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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Member,

Many of us are deeply immersed into our day-to-day work and forget that we have easy access to technical resources to refresh or increase our knowledge, skills, and abilities. With this in mind, did you know that a portion of these benefits are available around the clock and even for free? Yes, that's right, even for free!

For example, we have a Free Resources web page that can make your work easier through apps, software, standards-related publications, code-related publications, research tools, catalogs, and guides such as the commissioning guide, and new-energy-future guide to inform us about current energy trends.

Another example includes the offline Tech Hour videos that can be viewed on demand in order to complete any PDH requirements to renew your license.

Chapter-wise, we will continue to have virtual meetings and hope to transition to in-person once safe to do so in the fall. In the meantime, our virtual event topics will continue to be relevant to emerging trends or technical refreshers. As always, our aim is to help you expand your knowledge and skills in this great industry.

For those adventurous members I am happy to inform that our Clay Shooting event held on March 12th was another success thanks to our RP team. It is amazing to see their hard work paying off by continuing safe and fun networking opportunities during these unprecedented times.

For those looking into changing roles it is always a good idea to check our Job

Board for awareness of current market trends no matter where you are on the career ladder.

Our new Chapter year will be starting soon, so we are looking for members ready to expand their leadership which are in demand by managing positions. You can develop these skills by helping our fellow members as Chapter Chairs, Co-chairs, or simply volunteering and getting involved at local events. It has been highly motivating and profitable for many members.

I'll let the team share more of our good news in the articles included below. Please continue being safe in your work and travels.

Thanks!

Pedro Pacheco,

Atlanta Chapter President 2020 - 2021

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

APRIL 2021 CHAPTER MEETING

Join us for a virtual chapter meeting!

TBA

When: Tuesday, April 13th, TBA
Where: Virtual Meeting

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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 Announces Task Force for Building Decarbonization

ASHRAE recently formed a task force to address climate change through responsible decarbonization strategies for the built environment:

https://www.ashrae.org/about/news/2021/ashrae-forms-task-force-for-building-decarbonization

Join the ASHRAE Atlanta GAC Task Force

Our chapter has a GAC Task Force! Would you like to meet virtually with your state or federal legislators? Share ETF guidance with schools? Help a local government understand the latest changes in Standard 90.1? Sign up for our next virtual meeting: **Mon, April 12th 1:30 – 2 pm**.

Day on the Hill is now Virtual, and up to you! No previous advocacy experience necessary. Come to our April meeting, or contact GAC Chair Meghan McNulty meghan.mcnulty@servidyne.com to learn more.

REGISTER HERE

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) to host virtual workshop on “Emerging Science on Indoor Chemistry and Implications, ” April 5, 2021

On Monday, April 5th, NASEM will hold a full day of presentations and panel discussions on a variety of indoor chemistry issues, including emerging sensor technologies, modeling indoor air chemical exposures, and connections to human health and housing-related disparities.

ASHRAE Past-President and Epidemic Task Force Chair Bill Bahnfleth will co-chair the afternoon panel discussion on data gaps and research needs. For a preview of the workshop's agenda and to register, visit: https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/04-05-2021/emerging-science-on-indoor-chemistry-workshop-1-day-1

Georgia Building Codes – Amendment Subcommittee Meetings

Georgia is not considering any major code version updates in 2021, but amendments to existing building codes can be proposed and reviewed every year. Two subcommittees of the State Codes Advisory Committee reviewing proposed amendments during public meetings, now virtual. Upcoming meetings:

- Residential, Building, and Energy Codes Subcommittee: April 14th, May 4th, May 25th
- Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Codes Subcommittee: April 22nd, May 6th, May 27th

Meetings generally start at 10 am. Email Jim Reynolds Jim.Reynolds@dca.ga.gov for the meeting link. All resources for the current code amendment process, including agendas, minutes, and future meeting dates, can be found on the DCA's website: https://www.dca.ga.gov/node/6988

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SUSTAINABILITY

The Sustainability Committee organizes ASHRAE members to develop chapter programs or chapter sponsored educational seminars, chapter sponsored community sustainability projects, and grassroots programs for the betterment of the local community. Check out ASHRAE's Community Sustainability Project program: https://www.ashrae.org/communities/chapters/ashrae-chapters/ashrae-community-sustainability-projects

Building Readiness

The ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force has issued updated recommendations to combat the spread of infectious airborne diseases in commercial buildings. "The Building Readiness Guide includes additional information and clarifications to assist designers and commissioning providers in performing pre- or post-occupancy flush calculations to reduce the time and energy to clear spaces of contaminants between occupancy periods," said Wade Conlan, ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force Building Readiness team lead.

The health and safety of building occupants and operations personnel is always the primary consideration in the Building Readiness Guide. In addition to health and safety measures, the ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force has included important energy savings considerations. These energy savings strategies cover operating guidelines for buildings that are experiencing temporary reduced occupancies and closures, as well as systems control optimization and energy-efficient operating

guidance. Please reference the **Energy Savings Considerations** portion of the Building Readiness Guide for recommendations on appropriate energy savings strategies for re-opening.

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MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

WELCOME our new Atlanta Chapter members who have joined in the month of February!

- Davis Jensen Adler
- Sarah Elizabeth Odom
- Marcus Shearn
- David W Jolly
- Michael J Cuccinello
- Lucy Ann Rittenberg
- Krunal M Patel
- George Emmanuel Fragulis
- Michael Glenn Fountain
- Kelly Kuettner

Congratulations to the following members advancing from Associate to Full Member level!

- Mr. Kasey Mitchell
- Mr. Brian Walker

MP By the Numbers

- YTD Total chapter membership is 922.
- Have welcomed a total of 56 new members since July 1, 2020.
- On March 1st we have 73 members with memberships past due from 1 to 6 months.
- (keep in mind at the end of 6 months, those past due memberships are “cancelled” by ASHRAE society and the member will no longer receive electronic communications from society)
- Please take 10 minutes, log onto ASHRAE.org review your membership status, renew if its time and you can, then update your Contact/Bio information.

MARCH FUN TRIVIA

A two-part trivia quest for March,

1. Name the 2021-22 ASHRAE Society President Elect?
2. And where does this person call home?

First correct response(s) submitted / return email wins a $10 gift card to Chick-fil-A.

(Unfortunately, no responses were submitted for the February trivia question, which was a little challenging.)

In 1902, what was the driving factor behind the invention of the Air Conditioner?

Willis Carrier again to the rescue for the printing industry providing a solution to keep the paper from expanding and the ink from running.

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JOB POSTINGS

CDC Now Hiring Mechanical Engineering, Energy Engineering, Controls Engineering Positions in the Atlanta Campus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is growing its facility portfolio with lab buildings and large office buildings, and must fill 3 to 5 open engineering positions in its Engineering, Maintenance and Operations Service Office. All positions are located in Atlanta, near Emory University.

All positions are full-time permanent career-track positions. All positions are within the GS-13 pay grade ($97,078 to $131,337 in 2021).

The CDC has present authority to hire 3 engineers, and near future authority to hire 2 more engineers. The CDC is looking to fill the following engineering roles:

- 1 energy engineer
- 2 mechanical engineers
- 2 controls engineers

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