As we approach the end of the ASHRAE fiscal year, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for helping to make this a great experience. I have truly enjoyed this year and while I was a bit nervous in the beginning, I quickly realized that being involved in the Southern Piedmont Chapter of ASHRAE is a real blessing and you all make it so easy. Thank you!

If there is anyone out there that has thought about getting involved, but feels like they can’t take on the extra workload, or they cannot do a great job, there is a great team for next year that will be more than happy to help. I recommend helping out with a committee as a member so that you can learn the process. You don’t have to worry about chairing a committee your first year out as we already have the committee chairs appointed. So, if you would like to volunteer, just let any of us know. Next year’s positions are as follows:

- President: Michael Collarin, AME Consulting
- VP, CTTC, President Elect: Matt Byrne, Hoffman Building Technologies
- Treasurer: Jerry McAuliffe, Carrier Enterprises
- Secretary: Xun “Alexis” Jia, Mechanical Contractors
- Research Promotion: Jason Smith, Carrier
- Membership Promotion: Neil Poissant, Adams Companies
- Student Activities: Adam Parker, PACE Incorporated
- History: Charlie Wooten, Shultz Engineering Group
- Honors and Awards: David McDaniel, PACE Incorporated
- YEA: TBD
Remember the Region IV CRC will be held in Greenville SC on August 2nd thru 4th. The location will be the Embassy Suites – Verdae. Register here http://region4.ashraeregions.org/crc.html by July 1st. After this date, registration fees go up! We hope that you can attend. In preparation for the event, we would ask that you submit any information appropriate for the meeting including any nominations for Society Level positions. If you have any recommendations, including yourself, please contact me as soon as possible.

Our June Continuing Education Event is planned. Look for more information from Michael Collarin. I would like to thank Trane for allowing us to meet at their location.

This is also the time to bring forward any motions to be passed on to society. Please communicate these to me and we will work to draft the motion together.

Once again, thank you
Programs

Michael Collarin (AME Consulting Engineers)

Thank you to all of those who attended last month’s presentation on Building Information Modeling. As we mentioned, there would be one more event coming up in June. Those details have been finalized and our Energy Round Table will be held at Trane Carolinas, located at 4501 South Tryon Street on June 7th at 9:00am. The three hour program will include presentations and panel discussion. We have compiled an experienced group of panelists with various areas of expertise.

Our panelists include experts in energy efficiency from the consulting, commissioning, sales and utility aspects. They include:

George W. (Billy) Austin, Jr., PE
Principal - Shultz Engineering Group

Hoy Bohanon, PE
Principal - Working Buildings of North Carolina, PLLC

Chuck Honeycutt, PE
Commercial Sales Manager - Trane Commercial Systems

Derek McGarry, PE
Director of Engineering - Abundant Power

John McKenzie
Manager, Energy Efficiency Services - Duke Energy

Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the event. 3 PDH’s will be available for North Carolina Professional Engineers.

Registration is limited to the first 100 RSVPs so be sure to RSVP early.

This will be our last meeting of the 2011-12 ASHRAE year. We hope to see you there.

Have a Happy Memorial Day and a great summer!
Young Engineers in ASHRAE
Adam Parker (Pace, Inc.)

As we wrap up this ASHRAE calendar year, we would still like to co-ordinate one last YEA social event. As the weather heats up, it seems so does all of our schedules; so planning an event that works for the vast majority of those interested has been tough. As always, please feel free to email me at aparker@pacewebsite.com with any event requests and/or suggestions.

Please remember to encourage the young engineers that you are in contact with on a daily basis, to get involved with their local ASHRAE Chapter. We could use more young engineers involved in the Southern Piedmont Chapter, and always need fresh help coming into the committee chairs each year.

Join ASHRAE at its 2012 Annual Conference
June 23–27, 2012/San Antonio, Texas

Join ASHRAE in San Antonio! Take advantage of the opportunity to discuss and examine the latest topics in the building industry, such as high performing buildings and integrated design, through the technical program; participate in technical tours; attend ASHRAE Learning Institute courses; and earn professional credits.

