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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Atlanta Chapter Member,

We have started this new ASHRAE year with many challenges and obstacles. I am confident that this pandemic will be over soon and we need to prepare for that stage. Your Chapter officials have gone above and beyond working for you to keep things moving while raising awareness of Society-published COVID-19 preparedness resources.

This is my first month as your president and our goal is to continue hosting events and technical sessions throughout the year. We hope to continue this virtually and move to physical venues as soon it becomes safe to do so. We are planning golf, clay shooting, product show, refrigeration tour, student activities, YEA gatherings, and other events which will be formalized and announced once conditions are clear to do them as planned.

Now is the time to show your boss that you can lead and move onto the next level. If you are interested in acquiring leadership skills, I encourage you to reach out to any officers to take over one any of the open officer positions: historian, sustainability (getting involved in local communities), red and green scene (Christmas party), or Macon section representative.

Please be safe in your work and travels. If you are working from home be sure to get fresh air and sunlight every now and then as it really helps to keep going.

I welcome comments and suggestions aimed to increase membership value. Thanks!

Pedro Pacheco, Atlanta Chapter President 2020 - 2021

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Improving Indoor Air Quality in the Context of COVID-19

When: Tuesday, September 15th at 2 - 3 PM EST

Where: Virtual - [Register Here](#)

To start the 2020-2021 ASHRAE Year, Jim Crabb will be presenting on an important topic in today's climate: what can be done with HVAC systems to help combat the spread of COVID. There will be a focus on healthcare settings, but the knowledge will be highly transferrable to all building systems. Jim will cover topics ranging from filtration methods to UVGI to really give a varied outlook on steps to take to open buildings effectively.

SPEAKERS

Jim Crabb



Jim has over two decades of engineering experience and expertise. Prior to their merger with Mazzetti (January 2018), he was in the president at PerryCrabb for nearly 15 years. Jim is accredited by the US Green Building Council (LEED AP) and also carries Healthcare Facility Design Professional (HFDP) and High-Performance Building Design Professional (HBDP) certifications from ASHRAE. His memberships include the Georgia Society of Healthcare Engineers (GASHE), the American Society of Healthcare Engineers (ASHE), the Georgia Society of Hospital Engineers (GSHE) and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). He is also a member of the Health Guidelines Revision Committee of the Facilities Guidelines Institute – the group that writes the “Bible” of healthcare facility design called Guidelines for Design and Construction of Healthcare Facilities. Jim am a professional engineer registered in the states of Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Florida. He graduated with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from The Georgia Institute of Technology.

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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>

ASHRAE Continues to Provide 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. Recent updates include:

New Summaries for Schools, Polling Places

The ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force now offers short summaries of the building readiness guidance specifically adapted for two important space types this fall, schools and polling places.

[Schools Guidance English](#)

[Schools Guidance Spanish](#)
[Guidance](#)

[Polling Place](#)

ASHRAE Advocacy – Around the US & Canada

Recent examples of ASHRAE members sharing guidance from the Epidemic Task Force include:

- New Jersey: ETF Schools Team Lead Corey Metzger testified before the New Jersey Assembly Health Committee on August 7.
- New Mexico: ASHRAE Members Dean Saputa and Matt Middlebrooks, who are also members of the "Filtration and Ventilation" Team of the Epidemic Task Force, along with ASHRAE New Mexico Chapter President and Immediate Past President Frederick Earnest and Stacey Chan, respectively, participated in US Senator Martin Heinrich's virtual roundtable discussion on August 11.
- Ontario: Presidential Member David Underwood, Epidemic Task Force Schools Team Member Kyle Hasenkox, Board Member Rob, and Distinguished Lecturer Doug Cochrane, and Toronto Chapter Government Affairs Chair John Cusato met with the Halton District School Board on August 20.
- Georgia: Atlanta Chapter GAC Chair Meghan McNulty spoke at the Gwinnett County Public Schools Board of Education Meeting on August 20.

You, too, can be an advocate for ASHRAE! Feel free to share ASHRAE ETF guidance with your local school district, city council, state representative, department of health, or other government entity. If you would like to provide spoken or written testimony, contact GAC Chair [Meghan McNulty](#) for templates.

Updating Georgia Building Codes Recommended For Adoption in 2021

The State Codes Advisory Committee (SCAC) has recommended the adoption of the following codes:

- 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) with Georgia Amendments
- 2018 International Existing Building Code (IEBC) with Georgia Amendments
- 2020 National Electric Code (NEC) with no amendments

A summary of the codes and proposed Georgia Amendments can be found on the DCA website: https://www.dca.ga.gov/sites/default/files/memo-noi-synopsis-amendments_2021.pdf

These codes will be presented to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Board on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 (10:30 am, Boardroom #302, 60 Executive Park South, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329); if approved, they will be effective January 1, 2021.

Georgia Voter Information

The deadline to register to vote in this November's General Election is **October 5, 2020**. The many elections on the ballot include two of the five seats of Georgia's Public Service Commission, which ensures that consumers receive safe, reliable, and reasonably priced telecom, electric, and natural gas services.

