meeting  
Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Fort Worth, TX 2:00 PM**

The 68<sup>th</sup> Pre Conference Business Meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM, Saturday  
Sept. 30th, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel Fossil Creek in  
Fort Worth, TX, by Mark Beiser, CM.

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**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by James Bowman, 10206 Sgt. at Arms.

**Invocation:** Given by Mr. Frank Ralson

**Secretary:**

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**Introductions:** Guests attending:

Bob Sherman,CM	California, CARSES
Michael Thompson,CMS	Garden State Chapter, International President RSES
Mike Ralston ,CM	Greater Kansas City Chapter, International Vice President RSES
Lori Schiavo	RSES Headquarters, Journal Publisher/Editor

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**Parliamentarian:** Dick Burkes, CM, acted as Parliamentarian for the meeting.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Brian Rabel, CMS conducted the roll call. In Attendance were:

President-	Mark Beiser, CM
Vice President-	Mark Ferguson, CM
Secretary-	Burt Wallace, CMS
Treasurer-	Brian Rabel
Sgt. at Arms-	James Bowman
Educational Director-	Cameron Taylor, CM
Historical Chairman-	W.D. "Mac" McCarthy, CM
Region 10 Director-	Jerry Clark, CM

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**Minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Business Meeting:** Secretary Burt Wallace, CMS, 10202 presented the minutes of the 67th annual business meeting. President Mark Beiser, CM asked if everyone received a copy of the minutes and financial report. There were 5 chapters represented, 10 votes out of the 7. Minutes were reviewed. A correction was made. A first name was listed wrong – Elena was Ellen on the 4<sup>th</sup> page. Jim Malone, CM, chapter 10200, made a motion to accept these minutes, Ron Solomon, CM seconded this motion. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

**Historical Chairman:**

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**Point of Order:** Stanley Dolmer seconded the motion as Ron Solomon, CM could not.

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**Financial Report:** Presented by Treasurer Brian Rabel.

One typo respectfully submitted misspelled. There were a couple of issues with a service fee. There is a need to have the bank connect the accounts so there will be no overages. We were under the minimum \$1500 amount, so the necessary amount was transferred from the other account to bring it up to the minimum amount. As soon as it increases, the money will be moved back. The \$10 was credited back. The amounts are very low in the accounts. The treasurer's report was accepted as written. With a voice vote, the motion carries.

**Conference Reports:** Dick Burke, CM, 10196 was the chairman and was instrumental in making it a success. He named many who made it a success. Ultimately, a check was mailed to the association for \$5000 to cover the expenses.

Jill Malone, 10200 made a request as bylaws in the region asked for the auxiliary to get 30% for the auxiliary. Motion by Jerry Clark, CM, 10481 to write the auxiliary 30% of proceeds, which was \$1706.06. Jim Malone, CM, 10200 seconded. Motion passed.

**SWRA Educational Director's Report:** Cameron Taylor, CM, 10200 presented the Education Director's Activity and Education Reports.

Highlights of what was done since Round Rock was presented. An alternative refrigerants course was added and taught by Jerry Clark, CM, 10481. Art Miller was thanked for his contribution. 26 attended. Cameron taught the afternoon sessions and has been in contact with SA to teach it. He will teach in New Braunfels on a Sunday. This course is valid until September of next year. Providership was renewed. Jill Malone, 10200 learned it was necessary to make sure that the numbers on all advertising for this course who want to teach this apart from us, we will provide but there must be a provider number and course number on the advertisements. Austin is slower in approving courses. The request was sent off in July and got approval late. They need more lead time for developing courses due to change in approval. Jim Malone, 10200, is pursuing approvals on the afternoon, we received a different NATE number for hydrocarbon course and alternative refrigerants. Int. 7000. Normal turnover is 4 weeks. The turn over now is going on 10-16 weeks. Added 14 new programs. Now there are 39 and there is not enough staff to run those programs. There is a hiring freeze. It is more difficult to get licenses due to the increase in programs.

Cameron Taylor, CM, 10200, announced that in any areas affected by Harvey Hurricane, the fees have been lifted for the next year. Harris county fees are lifted.

Asked by SA chapter to teach the 8 hr. Course for alternative refrigerants and the CM prep course.

**Region 10 Director's Report:**

Director ,Jerry Clark, CM, 10481 reported that he heard from Int'l there is a tentative subject agreement to go to Albuquerque. He asked if there were questions about Int'l. He did teach the hydrocarbon class. There was good participation, and he wants to get more chapters allowing them to teach those. If they do not have one at your chapter level, we want to come teach it, if possible. We get more people involved by teaching seminars and getting paid fees to teach it. We are asking chapters to let us come teach.

