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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Atlanta ASHRAE Chapter,

I would like to take a minute to thank all of you for this very successful year. My time as President wraps up at the end of next month, so this is my last newsletter. This year definitely ended a lot differently than it began, but because of our strong membership and dedicated volunteers, we were able to end the year with some great virtual events and still provide for the membership.

I want to thank all the volunteers for dedicating their time to this year and organization. All our events and technical sessions would not be possible without them. As we head into the summer, which are the off months for the Chapter, please everyone be safe in your work and travels. We will keep everyone posted on new virtual event opportunities as they arise. We very much look forward to meeting again in person as a Chapter whenever that is possible, hopefully this coming Fall!

Again, thanks for letting me serve as your President. I look forward to helping any of our members in the future as best I can. Thanks!

- Parker Brunelle, Atlanta Chapter President 2019-2020

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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) organizes ASHRAE members to educate local, state, and national government bodies and officials about issues relating to the HVAC&R industry and promotes effective cooperation between ASHRAE members and government. Check out ASHRAE's advocacy resources: <https://www.ashrae.org/about/government-affairs/public-policy-resources>

Public Health – ASHRAE Resources to Address COVID-19 Concerns

The ASHRAE COVID-19 Preparedness Resources webpage, [ashrae.org/COVID19](https://www.ashrae.org/COVID19), provides easily accessible resources from ASHRAE to building industry professionals. The page is updated continuously, and ASHRAE's Epidemic Task Force welcomes questions at covid-19@ashrae.org. Over 300 questions have been submitted and [answered](#) so far.

ASHRAE's Epidemic Task Force Briefs Congressional Committee on COVID-19 and Buildings

On May 18, Dr. William Bahnfleth, Chair of ASHRAE's Epidemic Task Force (ETF), and ETF Members Dennis Knight and Wade Conlan briefed staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce on the work of the ETF. The ASHRAE members provided an overview of how indoor air quality affects building occupants, methods for improving building health, ASHRAE's guidance to minimize the risk of viral transmission in building HVAC systems and recommendations for Congress. The presentation from the Congressional briefing can be found [here](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

Building Code Officials – Stakeholder Participation and Future ASHRAE Collaboration

Looking for a few good folks who work in code enforcement from any Georgia jurisdiction for the two opportunities below. If you or a colleague can help out, contact GAC Chair Meghan McNulty (meghan.mcnulty@servidyne.com).

- A building code official who can provide some perspective on construction code enforcement at the city/municipal level in an upcoming stakeholder brainstorming meeting (virtual, ~2 hrs).
- Local building code professional organizations to collaborate on future networking or educational with our ASHRAE Atlanta Chapter.

Energy Benchmarking Data for Laboratories in Southeast US

Laboratories use 4-5 times as much energy as office buildings, so conservation opportunities are plentiful. Engineers can benchmark and compare these complex buildings through the International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories (I²SL) [Laboratory Benchmarking Tool](#) (LBT). This free website provides expanded access to a historical dataset via a modern graphing interface, along with many new and reconfigured data fields designed to meet the needs of today's lab community. Additional modules will be added to the LBT to further expand its

functionality in the coming years. The [Georgia chapter of I²SL](#) would love to **have more laboratories in the Southeast included in the dataset, so your contributions would be most welcome.**

The LBT is sponsored by the [Federal Energy Management Program](#) at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). It was developed by [kW Engineering](#), [Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory](#), and the [International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories](#) (I²SL). The Actionable Insights module was sponsored by [Siemens Smart Infrastructure](#) and was developed by I²SL and kW Engineering. The Portfolio Manager Connection module was sponsored by FEMP and was developed by LBNL and kW Engineering. Questions and feedback about the LBT can be directed to lbt@i2sl.org.

Are you registered to vote?

Check your voter registration, preview your ballot, and find polling locations and hours at the Georgia My Voter Page. <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

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MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

Congratulations to all our Graduating Student Members!

I am sure we all agree these are very unusual times, especially considering impacts from Covi-19. Your Atlanta Chapter wishes each of our gradating student members tremendous success as you transition to the working work world. Please remember as you make this wonderful transition to keep your ASHRAE membership current and to request the “Smart Start” membership level. This is the only time you will be able to take advantage of this program and it is a major savings opportunity for the first 3 years, post college student member.

The Smart Start Membership

All of us in ASHRAE love and appreciate the “Student Member”! Student members are a very important resource to any organization. We desperately need that next generation to continue the hard work we have completed thus far and provide for an even better built environment going forward!

To help both the future employer and employee, ASHRAE created “The Smart Start Program”.

Student member graduates are eligible to advance directly to the “Associate Member” grade at significantly reduced rates. The “Smart Start Program” is a 3-year discounted membership program for the college student who has been an “ASHRAE Student Member” for at least one year.

The annual dues for graduating college students eligible under the “**Smart Start Program**” are as follows:

1st year = \$25, 2nd year = \$85 and 3rd year = \$110.

Total for 3 years = \$ 220.

For businesses employing student interns who are graduating this spring, ask them if they are currently ASHRAE Student members? When they say yes, encourage them to take advantage of the “Smart Start Membership” following graduation.

Darrell Sandlin – MP Chair

Tyler Skidgel – MP CoChair

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CEM TRAINING

An Excellent upcoming opportunity for those of you working with energy. Facility Managers, Energy Managers, etc. who want to sharpen their skills and add the credential of “Certified Energy Manager” (CEM) to their resume.

Use the following link for this certification opportunity:

<http://www.aeeksuchapter.org/cem/about/>

Additional Information follows:

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Ready to take the next step as an energy professional?

5 day Course
August 3rd-August 7th
8am-5pm

Join us in Atlanta for one of the most globally respected energy management certifications in the industry. Since 1985, professionals from over 100 countries have participated in AEE's approved CEM training programs. This course covers many facets of energy management and prepares students for the 4-hour CEM exam.

Location: Kennesaw State University

Professionals who benefit the most:

- Energy Engineers
 - Energy Managers
 - Building Facility Managers
 - Government Facility Managers
 - Industrial Facility Managers
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- Utility Account Managers
 - Energy Service Performance Managers
 - Energy Efficiency Consultants
 - Project Engineer
 - Resource Efficiency Managers (REMs)



Earn PDH credits and RENEW your PE license

Georgia professional engineers are required to earn 30 PDH biennially.

About this Program

After attending this program you will earn 33 Professional Development (PDH) credit hours which you are required for renewing your PE.

\$2,100 for non-members

\$1,975 for AEE members

You earn 3.3 CEU | 33 PDH | 6.6 AEE Credits for completing this program

JOB POSTINGS

HVAC System Controls Operator, Emory University

- <https://staff-emory.icims.com/jobs/45011/job>

Senior Chiller Mechanic, Emory University

- <https://staff-emory.icims.com/jobs/44845/job>

Multiple Positions, AHA Engineers

- Electrical Project Engineer
- Electrical Design
- Mechanical Project Engineer HVAC
- Mechanical Design Engineer HVAC
- <https://www.aha-engineers.com/careers/>

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