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>

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

We hope everyone is having a great summer. The kids are heading back to school.... In some form or fashion. Many of us are still working primarily from home. All professional societies are conducting virtual meetings / annual conferences. Our family and working environments are quite different indeed. That being said we all need to maintain our profession qualification(s) which require continued education.

We encourage all of us to renew and maintain our ASHRAE membership. Society dues did increase to \$230 + \$40 for chapter dues, as of July 1, 2020. The annual membership fee is still a very modest price to pay considering the continued educational credits available. And ASHRAE, like many other professional organizations is providing more online educational opportunities than ever before. This fall you can log on from the comfort of your office or home and attend chapter meetings. We all look forward to the day when it is safe to meet again as a group. Until that day, please maintain your membership, continue to meet with us online and stay safe out there.

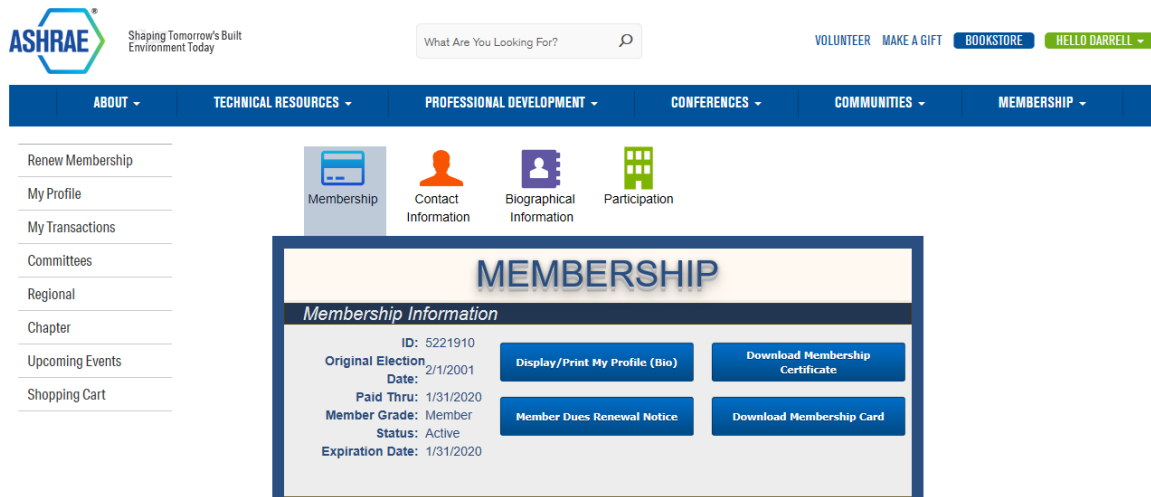
For ASHRAE to keep you informed of society announcements, educational opportunities and of course your membership status we need you to keep your profile (Bio) updated with current information. What you provide in your online profile is the only information society will contact you with. As a chapter, we utilize that same information, from society reports, to communicate with you. So please take 5 ~ 10 minutes, log onto ASHRAE.org and review / update your

Profile / Bio. We would also encourage you to include (2) email addresses, a work (primary) and a personal (secondary) email address. Just in case you have a good opportunity to change jobs, you do so quickly and not immediately focus on things such as your ASHRAE profile. This way we can still reach you through your personal email.

Updating your Bio Information on the ASHRAE Website.

Please take 5 minutes to log in at the ASHRAE Society website:
<https://www.ashrae.org/>

Log in, top right corner of the page. Under “HELLO (your name)” select “My Profile”.



You can renew your membership from here by selecting the “Membership” Icon, then select “Renew Membership”.

Select the (red) “Contact Information” icon to update your correct Email (primary & secondary), Addresses and Phone Numbers. This is how we communicate with you and is especially important we have the correct information so we can keep you informed of everything including your membership status. You can also establish an “alias email” at the bottom of this screen.

Select the (Purple) “Biographical Information” icon and update your Bio information. This is how society determines years of service, Education completed, licenses held, Honors and Awards, all which benefit you for membership advancement, society level Awards and Recognition! Help us to help you by keeping your personal and professional information updated!

Finally, on Aug 21st in the ASHRAE August Chapter Notes, a new development that will help many of us to automatically renew our annual memberships.



ASHRAE Membership Automatic Renewal Program

An easier way to renew your ASHRAE membership.

Starting August 1, members who use a debit or credit card to pay membership dues will be automatically enrolled in the ASHRAE Automatic Renewal Program. **You can opt out by unchecking the enrollment box.** When your membership comes up for renewal again, ASHRAE will automatically charge your dues to your credit card, so you'll save the time and hassle of keeping your membership up to date. Here is what you should know:

You can cancel or edit your automatic renewal payment method at any time by visiting autorenew.ashrae.org, by calling ASHRAE Customer Service at **404-636-8400**, or by updating your member profile through logging into ashrae.org.

When your membership comes up for renewal, we will alert you via email prior to charging your card with the date and amount your card will be charged.

If you have any questions, please contact ASHRAE Customer Service at **404-636-8400** or email cservice@ashrae.org.

We look forward to joining you at an upcoming “virtual chapter meeting”.

Darrell Sandlin – MP Chair

Tyler Skidgel – MP CoChair

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