Jill Malone, 10200 - Mike gave us a different answer to next year's Int'l conference – conjunction with BHCC. It is set in the same time of the balloon festival, which means it will be harder to get a hotel block. It is important to be diligent and get reservations and not delay. We need to get reservations in for March. That helps Elena on her counts. Having counts is a good thing and helps with food, according to Jill. It is necessary to go before the hotel one week before the conference and give a firm commitment.

Deputy Director Region 10 Jim Malone, CM 10200, reported on current conference. Uncertain of the number of firm registrations. 156 room nights before the conference. Some canceled due to sickness. Overall, the conference came together pretty well. Pat and Jill did a great job.

Thursday – refrigerants class 26 attendees for tour 23 grapevine in the rain

Tradeshaw – 24 vendors, 4 were first time vendors

Attendees 68 walk through

Friday – 29 braising class

Cm prep class -2

Mitsubishi – 16  
Testing 4 specialist exams, 2 cm exams  
Dinner 71 last night  
75 for dinner tonight  
Hotel has been extremely conscious about taking care of us.

Super job on getting ready for conference. Excellent representation from TJC. The ongoing hydrocarbon and alternative refrigerants is a great plan. This will be ongoing as we learn every week about a new one. Int'l had books they provided for the conference.

Everyone's attendance was greatly appreciated.

Region 10 Director Jerry Clark, CM, 10481  
Mr. Pool, Austin chapter has money in the bank. They are in the process of regrouping after summer and have started meetings over again. There is talk at the conference about trying to increase membership. There are 30-40 active members, and it is rare to see them at our meetings. It is important to try to grow our chapter, grow our industry, and RSES memberships.

Int'l website – Jill Malone, 10200 – pulled off all of the members of region 10. There are 340 active members with name, address, city and zip. Mail went out to everyone. There is information on the chapter numbers and it is possible to compare with what went out and the mail that was returned. The return mail will help clean it out.

Web officer is to have access to that.

Lori Schiavo, RSES Headquarters - They are extremely short staffed. There needs to be a list of people who are receiving free magazines and do eblasts to people in your region. If they are not receiving them, ask her to add them to her list. One initiative is blasting everyone with emails and letting people know what is happening around the nation. She had approval for this.

Jill Malone, 10200 – Due to short-handed staff at Int'l, Jill started getting her retired members asking if she was paying their dues. It is necessary to email Kelly Womack to see the names you have and find out about the retirees pay.

Jerry Clark, CM, 10481 – With short staff, the dues came out later and some still owe dues. Due notice – pay for three years because if you go ahead and pay then you don't have to get mailed reminders. Ask locally to be an adjunct at a local college. CISCO College has been approached about cooperate school programs, and we will be coming on board at CISCO as a cooperate program. It is important to get in those organizations and grow at the school level.

### **Old Business:**

Elena announced that San Antonio will be celebrating a centennial starting about the time of the conference. There is a tour of 5 missions, which have been redone. Conference has an 8 hour class with Cameron. San Antonio tour goes to the market but the men will be back in time for the meeting. It is necessary to note in the email that it is imperative to be on time.

Gary – had to give hotel \$1500. Hotel on 9<sup>th</sup> floor rodeo 8-25 rodeo, 26-28 conference, call as early as you can. March 1,2, 3 is the conference. Rooms are \$119 a night at the El Tropicana. Registrations will be coming soon. Make plans to be there. Haven't hosted since 2007, and they are ready.

Jill Malone, 10200 – There is a need to book hotels as soon as possible. Two meals. Ladies have the room downstairs during the day. Upstairs for Thursday deal and Friday big room with patio to see lights. Invite your friends and get exhibitors. Elena 4 hr. Trade show. Get contractors between 10-12 and then allow and encourage students to come in.

Jim Malone, CM, 10200 – Mi' Tierra longest restaurant in Texas. There is one in the market. Have lunch there and go anytime. Sponsors have a commitment from Chris, Patrick for anyone who wants to help. There are sponsorship forms. Table will run about \$250. Packet for conference will come out soon. Give some to Jim so he can send out. Expo room is huge so there is room for many vendors.

**Committee Reports:** The website has been updated.

**New Business**

We need a host for the 2019 conference.

**Adjournment:** Jim Malone, CM, 10200 made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jill Malone, 10200. Motion carries by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned.

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SWRA-RSES Secretary