

# THE REGISTER

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## President's Message

Dear Nebraska ASHRAE Members:

Wow! What a busy month February was! Thank you to everyone who supported our Annual **Dodgeball Tournament** on **February 9<sup>th</sup>**! A BIG thank you to our Membership Chair, Jake Kopocis, for organizing this event! We raised enough money to fund at least 2 student scholarships! Please congratulate the following teams:

**Just for Fun: Specialized Engineering Solutions**

**For the Glory: Verne Simmonds**

**Dead Last: Gartner & Associates**

We had great attendance for our February meetings with **2012-2013 ASHRAE Society President, Tom Watson** speaking at each meeting! Thank you to all the members and Past Chapter Presidents for attending the meeting and giving President Watson such a great welcome to Nebraska!

Join me in congratulating **David Yuill** and **Tim Wentz**, for being honored with ASHRAE's Distinguished Service Award! I would also like to thank them for their many years of service and dedication to ASHRAE. The award presentation will take place at the Society's Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.

Plan to watch the ASHRAE Webcast on "**Assessing Building Energy Performance: From Principles to Practice**" on **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. **The local Trane office has generously offered to host the webcast!**

If you are interested in getting involved with our chapter, we have several opportunities and some committee co-chair positions available. Please contact me if you are interested and if you have any questions or comments, [rmeyersick@schemmer.com](mailto:rmeyersick@schemmer.com).

Thank you for supporting ASHRAE!

Sincerely,

Renee Meyersick

Nebraska Chapter of ASHRAE President 2012-2013

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### Chapter Officers:

#### President

Renee Meyersick

#### President Elect

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#### Secretary

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## Chapter Chairpersons:

### Membership Promotion

Jake Kapocis  
Chris Hawk

### Research Promotion

Shaun Nienhueser  
Matt Sargent

### Student Activities

Scott Murray

### Chapter Technology Transfer & Omaha Programs

Jake Schanzmeyer  
Dustin Brand

### Lincoln Programs

Mike Barry

### E-Commerce

Eric Granzow

### Historian

Jim Ellis

### Reception

Nick Mandel

### UNO Student Chapter

Lily Wang

### UNL Student Chapter & Chapter Website

Tim Wentz

### Special Events

Rob Harper

### Newsletter

Nick Decker  
Ben Schmitt

### Librarian

Bill Wieseler

## Construction Specifications Institute Event

The Nebraska Chapter of CSI is holding a panel discussion at its March meeting on "The Risks and Rewards of Delegated Design". This is a subject that touches all the construction trades from project start to finish. All of the CSI meetings are open to any interested parties and not just members. This topic will be of special interest to your organization and we encourage your members to attend. Would you please forward this information to your membership? We greatly appreciate it and thank you.

CSI Alpha Omega Event

Panel discussion on the "Risks & Rewards of Delegated Design"

Where: Anthony's, 7220 "F" Street, Omaha, NE

When: March 11, 2013

Time: Social 5:30-6:00

Dinner 6:00-7:00

Meeting 7:00-8:30

Cost: \$20 dinner

RSVP by 3/7/13: Sarah Banks @ 402-494-9393 or e-mail [sbanks@sghinc.com](mailto:sbanks@sghinc.com)

### CSI's Mission Statement

"The Construction Specifications Institute advances the process of creating and sustaining the built environment for the benefit of the construction community by using the diversity of its members to exchange knowledge."



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## Young Engineers in ASHRAE

# YEA Member News

*Please encourage the YEA members in your area to apply for the following opportunities:*

### Applications now being accepted: Leadership U

Do you know of any YEA Members who would be interested in learning about the roles and responsibilities of ASHRAE Leaders? Through Leadership U (offered by the YEA Institute), a handful of YEA members will be selected for the [2013 ASHRAE Annual Conference in Denver, CO](#) to be matched up with Society Officers and participate in all of their events, board meetings, and social activities.

Leadership U not only allows YEA members to experience a conference like an Officer, but it is also a great opportunity to network and form connections with those active in ASHRAE. If selected to participate in Leadership U, the costs of attending the Conference (transportation, lodging and registration) will be covered by ASHRAE.

**Criteria:** All applicants must be ASHRAE members and 35 years of age or younger as of June 30, 2013.

**Deadline:** All applications must be received by the close of business Monday, March 18, 2013.

[Apply Now for  
Leadership U](#)

### Applications now being accepted: YEA Scholarship for HVAC Design Essentials Workshop

Presented by the ASHRAE Learning Institute, the [HVAC Design Essentials Training](#) allows attendees to gain the fundamentals and technical aspects to design, install and maintain HVAC systems. To encourage attendance by young professional ASHRAE members, the YEA Institute offers one full scholarship for attendance to the HVAC Design: Level I – Essentials training. The full cost of registration to Level I of this workshop will be covered by ASHRAE. Training that will be held June 3-5, 2013 at ASHRAE Headquarters, Foundation Learning Center.

