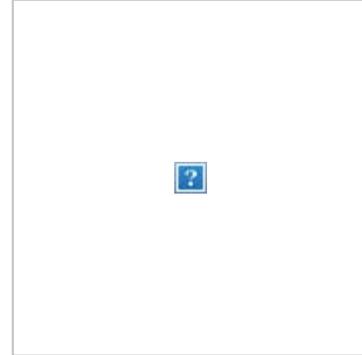
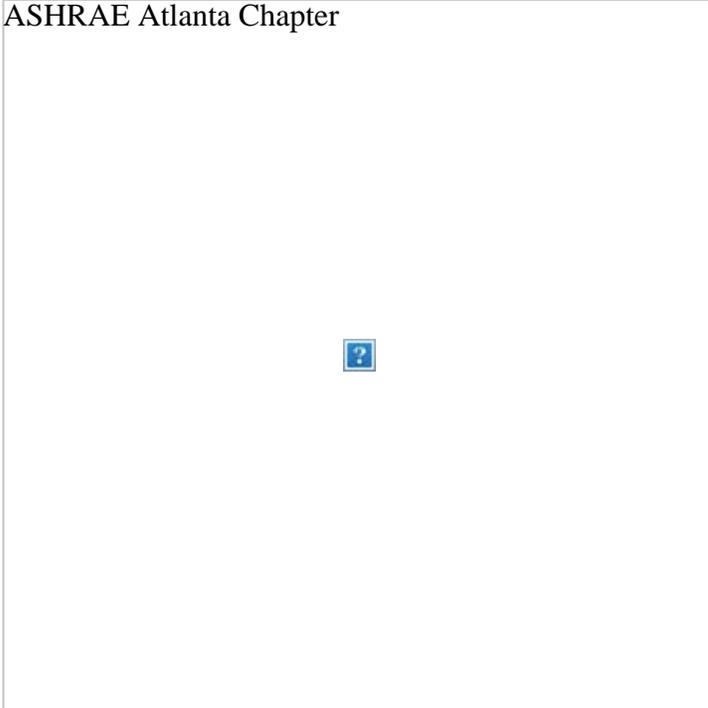


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### GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Government Affairs Committee encourages ASHRAE members to share their technical expertise with government officials on issues relating to the HVAC&R industry.

### Georgia Building Codes – 2023 Amendments Process

Georgia Building Code Amendment subcommittee meetings will be held at the Dept of Community Affairs office (Boardroom 302, 60 Executive Park South NE, Atlanta, GA 30329). All are welcome to attend, masks are encouraged. Details: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/node/7799>. DCA Staff: [jim.reynolds@dca.ga.gov](mailto:jim.reynolds@dca.ga.gov) for ERB or [christian.poulos@dca.ga.gov](mailto:christian.poulos@dca.ga.gov) for PMG.

- Energy, Residential, and Building (ERB) Amendments Subcommittee – 10 am on Tuesdays: May 3, May 24<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup> (and Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, if needed)
- Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas (PMG) Amendments Subcommittee – 10 am on Thursdays: May 5<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup> (and Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, if needed)

The State Codes Advisory Committee will reconvene on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am at the DCA office to review the proposed amendments from the subcommittees.

## **Webinar: Let's Clear the Air: An OSTP Discussion on COVID and Clean Indoor Air**

In late March, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) convened a group of experts to discuss the science behind clean indoor air in a webinar:

Over the past century we have made astonishing gains in public health by focusing on the basics of clean water, food safety, sanitation and clean outdoor air. But not as much on clean indoor air. Our experience with the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated clean indoor air is a vital part of our pandemic preparedness toolkit and our public health toolkit. Taking steps to have cleaner indoor air, which can be achieved by improving the ventilation, strengthening air filtration, and disinfecting air, will not only improve health and well-being now, it is an investment that will benefit future generations and improve people's long-term health.

A [recording](#) and [transcript](#) are now available. More information on the federal government's efforts to [improve ventilation and filtration can be found here](#).

## **White House Launches *Clean Air in Buildings Challenge***

The White House launched a new initiative to promote ventilation and filtration as key tools to prevent economic and educational shutdowns from COVID-19 and future pandemics. The [Clean Air in Buildings Challenge](#)

has four components: create a plan, optimize ventilation, enhance filtration, and share what you've done.

### **Do you know a building that is up to the *Challenge*?**

The Atlanta Chapter would like to recognize local buildings that meet the *Clean Air in Buildings Challenge*. Owner, operator, vendor, consultant – if you've done any of the items on the *Challenge* checklist, you can be featured in our **Clean Air**

*in Buildings Showcase!* Email the [GAC Chair](#) with a brief description of your project. You'll have the opportunity to share your building's story at an upcoming Chapter meeting.

