

## **Report on IRDF Grant Activities AILG Annual Dinner – June 14, 2007**

The IRDF Grant Committee and the Board of Allocation would like to thank Jim Morgan – MIT Controller, and Kevin Milligan – MIT Property Office for their help in giving the IRDF program a new administrative home.

A number of changes are going into effect on July 1, 2007 for the 2008 fiscal year that will impact the IRDF Grant program.

### **Procedural Changes in Educational Operating Grants**

The educational area percentage calculations have changed again as a result of the ongoing IRDF review. **This time increasing by approximately 20% on average.** The new percentages will be posted to your FCI locker by July 1, 2007. The existing policy of utilizing the lowest percentage in a fiscal year will still apply so the impact of this latest change should be seen in your 2008 Educational Operating Grant.

In addition, there will be some change in practice, which will help in keeping the grant funds flowing to your chapters in a timely manner.

- IRDF EOG applications must be submitted **within 6** months of the fiscal year end.
- All application revisions must be completed **within 9** months of the fiscal year end.
- 100% Educational Expenses must be **received and paid for within the fiscal year.**
- All applications must now be submitted **in editable, digital form**, in addition to the physical copy previously required.

Please contact the FCI to get your submissions completed so funds can be distributed.

### **Carbon Monoxide Detection System Installation**

The cost of installation of wired, monitored CO systems will be funded. Plug-in units are not funded. The program is subject to a system-wide cost limit of \$80,000 that is not likely to be exceeded. Evidence of installation and payment must be submitted to FCI **by October 15, 2007.** No payments will be made after that date. Over a dozen chapters have already submitted receipts.

### **Fireplace Conversion**

The cost of ensuring non-operability of fireplaces will also be funded. Again, the program is subject to a system-wide cost limit of \$80,000; if submissions exceed this amount, funding will be pro-rated. This program isn't as well defined but the original payment batch is planned to close **on October 15, 2007.** To be funded, work must have been done after January 1, 2007. Houses that plan to perform fireplace conversions are requested to share their intentions and experiences with us.

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