**Criteria:** All applicants must be ASHRAE members and 35 years of age or younger as of June 30, 2013 (student members are not eligible). Applicants will be reviewed based on contribution to the industry, ASHRAE involvement and career goals.

**Deadline:** Please complete the scholarship application by Monday, April 1, 2013.

[Apply Now for the  
YEA Scholarship](#)

If you have any questions about Leadership U or the YEA Scholarship, please contact Rhiannon Loomis at [rloomis@ashrae.org](mailto:rloomis@ashrae.org) or 678-539-1178.



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## Second Annual AEI/ASHRAE Conference



Second Annual AEI/ASHRAE Expo 2013-Omaha, NE

MARCH 6, 2013

[Vendor and attendee registration is open](#)

[Early vendor registration ends January 10<sup>th</sup>](#)

To register and attend any of the sessions [click here](#).

The event is sponsored by the Nebraska Chapters of AEI and ASHRAE and will be held at Embassy Suites Omaha-La Vista Conference Center.

The **AEI/ASHRAE Expo** is a one day event. The event consists of a 20 technical sessions on different building systems, technologies and applications. In addition to the technical presentations throughout the day, there will be a large central exposition with product representatives showing products and services for a wide variety of building materials and technologies. Continuing education credits are available to session attendees.

For those not attending technical sessions, the expo floor will be available to free of charge

For more information you can visit the website at [www.aei-ashraexpo.org](http://www.aei-ashraexpo.org) or email us at [info@aei-ashraexpo.org](mailto:info@aei-ashraexpo.org)

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## Omaha Meeting – Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

- 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**  
**Topics:** Facilities Management  
**Speaker:** Ken Hansen, Asst Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management and Planning UNMC

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

**Reservation required by Monday, Mar. 11, 2013:** Nick Mandel, Specialized Engineering  
[nmandel@specializedeng.com](mailto:nmandel@specializedeng.com)

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## Omaha Featured Speaker

Ken Hansen is the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management and Planning at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Ken is a registered professional engineer in the State of Nebraska with a bachelor’s in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and a master’s degree in business administration from The University of Nebraska at Omaha. Ken’s responsibility at UNMC includes Architectural Engineering, Architectural Planning, Facilities Operations, and Campus Construction. Prior to 2005, Ken worked for the Omaha Public Power District over a period of 29 years in a variety of positions related to Facilities Management and Energy Services.

### Presentation Topic:

Presentation will discuss the following:

- Process of making a decision to enter into a campus optimization and chiller plant upgrade
- What challenges were being faced by the facilities group prior to the upgrades
- Upgrades that were made to the facilities and central plant
- Financing and the relationship/partnership with the Nebraska Energy Office
- Local Utility Partnerships
- Preliminary results

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## Future Omaha Chapter Meetings

Apr. 9 <sup>th</sup>	UNO Student Chapter Meeting	11:45 @ Anthony’s
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Facility Tour – TBD	TBD
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	ASHRAE Golf Outing	Iron Horse



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## Lincoln Meeting – Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Location:** Valentino's, 35<sup>th</sup> & 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** **Please note new price!**  
**Topic:** The Future of our Industry and ASHRAE's Role  
**Speaker:** Timothy Wentz, P.E., Fellow ASHRAE, 2012-13 Vice President, Associate Professor, UNL

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

**Reservation required by Tuesday Mar. 12, 2013:** Mike Barry, Black Hills Corp  
[mike.barry@blackhillscorp.com](mailto:mike.barry@blackhillscorp.com)

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## Lincoln Featured Speaker

Timothy G. Wentz, P.E., Fellow ASHRAE  
2012-13, Vice President  
ASHRAE

Timothy G. Wentz, P.E., Fellow ASHRAE, ASHRAE-Certified High Performance Building Design Professional, associate professor, University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

As vice president, Wentz is a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and serves as chair of Publishing and Education Council.

Wentz is serving his second term on the Board as vice president and formerly served as Region IX director and regional chair. He is webmaster for Region IX and the Nebraska Chapter and advisor for the University of Nebraska Student Branch. Past service includes chair of the Certification Committee, vice chair of the Professional Development Committee, member of the Nominating Committee and the Finance committee.

He is the recipient of the E.K. Campbell Award of Merit, a Region IX Regional Award of Merit, a Region IX Chapter President of the Year and a Regional Energy Award.

Wentz was awarded a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska.

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## Future Lincoln Chapter Meetings

Apr. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Acoustics That Make the Grade	Noon @ Valentino's
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Energy Code	Noon @ Valentino's
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	ASHRAE Golf Outing	Iron Horse

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- Articles for next month are due by Monday, **April 1st, 2013**

- Please send to:

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