Hello ASHRAE Members! I am truly looking forward to serving as your President for the year. I have such a profound respect for this organization, which is greatly in part due to all of the amazing leaders I have met and worked with in the Nebraska ASHRAE Chapter over the years. It is because of my own great experiences that I have decided to make it my mission as President to recruit even more leaders. One of the many strengths of our chapter is its extreme diversity in membership and leadership. We have a number of exciting and fun committees and volunteer opportunities with which you may get involved, so if you are looking for a way to influence your community and your life, both personal and professional, look no further.

Currently we are looking for enthusiastic people who would like to contribute to ASHRAE either locally or regionally. Locally, our team would love for individuals who have an interest in government policy to join our Grassroots Committee. We would also love to see more people involved in our Student Activities Committee, our YEA Committee, our CRC Planning Committee, our annual Nebraska ASHRAE Golf Outing, and more. Tell me what your interests are and I guarantee we have a place for you to grow and give in ASHRAE. In addition to our local opportunities, there are a number of regional ASHRAE positions open. The Nebraska Chapter is a strong leader in our region, and we are often looked at to promote people up through the ASHRAE ranks. Whether you have a day a year, a day a month or a day a week to give, any and all volunteers are welcome.

As a business owner myself, I completely understand how difficult it can be to give time away from the office. However, I will say, there is no better organization in our industry to give to if you want to see your volunteer efforts directly improve your professional careers. At the same time, I assure your time given to the group, will be fun and extremely rewarding!

With that said, please know, as your President, I am here to serve you all, along with our amazing Board of Governors and committee leaders. Do not hesitate to call or email us any time. Tell us what you want from ASHRAE, and how we can strengthen our group.

So here’s to another inspiring year in ASHRAE, and a riddle to send you on your way:

You are in a candle lit room with a single wooden door, no windows and three light switches labeled A, B and C. You cannot by any means see anything outside the room. The three switches are connected to three lights in another room. They are all currently in the off position. You are given ten minutes in the room with the switches then you will be taken to the room with the lights. At that time you need to label each light with the letter of the corresponding switch. How do you do it?

The first right answer, brought to me at the September meeting wins a free lunch!

CHEERS,

Sarah Poursharafeddin, MBA, LEED-AP

Nebraska Chapter ASHRAE President, 2013-2014
Omaha Meeting - Tuesday, September 10th, 2013

Location: Anthony’s Steakhouse, 7220 F Street, Omaha, NE 68127
Check-in: 11:30 a.m. (Please arrive early to facilitate serving meals)
Lunch: To be served prior to 12:00 p.m.
Menu: Club Sirloin $21.00
       Chicken Cordon Bleu $16.00
       Grilled Salmon $16.00
Topic: HVAC Noise and Vibration Control Best Practices
Speaker: Brandon Lee Wallace, BRD Noise and Vibration Control, Inc.

Pre-registration for this meeting would be GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

Reservation required by Monday, Sep. 9th, 2013: Nick Mandel, Specialized Engineering
nmandel@specializedeng.com

Omaha Featured Speaker

Brandon Lee Wallace, Southwest Regional Sales Manager of BRD Noise and Vibration Control, Inc. is a graduate of Kansas State University with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering.

Brandon started with the Trane Company in 1999 at their Screw and Scroll Chiller Business Unit as a Marketing Engineer after successfully completing the Trane Co.’s Graduate Training Program. During his 7 years at Trane, Brandon held multiple positions in both Domestic and International market segments with responsibilities for executing domestic price/volume/share goals, product support, and management. In 2006, Brandon joined BRD as their Southwest Regional Sales Manager responsible for acoustical design and sales. Brandon lives outside of Wichita, KS with his wife and five children and enjoys hunting and spending time with his family.

BRD Noise and Vibration Control, Inc., has been at the forefront of noise control systems for HVAC equipment and Brandon’s knowledge and experience of HVAC equipment helps enhance BRD’s leadership and understanding of this market.

BRD is a recognized leader in the field of noise reduction systems for air-cooled and water-cooled chillers and for curb mounted rooftop packaged air conditioning equipment. BRD is a frequent presenter at ASHRAE Chapter meetings.

Future Omaha Chapter Meetings

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Chapter Chairpersons:

Membership
Promotion
Chris Hawk

Research Promotion
Shaun Nienhueser
Matt Sargent

Student Activities
Kim Cowman
Jake Kopocis

Chapter Technology
Transfer & Omaha Programs
Jake Schanzmeyer

Lincoln Programs
Mike Barry

E-Commerce
Eric Granzow

Historian
Jim Ellis

Reception
Nick Mandel

UNO Student Chapter
Lily Wang

UNL Student Chapter & Chapter Website
Tim Wentz

Special Events
Rob Harper

Newsletter
Nick Decker

Librarian
Bill Wieseler
Lincoln Meeting - Wednesday, September 11th, 2013

Location: Valentino’s, 35th & Holdrege, Lincoln
Check-in: Noon (Please arrive early to facilitate serving meals)
Lunch: To be served prior to 12:00 p.m.
Menu: Buffet $13.00 Please note new price!
Topic: HVAC Noise and Vibration Control Best Practices
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