## Upcoming GAC Task Force Meetings

Our Chapter's GAC Task Force will hold its final meeting of the society year on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-1:30 pm. All are welcome. Sign up on the Chapter website, and you'll receive a link to the Teams meeting.

ASHRAE's Government Affairs Committee is hosting Office Hours for all ASHRAE Members (globally, not just Georgia) on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 3:30 pm. This 30-minute open forum offers an opportunity to meet some of ASHRAE's Government Affairs Committee members, ask questions, and discuss challenges and successes related to government outreach. ASHRAE members who would like to attend but have not yet received the calendar invitation can contact Government Affairs staff at [GovAffairs@ashrae.org](mailto:GovAffairs@ashrae.org) for more information.

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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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## HISTORY

Dear Members,

I'm Joelon Chinn, your Chapter Historian. I had the pleasure of talking to Mr. John K McFarland. I am very grateful that he was so willing to share his ASHRAE history with me. I could not possibly capture his passion and appreciation for ASHRAE. I would like to encourage you to ask him questions next time he shows up to a meeting at an event. Be prepared to take a lot of notes! Thank him for sharing.

Bio information:

ASHRAE Member Since January 31, 1999, Chapter Service Award 2008

Working Buildings, LLC Principal since January 2002

Georgia Institute of Technology grad 1992

JC: During your membership what volunteer roles have you held?

JM: Student Chapter President, Student Activities Chair, Historian, Programs Chair, Chapter Secretary, Chapter Treasurer, Chapter President Elect and Chapter President.

JC: Did you have any favorite roles?

JM: The Student Activities was the most rewarding to work with students by helping them learn the industry, connecting them with professionals and even getting jobs for some.

JC: What was ASHRAE like when you started?

JM: Incredible and very experienced and intelligent people with a "pay it forward" attitude. Local industry giants like Tom Barrow and Frank Stark were very engaged and the chapter had great meetings.

JC: What was your favorite contribution to the ASHRAE chapter?

JM: During the Chapter President year there were big changes made to increase engagement of the meetings. Mr. McFarland inspired the board to make a concerted effort to get more engineers at all meetings. Mr. McFarland went to local Consulting Executives to ask what did younger engineers need to learn about? Meetings were then focused on the topics that were suggested. All meetings were changed to lunch time as well and the cost were lowered. These changes produced approximately 120 people each meeting.

JC: Were you involved on a regional or society level?

JM: Mr. McFarland was a part of the premiere National Standard 62 committee

from 1997 to 2010. This committee had some of the smartest people in the industry and Standard 62 has made a tremendous impact to the design of buildings and society.

JC: Any historical events or things that happened in the within ASHRAE that you recall and want to share?

JM: Pat McCade led a night meeting on September 11, 2001. This dinner meeting was intense and emotional, but the group was proud still get together.

JC: What do you see at the #1 problem ASHRAE needs to solve today, to prepare us for tomorrow?

JM: Keep the young professionals men and women involved and showing up to meetings. When people under 30 start with ASHRAE they tend to stay engaged throughout their career. Also use Holiday parties and ideas to partner with other organizations for joint events that could get architects and engineers together.

Thank you to Mr. McFarland. We appreciate you sharing your knowledge, wisdom and experience.

## **Interview with Bob Suggs**

1. *How long have you been an ASHRAE member?*

**I am now a 50 year member**

2. *During your membership what volunteer roles have you held, did you have any favorites?*

**Chapter offices and President Atlanta Chapter 1983. Society Education Committee and Program Committee**

3. *What was ASHRAE like when you started?*

**Much smaller and very much proactive as members served in vital positions**

4. *What is your professional work experience, and what is your area of focus today? If retired, what activities do you enjoy filling your time with now?*

**I have been in consulting HVAC, PLG & Electrical Design and still active**

5. *Why did you stay involved in ASHRAE?*

**I felt a need to give back to a Society that gave me so much in the way of learning the business**

6. *Do you keep up with the Chapter/Region/Society as a whole?*

**Not as much as I have in the past, but yes**

7. *Any key historical events or things that happened in the past within ASHRAE that you recall or want to share?*

**I witnessed the transition to a computerized age from hand drawing and printed literature**

8. *What do you see as the #1 problem ASHRAE needs to solve today, to prepare us for tomorrow?*

**Appeal to students and promote the design professional in this industry.**

9. *How important has ASHRAE been in your career?*

**Extremely useful in the early learning years, now I can teach it**

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