Technical Program – From integrated energy systems to indoor environmental applications, the Technical Program features seven tracks addressing topics and principles important in the HVAC&R industry today. The technical program also features a new mini-conference format on Integrated Building Controls. Earn PDHs, AIA LUs and LEED AP credits.

Virtual Conference – If you can’t make it to San Antonio, take advantage of the knowledge shared in the technical program with the on-demand Virtual Conference recordings of all the presentations.

ASHRAE Learning Institute – ASHRAE Learning Institute provides high-quality courses presented by industry-recognized subject matter experts. Select from two all-day seminars and six half-day courses to stay current on HVAC&R trends.

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Research Promotion
Daniel Flora (Leach Wallace Associates)

Our Spring Golf Tournament was a success even with the downpour of rain the days prior to the event. I hope that everyone that came out to play or network had a wonderful time. We were able to put quite a bit of money towards our campaign from the tournament. Thank You to all the players, volunteers and sponsors for making this another successful tournament!

With just over one month left in this year’s research promotion fundraising campaign it’s time to kick it into high gear. Our research promotion team has begun our annual calling campaign. Please take time to talk to the team member so they can discuss with you the benefits of contributing to ASHRAE.

If you would like to make a donation online, please go to www.spashrae.com and click the Donation button below the goal meter. All of our checks must be turned into the society no later than Friday June 29th, so please get your checks in as soon as possible once you have been contacted by a team member.

Did you know that last year, ASHRAE had almost 6000 donors, and raised $2.1 Million? That’s only an average of $350 per donor. Many donors contribute far more than this, which is why over one third of last year’s donors contributed $100-$150. Collectively we can all make a big impact without relying on large donations by corporations. This is your industry help support it!!

For those of you that are interested, the Donor Levels are as follows:
Honor Roll: $150-$249
Major Donor Antique: $250-$499
Major Donor Bronze: $500-$999
Major Donor Silver: $1000-$2499
ASHRAE Associate-Platinum Circle: $2500-$20,000+

Thank you to those that have contributed over the past year. I look forward to working with you in the future.
Join ASHRAE?

Have you ever heard the saying, “it’s a small world”? This certainly rings true once you join ASHRAE’s global network, ASHRAE members bring this big world of ours together through the exchange of technical information, writing of standards, and through committee work and networking. When you join ASHRAE, you are making an investment in yourself. When you become active in the Society by giving your time and sharing your knowledge, you get even more out of that investment. As a member of ASHRAE, you will have valuable resources at your fingertips to include the ASHRAE Handbook (most widely cited reference in our industry), ASHRAE Journal (monthly magazine to bring current trends and information to you), and E-Newsletters and Discounts. You can become the office expert and build a network that is priceless to your enjoyment of ASHRAE and success in your career.

Prospective members are always welcome to attend! I would like to welcome the following new members to our chapter:

• Dino Pappas
• Xun Jia
• Herman Lutz

For all existing members: Do you have 12 Society-approved* years of experience? If so and you are currently an Associate Member, you may be eligible to upgrade to Membership status at no additional cost! *Includes completed education beyond high school, work experience in work related to ASHRAE field, and Professional Engineering license. Why upgrade? Prestige, recognition in Society newsletter, recognition at chapter meeting, eligibility to serve on a technical committee, to serve in a chapter officer or regional role, to qualify for Society awards, and more!

If you have any membership related questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jason.smith@carrier.utc.com or (704) 301-3067.
Energy Round Table

Southern Piedmont ASHRAE will be hosting a round table of local experts in energy efficiency, energy saving retrofits and energy tax credits and incentives.

Panelists:
- George W. (Billy) Austin, Jr., PE
  Principal - Shultz Engineering Group
- Hoy Bohanon, PE
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Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the panel discussion.

Announcements

ASHRAE Standards Library

Check out the main library in downtown Charlotte for hard copies of all of the ASHRAE Standards. These are available in the reference section.