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President's Message

Dear Nebraska ASHRAE Members,

I want to begin the March newsletter by congratulating Verne Simmons for winning our Student Dodgeball Tournament Fundraiser in February. Not only did Verne Simmons take home the champions trophy, our chapter raised \$2500 toward our student scholarships. Each year we fund four, \$1000 scholarships available to members of our student chapters in Omaha and Lincoln. I want to thank all teams, the court sponsors, beverage sponsors, and raffle prize sponsors. You all contributed to making this a successful event. The money raised at the Dodgeball Tournament helps us maintain our scholarship program and encourage students to pursue careers in the HVAC&R industry.

We are very fortunate this month to have an ASHRAE Distinguished lecturer speaking at both our Omaha and Lincoln meetings. Christopher McDonald will be discussing IAQ & Mold: Legal Issues and Liability Concerns for Engineers. We all have great technical engineering backgrounds from our schooling and work experience, but understanding legal issues in our industry can be something of a mystery. Mr. McDonald will help address these legal concerns and help us understand how we can better protect ourselves from potential litigation.

This spring members should keep a look out for upcoming information on advertising in our Product Directory and updated information on our golf outing. Please feel free to contact myself with any questions concerning the chapter our upcoming events.

Best Regards,

Kim Cowman
Nebraska ASHRAE President 2011-2012

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Next Month:

- Articles for next month are due by **Apr. 3, 2012**
- Please send to:
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30th Annual Alpha Omega Event

You're invited to:

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Round table discussion with:

Corp of Engineers Jody Farhat
Council Bluffs City Engineer Matt Cox
Cargill (To be announced)

Monday March 12, 2012

Anthony's Steakhouse, 7220 F Street, Omaha
5:30-6:00 Cocktails
6:00-7:30 Discussion
7:30-8:30 Dinner

Reservations are required.

Sarah Banks at SGH sbanks@sghinc.com

Cost: \$20 per person

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About CSI

The Construction Specifications Institute is a nationwide non-profit technical organization dedicated to the improvement of specifications and building practices in the construction industry through service, education and research. The society is dedicated to continuing education through the free interchange of information and experience throughout the construction industry. The members consist of specifiers, architects, engineers, contractors, building materials suppliers and others involved in commercial and institutional building design and construction. Our local chapter meets once a month.

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A N I N T E R N A T I O N A L O R G A N I Z A T I O N

Omaha Meeting – Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Location: Anthony's Steakhouse, 7220 F Street, Omaha, NE 68127
Check-in: 11:30 a.m. (Please arrive early to facilitate serving meals)
Lunch: To be served prior to 12:00 p.m.
Menu: Club Sirloin **\$21.00**
Chicken Cordon Bleu **\$16.00**
Grilled Salmon **\$16.00**
Topic: IAQ & Mold: Legal Issues and Liability Concerns for Engineers
Speaker: Chris McDonald, ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer

Pre-registration for this meeting would be GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

Reservation required by Friday, Mar. 9, 2012:

Nick Mandel, Specialized Engineering
nmandel@specializedeng.com

Omaha's Featured March ASHRAE Speaker

Christopher M. McDonald is a partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P., a law firm headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri. He has been with the firm for over twenty years engaged in the practice of law focusing on toxic tort, environmental, regulatory and indoor air quality issues. He also focuses on advising clients relating to litigation avoidance and preparedness. Much of his work deals with complex scientific and technical issues. Chris also is the division managing partner for the firm's General Litigation Division which includes lawyers from various diverse practice groups including Tort, Environmental, Toxic Tort, Intellectual Property, Public Policy and Business Litigation and Commercial Services. He also serves on the firm's Executive Committee. Chris is an associate ASHRAE member

and has served on ASHRAE TC's and other committees including the Ad Hoc Presidential Committee on Homeland Security and TC 1.7 Business Management and General Legal Education which he formerly chaired. He has also served with the group that prepared ASHRAE's initial position paper on mold and moisture management.

Mr. McDonald has authored numerous articles and given numerous presentations on issues relating to liability for indoor air quality problems and mold contamination and steps to take to avoid liability for such problems. He has also presented on issues relating to information management and discovery in civil litigations as it relates to engineering practices.

LECTURE TOPICS:

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Mold: Legal Issues and Liability Concerns for Engineers and Related Industry Professional

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Future Omaha Chapter Meetings

April 10	UNO Student Chapter Meeting	11:45 @ Anthony's
May 8	Downtown Omaha Energy	11:45 @ Anthony's
June	ASHRAE Golf Outing	T.B.D.



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Lincoln Meeting – Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Location: Valentino's, 35th & Holdrege, Lincoln
Check-in: Noon (Please arrive early to facilitate serving meals)
Lunch: To be served prior to 12:00 p.m.
Menu: Buffet **\$13.00**
Topic: IAQ & Mold: Legal Issues and Liability Concerns for Engineers
Speaker: Chris McDonald, ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer

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Reservation required by Monday, Mar. 12, 2012: Mike Barry, Black Hills Corp
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Future Lincoln Chapter Meetings

April 11	Selecting the Correct Fan	Noon @ Valentino's
May 9	Tim Wentz	Noon @ Valentino's

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Topic: What was learned from the flood of 2011?

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DINNER MEETING

LOCATION: Anthony's Steakhouse, 7220 F Street, Omaha

WHEN: Monday, March 12, 2012

TIME: Social 5:30 p.m.

Presentation 6:00 p.m.

Dinner approximately 7:00 p.m.

COST: \$20.00 (Students \$10.00)

Reservations requested by 4:00 p.m. on Friday March 9th to:

Sarah Banks @ SGH, Inc. 402-493-9393 or e-mail sbanks@sghinc.com

When making your reservation please clarify for CSI Dinner Meeting and or the Board meeting.



BOARD MEETING INFO

Friday, March 9th at noon. Location: SGH, Inc. 742 North 109th Court (bldg North of Settle Inn). All are welcome! Please RSVP to Sarah Banks at sbanks@sghinc.com

