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## President’s Message

Greetings ASHRAE members,

I just returned home from a wonderful (and record setting!) ASHRAE Winter Conference in sunny Las Vegas, NV. It was great to see so many familiar faces throughout the event. Nearly 70,000 people attended the AHR Expo, which this year covered 500,000 square feet of floor area, and over 3,600 people attended the ASHRAE Conference. What an amazing turnout!

Nominees for the 2017-2018 ASHRAE Board of Directors were announced at the Winter Meeting, and Region IX will again have three members on the Board. Shelia Hayter (Rocky Mountain Chapter) was nominated as President-Elect and Julia Keen (Kansas City Chapter) was nominated as Vice President. Our very own, Tyler Glesne, was nominated as Assistant Regional Chair and will sit on Members Council, where he’ll be one of 18 people who approves motions before they go to the Board of Directors. Congrats Tyler!

Additionally, congratulations to the MCA student branch who was selected to defend their national championship at the Final Four Mechanical Contractors Association of America’s student competition on March 7th. If you are interested in seeing their presentation and providing helpful feedback before their trip, the group will be presenting at the Lincoln Section meeting this month. Don’t be afraid to ask the tough questions.

Omaha members, please note the change in meeting date this month. We are connecting with MCA for a joint meeting on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at Anthony’s Steakhouse. We’re excited to welcome David Houghton to present “Engineering & Contracting Legal Update.”

Striving to add more family events to our schedule, the YEA committee has planned an event at the Kids Activity Center at Mahoney State Park for Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. Bring your significant other and/or kids to enjoy ice skat-

ing and other indoor activities. The cost is very reasonable: \$5 entry to the park, \$2/person for Jungle Gym access, and \$3/person for ice skate rental.

I hope our chapter members are finding the monthly technical presentations valuable, but we appreciate suggestions on how we can improve our presentations and topic selection. Please feel free to contact myself or Aaron Rasell, [aaron.rasell@trane.com](mailto:aaron.rasell@trane.com), with any suggestions.

Sincerely,  
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### REMINDERS

- Lincoln Meeting - Wednesday , February 15th
- YEA Family Event - Thursday, February 16th
- Omaha Meeting - Tuesday, February 21st

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# February Meetings

## **OMAHA — Engineering & Contracting Legal Update with David Houghton**

Tuesday, February 21st, 2017

Anthony's Steakhouse — Buffet (\$18)

## **LINCOLN — MCAA Competition Student Presentation**

Wednesday, February 15th, 2017

Valentino's— Buffet (\$15)

For more information or to register for either meeting visit our website [www.neashrae.org](http://www.neashrae.org)



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# February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 11:30am Lincoln Meeting	16 5 - 7 pm YEA Family Event	17	18
19	20	21 12:00pm Omaha Meeting	22	23	24	25
 <b>NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK</b>						
26	27	28				

# GRASSROOTS GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY

## Minimizing the Risk of Legionnaire's Disease

The risks of legionellosis can be minimized if requirements are followed during the design, construction, commissioning, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and expansion of new and existing buildings and their water systems and components. ASHRAE is

asking its Chapters to get involved by encouraging municipal, state, and federal governments and legislative bodies to adopt Standard 188 into law. Don't wait until an outbreak occurs, talk to your government about minimizing the risk of legionnaires' disease.

If you'd like more information about Standard 188, request a distinguished lecturer visit to educate your fellow chapter members at [ashrae.org/distinguishedlecturers](http://ashrae.org/distinguishedlecturers).

## US DOE Publishes Revised Rule on Commercial Package Boilers

On March 17, 2016, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) to amend the test procedure for commercial packaged boilers. That proposed rulemaking serves as the basis for the final rule. DOE originally published this final rule in the *Federal Register* on November 10, 2016 but that document contained errors and was withdrawn on December 7, 2016 and has now been reis-

sued. The effective date of this rule is January 9, 2017. The final rule changes will be mandatory for representations related to energy efficiency or energy use starting December 4, 2017. Click here to view a replication of the final rule that replaces the one issued earlier.

### MORE ARTICLES

To find a full list of updates visit [www.ashrae.org/government-affairs/government-affairs-updates](http://www.ashrae.org/government-affairs/government-affairs-updates) or subscribe to receive information on activities within Congress and Federal agencies from the ASHRAE Washington office.

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# Future meetings

(Topics subject to change)

## Omaha

Mar. 14th	Technical Session with Bill Bahnfleth	11:45am Anthony's
Apr. 11th	UNO Student Chapter & Tim Wentz	11:45am Anthony's
May 13th	Burlington Building Tour	TBD

## Lincoln

Mar. 15th	Ultimate Venting System for Maximum Boiler Efficiency with Steen Hagensen	12:00pm Valentino's
Apr. 12th	ASHRAE Standard 170: Ventilation of Healthcare Facilities with Eric Granzow	12:00pm Valentino's
May	LES K St DEC Plant Tour	TBD

### Chapter Chairpersons

<b>Membership Promotion</b>	<b>Lincoln Technology Transfer</b>	<b>Reception (OMA)</b>
Philip Prest	Will Morris	John Nebbia
<b>Research Promotion</b>	Abby Visty	Callen Schwank
David Kros	<b>Grassroots</b>	<b>Reception (LNK)</b>
Nick Mandel	Tyler Glesne	Abby Visty
<b>Student Activities</b>	<b>Historian</b>	<b>Faculty Advisors</b>
Meagan Kurmel	Jim Ellis	David Yuill
Jim Butler	<b>Special Events</b>	Josephine Lau
<b>Webmaster</b>	Kyle Heberly	Tim Wentz
Eric Granzow	Aaron Rasell	
<b>Omaha Technology Transfer</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>	
Aaron Rasell	Sara Robbins	

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