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Welcome to Region VI!

We are a dedicated group of some 4500 people who are connected to the HVAC&R industry. Today we enter into our first all virtual Regional Conference. Over the course of two weeks, we will conduct all of the usual business of the Region and have some fun as well. The Chapters Regional Conference (CRC) is an annual event that allows regional officers, chapter officers and chapter members to get together to discuss the past events as well as make plans for the future. This year is special in two ways: First, we are totally virtual: making use of the Society platform to conduct virtual meetings, and Second, the final day of the conference falls on Halloween so we can have some fun with that!

We have the advantage of being one of the last Regions to conduct our business this way and so we can use the lessons learned from the other CRCs and the experience of our dedicated headquarters staff without whom we could not succeed.

If you have not yet registered for either the free sessions or the fee-based technical sessions you can still do so by going to the host chapter web site at <https://ciashrae.org/reg6crc2020>.

The conference will wrap up with our traditional Awards Celebration, recognizing the accomplishments of the many volunteer members in the Region who put in volunteer hours conducting the administration of all the Society activities. This year we will also conduct a Costume Contest of your best Halloween costumes. The costumes will be displayed to all attendees at the Awards celebration and will be judged by a crack panel of judges in the categories of: Regional Officer; Chapter Officer; Member Spouse; and Member Children. Be sure to register for the event which occurs at noon on Saturday October 31st. All attendees who wish to compete will wear their costume during the celebration and display them virtually both during and after each award presentation. Be sure to have your web cam working for this! Judges will review the costumes based on recognizability of character, originality, and overall appeal in each category.

In other news, I have had the privilege of attending many chapter meetings and chapter board meetings this year and find the overall health of the Region to be good. Since most meetings are virtual, they can be experienced by anyone by reaching out to the chapter president and requesting a link. There have been great technical sessions that offer continuing education hours for those of us who need professional development hours.

Finally, thank you to all members for what you do for ASHRAE, helping us to fulfill the vision of providing *"A healthy and sustainable built environment for all."*