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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Central Arkansas

Date: Wednesday, September 2

Location: Camp Aldersgate

Cost: \$15 / Each Person

Schedule:

10:30am Board Meeting

11:30am Tech Session

11:45am Lunch

12:00-1:00pm Program - Shared Savings /
Performance Contracting

Northwest Arkansas

Date: Thursday, September 3

Location: AQ Chicken, Springdale

Cost: ~\$12 / Each Person

Schedule:

11:30am Lunch

12:00-1:00pm Program - Shared Savings /
Performance Contracting

The President's Message

By Chris Ahne

A new year is underway in the Arkansas Chapter of ASHRAE. The new board and committee chairs have already had two planning meetings in preparation for the upcoming year. The goals and plans for this year are to repeat the performance of the previous year and to do a few additional things that will continue to bring exceptional value to our members.

Many of you may already know that our chapter was honored with several awards at the Chapter Regional Conference (CRC) in Lubbock. We'll be recognizing these accomplishments at our first chapter meeting. We received several high honors including the Golden Gavel, which is given to the best chapter in Region VIII. That is a tremendous accomplishment by our past-President Kim Koch, who has set the bar really high for the upcoming year! We will also recognize Kim at the September meeting and honor her for leading the chapter last year.

Knowing our previous performance, my planning meeting with the Region VIII Director and Regional Chair, Ken Fulk about the goals for the Arkansas Chapter was simply to duplicate the success of last year. I'm really pleased with the group of officers and committee chairs working along side of me this year. Their enthusiasm to provide great value to our members makes me believe that a repeat performance of the previous year's accomplishment is possible.

One of my goals this year is to increase the number of volunteers in the grass roots committees, so that our chapter has strong leadership for years to come. If you know of someone who has leadership skills or needs to develop leadership skills, please encourage that individual to seek out opportunities with our ASHRAE chapter. If you are looking for a good reason to be involved in ASHRAE, can we entice you with the opportunity for international travel? The '09-10 CRC is in Monterrey Mexico in April. We encourage all of our chapter leaders to attend the CRC for training workshops and it just so happens that the CRC is in Monterrey. Look for more information to follow about the CRC.

Another one of my goals this year is to involve more of our younger members in activities for Young Engineers in ASHRAE. YEA is defined as members who are 35 years old and younger. Two-time chapter scholarship recipient Mark Mizell has agreed to coordinate YEA activities. Mark intends to promote a monthly Fluids Seminar where our young members can network and socialize.

I'm looking forward to another great year for Arkansas ASHRAE. If you have comments or suggestions for services that can provide more value to our members, please contact me at cahne@trane.com.

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Month	Meeting Topic	Speaker	Section	Date	Location	Meeting Designation
Sept	Shared Savings/ Performance Contracting	Tim Staley Comfort Systems USA Energy Services	Central	09/02/09	Camp Aldersgate	
			NWA	09/03/09	AQ Chicken	
Oct	Integrated Project Delivery	Mark Beach CDI Construction Co	Central	10/07/09	Camp Aldersgate	Joint Meeting with AIA
			NWA	10/08/09	AQ Chicken	
Nov	Laboratory Ventilation	Tony Rossi Greenheck Fan Corporation	Central	11/04/09	Camp Aldersgate	
			NWA	11/05/09	AQ Chicken	
Dec	Tour UAMS West Central Energy Plant	NA	Central	12/02/09	7th & Palm Streets	Refrigeration
	TBD		TBD	12/03/09	TBD	
Jan	ACT 1494	Chris Benson AR Dept. of Energy	Central	01/06/10	Camp Aldersgate	Government Affairs
			NWA	01/07/10	AQ Chicken	
Feb	ASHREA Standard 170 Healthcare Ventilation	TBD	Central	02/03/10	Camp Aldersgate	
			NWA	02/04/10	AQ Chicken	
Mar	Commissioning For Sustainability	Tom Hanlon	Central	03/03/10	Camp Aldersgate	Sustainability
			NWA	03/04/10	AQ Chicken	

Have you changed jobs recently?

If so, you probably need to update your Biographical Information with the Society.

