

REGION VIII CHAPTER BEST PRACTICES

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Alamo	Have established program that allows any member to print out a "Pre-Pay" form off chapter website to manage ASHRAE expenses. This allows for chapter to collect funds quicker and easier than in the past.
Arkansas	Recruit 3 "Engineering Connectors" who are principals in engineering or manufacturing firms to teach technical workshops at every chapter meeting.
Arkansas, Central Oklahoma	Post chapter program power point presentations on chapter website.
Northeastern Oklahoma	Have established program that allows any member to purchase "Booster Ticket" for meeting meals. Prepay for the year and member receives eight meals for the price of seven. Booster ticket holders also get express check-in at meetings. We offer individual and corporate tickets.
Arkansas / Northeastern Oklahoma	Have student member present summaries of Student Branch Design projects at a chapter program.
Arkansas / Northeastern Oklahoma	Publish student member and /or any member resumes on chapter website. Members can also post help wanted ads.
Northeastern Oklahoma	Have available computer at selected chapter meetings that has internet access that allows members update online directory profiles.
Central Oklahoma	Have available computer at chapter meetings that has internet access that allows new member prospects to fill out and pay for membership application immediately.
East Texas / Northeastern Oklahoma	Provide free meals for student members at chapter meetings.
Northeastern Oklahoma	Extend meeting / seminar invitations to local code officials and allow them to present program on occasion.
Northeastern Oklahoma	Email distribution of newsletter and email solicitation for monthly meeting attendance.
Northeastern Oklahoma	Established an annual RP auction night in conjunction with Spouses night in February. After two years we have raised in excess of \$3K and had a great time in

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	doing so.
Northeastern Oklahoma	Offer both hole and flag sponsorships at golf tournament. Raised sponsor contributions by 40% to 50% by adding the flags to the mix. Sponsors retain flags as souvenir.
Austin	Calling committee divided among Chapter Officers and BOG. Recently re-enacted this practice and saw 40% increase in attendance.
Austin	Conducts golf tournament that not only raises RP funds but helps subsidize meals at chapter meetings. Offers levels of RP donation at golf tournament.
Austin	Places emphasis on Full Circle Award. Feels this produces "buy-in" on part of chapter officers and provides good example for chapter members.
Austin	Dinner meetings with strong focus on social aspect.
Monterrey	Have weekly informal board of governors meetings that allow for discussion of issues facing chapter. Allows for better decision making at monthly BOG meetings.
Monterrey	Conduct 15 minute presentation at each chapter meeting on an ASHRAE Standard or Guideline or the explanation of some useful tool for better business performance.
Monterrey	Send monthly meeting invitations to every known person in HVAC&R industry.
Monterrey	Establish Agreement of Cooperation with local universities to assist in curriculum development in exchange for availability of university resources for chapter.
Monterrey	Solicit the availability of internships for students at local companies and work with student branches to places students in every available slot.