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MHA Technical Committee Report:

Summary of Activities 4/18/07 - 7/1/07

- The technical committee was formed at MHA's 2007 Wild Acres meeting. The membership present voted for specific committees to address various challenges facing the association. The technical committee will continue and expand on the work of the former ASTM Group led by Rod Zander.
- The technical committee's first meeting took place on 4/18/07 (meeting minutes available on the MHA Committee page). Main discussion items:
 - Committee membership (membership list available on MHA committee page)
 - MHA membership survey
 - EPA/ASTM - MHA historical summary, current status, & proposed course of action
 - Low cost heater contest
 - Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC)
- Technical committee phone conference 6/8/07 (meeting minutes will be available on the MHA committee page). Main discussion items:
 - May 23rd Low mass masonry fireplace stakeholders meeting
 - Masonry heater test results and course of action
 - Masonry heater testing budget
 - Technical committee advisors
 - Technical committee communications protocol
 - Masonry heater definition
 - MHA membership survey

Current Technical Committee Action Items:

1. MHA membership survey. Committee members preparing a survey of MHA members to determine number and locations of heaters built, other trade organizations MHA members belong to, MHA member priorities, etc... **Survey will be presented to the Board for distribution.**
2. OMNI Labs 2006 masonry heater test. This test was to reproduce a 1992 heater test for the EPA. Committee is drafting a letter to OMNI labs requesting a complete final test report. **Letter will be presented to the MHA Board.**
3. Myron Lab test. **Committee recommends a second 1992 repeat heater test at Myron Labs.**

4. Heater testing budget. [Please reference Rod Zanders' Budget Proposal Overview-provided to MHA board.](#)
5. ASTM fueling protocol. Members discussing cordwood vs. crib wood test protocols.
6. Masonry heater definition refinement. Members reviewing existing MHA, ASTM, and EU documents to refine the definition of a masonry heater for inclusion in future heater regulation documentation.
7. EPA White Paper- Members working with Tom Stroud of HPBA to complete White Paper summarizing the body of existing heater test information.