What's happening in ASHRAE this month? Take a quick peek at what's happened and what's coming!

Upcoming Events:

*ASHRAE Nebraska Apparel is on sale through April!

*Omaha Meeting:  
MARCH MEETING IS CANCELED

*Lincoln Meeting:  
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*YEA Happy Hour:  
Thursday March 19th, 4:30 PM  
Location: DJ's Dugout, 2102 S 67th street

*see additional details throughout newsletter

President's Message:

Greetings ASHRAE Members

We are almost to spring and I hope everyone is looking forward to spending more time outdoors. I for one am looking forward to spring and seeing some green grass and leaves on trees. I am not looking forward to the start on mowing season though.

On a more serious note, as I am sure everyone has heard, the COVID-19 concerns have become more relevant here in Nebraska over the recent days and weeks. ASHRAE has made many resources available to building industry professionals here, [ashrae.org/COVID19](http://ashrae.org/COVID19). Below is a quote from the press release from our ASHRAE 2019-2020 Society President Darryl Boyce, P.Eng.

"The recent escalation in the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 is alarming on a global scale. While ASHRAE supports expanded research to fully understand how coronavirus is transmitted, we know that healthy buildings are a part of the..."
solution. ASHRAE’s COVID-19 Preparedness Resources are available as guidance to building owners, operators and engineers on how to best protect occupants from exposure to the virus, in particular in relation to airborne particles that might be circulated by HVAC systems."

The Chapter has been busy over the last month, here are some of the things we have been up to.

We hosted a CEU hour and Trivia event in both Lincoln and Omaha. Both events had great attendance and it appears fun was had by all. I would like to thank Devin Abellon and Jake Kopocis for helping us make this event so successful. It is always fun watching ASHRAE members who can correctly identify the components of Reynold’s number but struggle with recent pop culture events.

We also had members take part in our Government Outreach Day (GoD) where we met with State legislators at the capitol. We were able to touch base with 23 Senators or their staff and advocate for how ASHRAE is a resource for them. A big thank you to Peter Koneck-Wilwerding for putting this day together. I do know he is raising the bar for this event next year already as well.

We have also created a Nebraska Chapter Popup Swag sale. This will give everyone a chance to purchase some swag with the Nebraska Chapter logo from now until the end of April. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for additional details or visit the website here, [ASHRAE SWAG Sale].

Lastly, we have been able to work with Top Golf on setting a date for an ASHRAE top Golf event later this spring. Be on the lookout for details in the coming weeks!
Sincerely,
Shaun Nienhueser
Nebraska Chapter President 2018-2019
You are always welcome to contact me at shaun.nienhueser@hdrinc.com or 402-926-7016.

Future Omaha Meetings:
• April 14th: Distinguished Lecturer (Karine Leblanc)
• May 12th: Facebook Data Center Tour

Future Lincoln Meetings:
• April 15th: Distinguished Lecturer (Karine Leblanc)
• May 13th: Capitol Building Building Tour

YEA Calendar of Events:
• March 19th: March Madness Happy Hour
• April 16th: Common Mistakes Young Engineers Make (Panel Discussion)
• May 21st: VRF Systems

Government Affairs Update:
Our second annual Government Outreach Day was a major success. Overall, 4 ASHRAE members and 3 ASHRAE Student Members participated in the event. Outreach and education are two of the pillars of GAC and the continued success of ASHRAE. Many thanks to the participants this year: Tyler Glesne, Shaun Nienhueser, Jeff McCaslin, Moh’d-Eslam Dahdolan, Nathan Taylor, and Zach Wullenwaber. Your volunteerism exhibits the standard of excellence our chapter is known for.

At the meeting in Orlando, a strong focus for government affairs was related to ASHRAE providing resources to help policymakers and elected officials better respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). Please see the consolidation of these resources in the following link:

ashrae.org/COVID19
YEA
MARCH MADNESS
HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, March 19, 2020
4:30 PM
DJ’S DUGOUT
2102 S 67th St
Omaha, NE 68106

Appetizers and Drinks provided
All ages are welcome – you don’t have to be YEA to join us!
What you need to know:

- Order closes April 30
- Items ship May 2020
- Option at checkout to ship to your home or pick up at Nebraska ASHRAE event
- Order Link: https://store.ideal-images.com/nebraska_ashrae/shop/products/all?page=1

Need a gift for that special engineer in your life? Look no further!!

FEEDBACK

Any products you would like to see in future orders?

Tell Abby at abby.brophy@frane.com

Click Here to see more options and merchandise!
ASHRAE MEMBERSHIP UPGRADE INFO

BENEFITS OF UPGRADING FROM ASSOCIATE TO MEMBER

- Same annual price as Associate membership
- Prestige of qualifying for higher membership grade
- Required for future Life Member eligibility
- Eligible for ASHRAE Awards and Honors
- Eligible to serve as in Regional/Society level positions

HOW TO UPGRADE FROM ASSOCIATE TO MEMBER

- Obtain 12 years of qualifying experience (equivalents are listed below)

Education Credits
  - (1) year of education for graduates of approved technical curricula 1.5 years credit
  - (1) year of education for non-graduates (who completed at least 2 years) 1 year credit of approved technical curricula
  - (1) year of education for graduates with non-accredited degrees 1 year credit
  - (1) year of education for graduates with associate degrees from technical institutions 1 year credit

Work Credits
  - (1) year work experience in ASHRAE fields of interest (shall have included research, teaching, design, contracting, engineering sales, or engineering management) 1 year credit

Professional Licensure Credits
  - (1) Professional registration or license issued by a legal authorized body in engineering or related fields, which require education, examination, and active practice satisfactory to the Board of Directors (ex. P.E., C. Eng, P.Eng) 3 years credit

- Update your ASHRAE bio to include your education, work experience, and professional licensure in your profile.
- Email membership@ashrae.org and tell them you’d like to be considered for grade advancement!

*After accumulating 30 years in good standing as a Member and attaining age 65, you automatically are upgraded to Life Member. Life members retain the benefits of Member status without being required to pay annual society dues.

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