You can navigate to the Biographical Record System through the membership section on ASHRAE's website, www.ashrae.org, or the following URL: <http://xp20.ashrae.org/bio/>

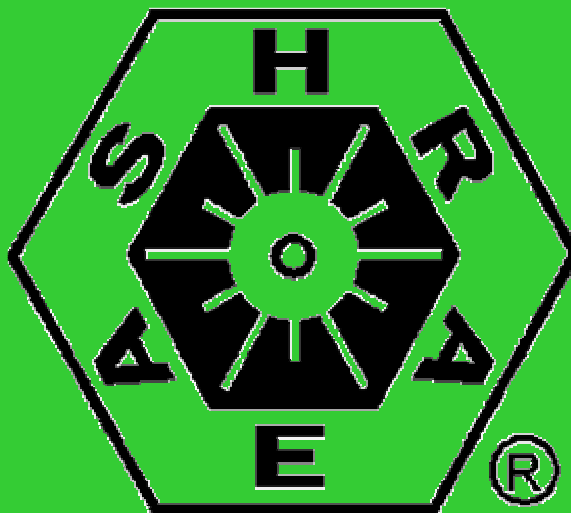
Planning Meeting of July 30, 2009

Officers and Board Members Present

Chris Ahne, President
Steve Keen, President-elect/CTTC
Marc White, Treasurer
Bill Simpson, Secretary
Kim Koch, BOG
Charles Wetzler, BOG
Steve Titus, CRC Delegate

Committee Chairs Present

Forrest Moseley, Student Activities Chair
Lee Greeson, Newsletter Editor
Joel Funkhouser, Membership
Micah Spahn, Membership Co-chair
Terry Jacks, Reception
AD Agalheir, Website

Board Meeting Minutes

Chris Ahne called the meeting to order and recapped many of the awards our Chapter received at CRC. Chris also explained the Presidential Award of Excellence (PAOE) points system for rating chapters.

Bill Harrison, Society Past President, stopped in to offer a few observations and insights about ASHRAE. Bill praised the Arkansas Chapter and thanked those in attendance for contributing to an important cause. Bill reasoned that Region VIII invests about \$5 million per year in time and money of which it wouldn't be a stretch to claim that the Arkansas Chapter is responsible for at least 1/10 or about \$500,000. He then explained how ASHRAE delivers value for that sizable investment. His list of ASHRAE benefits included employers getting the first look at the best and brightest engineering students, members developing their leadership skills as they move through the chapter chairs, and of course the valuable technical content presented at tech sessions, programs, seminars and broadcasts. Bill summarized the value of ASHRAE by asserting 'you get what you put in' and attributed much of his success in business to his involvement in ASHRAE on all levels. In conclusion, Bill highlighted the activities of ASHRAE on a society level explaining that the main focus right now is to take energy out of buildings and to move toward net zero and that the focus going forward will also be to develop cheap and reliable sources of renewable energy.

Chris reminded everyone that the upcoming CRC will be in Monterrey, Mexico and strongly encouraged everyone to attend. Steve Titus echoed the importance of attending CRC citing the leadership training, the opportunity to direct our society by making motions at the business meeting, and networking with other professionals as a few reasons to go.

Chris solicited the meeting attendees to develop the following list of the Arkansas Chapter's strengths and challenges.

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Strengths: organization/MBO; meeting attendance; technical content of programs; generosity (time and money); newsletter; volunteerism; social functions; investment in student activities (scholarships and student membership dues); the NW Section

Challenges: membership delinquencies, renewal and growth; involvement of principals at engineering firms; broadcasting and advertising of chapter events/relevant communication; individual donations; other social activities besides the golf tournament

Chris demonstrated the Chapter Buddy software including the software's features for exporting e-mail lists, generating letters (such as one to remind delinquent members to renew their membership), generating rosters, etc. The cost of the software is \$75. Kim Koch made a motion to purchase the software and Steve Titus seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Chris reviewed last year's PAOE point totals by committee and encouraged committee chairs to coordinate their plans for the year with their respective Regional Vice-chairs (RVCs). Committee chairs broke into groups to set goals, budget needs and schedules.

Upon reconvening, Chris summarized the action items to be completed before the next planning meeting. Those included finding a research promotion chair for Northwest Arkansas (Chris Ahne), setting the topics for this year's programs (Steve Keen), e-mailing chapter leadership contacts (Chris Ahne), e-mail current budget (Marc White) and contacting respective RVCs (committee chairs).

Chris announced that the next planning meeting will be August 11 and the first Central Arkansas Chapter Meeting will be September 2.

WANT TO GET A FREE MEAL???

THEN GO PRE-PAID!!!

With the pre-paid meals program you get 9 meetings and meals for the price of 8.

This program also helps the local chapter by reducing postage cost for invoicing and reducing the volunteer time needed for invoicing and collections.

If you would like to pre-pay or have any questions about the program please contact Steve Keen skeen@powersar.com.



Future ASHRAE Meetings:

**2010 ASHRAE Winter Meeting
January 23-27, 2010
Orlando, FL**

**2010 Region VIII CRC
April 22-24, 2010
Monterrey, Mexico**

**2010 ASHRAE Annual Conference
June 26-30, 2010
Albuquerque, NM**

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