

President's Message

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!! I hope everyone had a feast-full, fun, and family-filled Thanksgiving! The holiday season is in full swing, and I am sure your days are getting busier just as they are getting shorter. As we gather with co-workers, friends and loved ones over the next few weeks, we'll no doubt recall the year and its ups and downs. And if you're anything like me, you'll be thinking hard about the things you'll do differently next year. This of course leads me to my New Year's Resolution.

As your Nebraska ASHRAE Chapter President, I think it is only fitting my resolution for 2014 is with ASHRAE in mind. That said, there are so many different ways each of our members could make our chapter stronger. I encourage you all to consider making an ASHRAE resolution in 2014. Whether you're a Past President who would like to reconnect, and share the benefit of your experience with the YEA members, or perhaps you're new to the community and looking to join as an official ASHRAE member.

My resolution in 2014 will be to stay active. It is a long road in ASHRAE leadership at our Chapter, which of course is one of the reasons why our group is so strong. That said, a great many of our Chapter Presidents tend to leave ASHRAE leadership after completing their year of Presidency. This is no secret; it's actually something we discuss in our Board meetings fairly regularly now. And since those discussions began a few years ago, we have seen more of our Past Presidents continue to contribute in different ways. I resolve to follow the example of the selfless leadership in our chapter and stay involved in ASHRAE after my Presidency. I will do this by attending lunch meetings, and special events, and by getting more involved in the CRC Planning Committee.

If you would like to have lunch on me this month, I welcome you to find a new personal ASHRAE resolution for yourself, and share it with me. Send me an email (sarahp@eqeco.com) with your resolution for ASHRAE, and how you plan to fulfill it. I will share the resolutions with the group at our lunch meeting, and do my best to be sure you have all the tools you need to reach your goal.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season!

Sincerely,

Sarah Poursharafeddin, MBA, LEED-AP
Nebraska ASHRAE Chapter President, 2013-2014

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Chapter Officers:

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Sarah Poursharafeddin

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FYI

ASHRAE Indoor Air Quality Guide is now available for free download, see the link below.

<https://www.ashrae.org/resources--publications/bookstore/indoor-air-quality-guide>

Chapter Chairpersons:

Membership Promotion

Chris Hawk

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Jake Kopocis

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Lincoln Programs

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E-Commerce

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Jim Ellis

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Nick Mandel

UNO Student Chapter

Lily Wang

UNL Student Chapter & Chapter Website

Tim Wentz

Special Events

Rob Harper

Newsletter

Nick Decker

Librarian

Bill Wieseler

Omaha Meeting – Tuesday, December 10th, 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
Topic: ASHRAE's New Building Energy Quotient (bEQ) Rating Program
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 Monday, Dec 9th, 2013: Nick Mandel, Specialized Engineering
nmandel@specializedeng.com

Omaha Featured Speaker

Tim is a very active volunteer within ASHRAE, where he has served as the Nebraska Chapter President in 1997-1998. Tim recently served as a Society Vice-President in 2011 to 2013 and currently serves on Society's Finance Committee, Planning Committee, Building Energy Quotient Committee and two Presidential ad hoc committees; the Building Performance Alliance ad hoc and the Developing Economies ad hoc. Tim is an ASHRAE certified High-performance Building Design Professional.

Tim will present on ASHRAE's new Building Energy Quotient (bEQ) rating program and how to use the program to generate a competitive advantage for your firm. Both the As Designed and In Operation ratings will be explained and compared to other rating programs available.

Future Omaha Chapter Meetings

Jan. 14 th	TBD	11:45 @ Anthony's
Feb. 11 th	TBD	11:45 @ Anthony's
Mar. 11 th	TBD	11:45 @ Anthony's
Apr. 8 th	TBD	11:45 @ Anthony's
May 14 th	Haymarket DEC/Arena Tour Joint with Omaha, LES	TBD
June	ASHRAE Golf Outing	TBD



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Lincoln Meeting – Wednesday, December 11th, 2013

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** Please note new price!
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mike.barry@blackhillscorp.com

NOTE: January's Lincoln Meeting will be on January 15th and it will be at Valentino's new location. Stay tuned to next month's issue for the new address.

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Jan. 15 th	Lab and Exhaust Pressurization, Jim Ellis	Noon @ Valentino's
Feb. 12 th	ASHRAE President or UNL MESC Students	Noon @ Valentino's
Mar. 12 th	DL, Victor Goldschmidt (3 hour tech session)	Noon @ Valentino's
Apr. 9 th	UNL Controls, Stefan Newbold	Noon @ Valentino's
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Student Activities Message

Attention ASHRAE Members! Please let us know all the ways you are working with students to help promote engineering. Examples of your volunteer efforts or educational assistance we are looking for include:

- How many student involved activities, mentorships, lectures have you as an ASHRAE Member completed with post high school students.
- How many student involved activities have you as an ASHRAE Member completed or participated in with students in the K-12 age range? Please let us know the student age and activity or event.
- How many student involved activities have you as an ASHRAE Member completed or participated in to specifically promote engineering to girls in the K-12 age range?
- Have you met with other organizations/societies to discuss joint K-12 STEM activities? Let us know what societies and activities were discussed.
- Are you a YEA member that is mentoring a student group or team?
- How many ASHRAE Student Members are currently interning at your place of employment?

This is the time to brag about all the great things our Nebraska Chapter Members do to support local students! Let us know how you are supporting students by emailing our Student Activities Chair, Kim Cowman, at krcowman@leoadaly.com.

- Articles for next month are due by Monday, **January 6th, 2013**
- Please send to:

Nick Decker
ndecker@olssonassociates.com

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