



Highlights of the NYC ASHRAE Winter Meeting

NYC is a success

Major announcements at ASHRAE's 2008 Winter Meeting included free electronic distribution of the **Advanced Energy Design Guide** series, publication of the 2007 energy conservation standard from ASHRAE and IESNA. More than 2,700 people attended the meeting, held Jan. 19-23, New York City. Held in conjunction with the meeting was the Air Conditioning, Heating, Refrigerating Exposition, which set a new attendance record with 39,298 registered visitors (excluding exhibitors).

January 31, 2008



Reaching New Heights in NYC

"ASHRAE hit new heights at this meeting in regard to driving the industry forward through our distribution of technical information, educational offerings and networking opportunities," ASHRAE President Kent Peterson

YEA Committee Leadership Training

YEA Leadership will be held May 2-4, 2008 in Atlanta, GA. Planning is well underway, and promotion and registration will begin in February. All chapters are encouraged to promote YEA Leadership Weekend as a potential opportunity for current and future leaders of their chapters to receive leadership training. A Podcast for YEA Leadership Weekend will soon be available that will include testimonials from a few of the 2007 participants.

ASHRAE Membership Grows

As of December 31, 2007, Society membership is **48,881** (Member paid: 41,423, Member unpaid: 2,367; Student paid: 3,887, Students unpaid 1,204). Total membership on December 31, 2006 was **47,225**

Region VIII Members to receive Honors and Awards in Salt Lake City this summer

Alan Neely, Member, of the ASHRAE Houston Chapter, is the recipient of the 2006-2007 Lincoln Bouillion Award.

Don Hay, Member of the ASHRAE Monterrey Chapter is the recipient of the 2006-2007 Chapter Program Star Award.

Bereket Nigusse, Member of the ASHRAE Central Oklahoma Chapter is the recipient of the 2006-2007 Homer Addams Award.

Exceptional Service Award recipients are Michael Beda - Central Oklahoma, Bill Goodman - Arkansas.

Distinguished Service Award recipients are Mark Fly - NE Oklahoma Chapter, Ken Fulk - Dallas Chapter, Art Giesler - Fort Worth Chapter, John Harrod - Central Oklahoma, Gerald Kettler - Dallas Chapter, Tino Mendez - Central Oklahoma, Bill Tinsley - NE Oklahoma,.

Distinguished 50-Year Member Award recipient is Don Hardin - Fort Worth Chapter.



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ASHRAE Vision 2020 Report Released

The ASHRAE Vision 2020 report was released providing our members ASHRAE's commitment and timelines for reaching Net Zero Energy Building's, the definition for NZEB's and an outline of the resources that ASHRAE and its partners will need to bring to the effort to achieve success.

Research Promotion Goal Updates

The Society its Chapters and Regions have made great strides in Research Promotion for this year. Last year a record was set by Society and this year we are on target to move past the \$2,000,000.00 amount for research contributions. We are happy to say that Region VIII is still leading the way but the other regions are catching up and if we want to remain the leader will have to step up our pace.

Region	2007-08 Goals	1/16/2008 YTD	1/23/07 Last Year	% Ahead/Behind
I	\$166,200	\$34,655	\$36,186	-4%
II	\$120,150	\$21,024	\$19,261	32%
III	\$205,000	\$72,870	\$38,342	90%
IV	\$175,000	\$64,493	\$85,897	-25%
V	\$115,000	\$34,628	\$25,618	41%
VI	\$170,000	\$34,311	\$35,595	5%
VII	\$108,500	\$35,964	\$20,036	79%
VIII	\$367,000	\$75,407	\$37,855	99%
IX	\$155,000	\$26,982	\$27,077	3%
X	\$170,000	\$47,792	\$34,099	40%
XI	\$125,000	\$33,895	\$35,987	8%
XII	\$139,500	\$31,212	\$43,472	-28%
XIII	\$15,550	\$6,773	\$6,760	8%
RAL	\$6,000	\$3,495	\$3,743	15%
International/Unassigned			\$20,225	
Totals:	\$2,037,900	\$543,599	\$470,153	21%

Update on Region VIII CRC Motions

In response to the Region VIII Motion 22 (06/27/04), "that the Technology Awards be modified to eliminate the 14 categories, require that three awards be given annually, and move the judging to coincide with a Society meeting," and a request from Members Council that a category be added for sustainability, CTTC is reviewing the format of the Technology Awards. In order to help the Committee properly develop and evaluate the program, CTTC requested the involvement of representatives from TCs 2.8 and 7.3, and SSPC's 62.1, 90.1 and 55. The proposed new format for Technology Awards will include a reduction of categories from 14 to 8 and quantitative judging criteria for energy efficiency, IAQ and Comfort, operation and maintenance, cost effectiveness, sustainability, and quality of presentation. Feedback from TCs and SSPCs has been requested by March 1, 2008 to finalize criteria prior to the Spring 2008 CRCs.

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"Being surrounded by the thousands of buildings in New York City was a great reminder that ASHRAE and our industry must truly aim to reach new heights in creating high performing buildings. The accomplishments at this meeting certainly helped move us along the sustainability path."

At the meeting, President Peterson debuted a new video that highlights how existing design and technology can be used in creating net-zero-energy buildings. The video and his state-of-the-Society address can be found at www.ashrae.org/peterson.

Student Members:

The number of student members as of December 31, 2007 is 5,091. This time last year it was 4,353.



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Update on Region VIII CRC Motions (continued)

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In response to the Dallas Chapter motion regarding 62.1 spreadsheet (Region VIII Dallas Chapter – 2006 Spring CRC)

09/27/07 - The spreadsheet is available on the website for the 62.1-2004 version; the 62.1-2007 version is being updated by the contractor and will be posted when complete. I believe the plan is to include this spreadsheet with future releases of Standard 62.1, rather than with the User's Manual.

CIQ for Chapters to be Automated

Process for entering CIQs by chapters will now be able to enter the Chapter Information Questionnaires on the ASHRAE website using the Association Management Software (AMS). This will allow a much speedier process than before. There is no form, chapters will enter the chapter position on the member's record. The membership number of the individual must be used to enter the position.

Training Process

An announcement will be made via email to the current and incoming chapter presidents via email. Instructions will be sent and made available on the website of how to enter the CIQs.

Society reducing budgets due to reduced income from investment funds

Society is preparing the 2008-09 General Fund budget and looking at areas to make adjustments to reduce expenses by \$500,000.00 due to expected reduced income from our reserve funds.

New Guidelines for chapters are issued. The IRS now requires all US chapters to file either a 990-N, 990-EZ or 990.

GUIDELINES FOR FILING FEDERAL TAX RETURNS FOR USA CHAPTERS

Refer to the IRS website at www.irs.gov/eo or your Chapter CPA. (05-06-27-28)

1. General ASHAE Chapter US Federal Filing Requirements

Beginning in 2008, US ASHRAE Chapters whose gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, are required to an electronic e-Postcard notice, Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or 990-EZ. Chapters with more than \$25,000 in income need to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, or Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax. Organizations that do not file the notice for three consecutive years will have their tax-exempt status revoked as of the filing due date of the third year.

2. The dollar limits above are scheduled to change in future years. Check the IRS website for the latest information.

3. Filing date for Chapters with a July 1-June 30 tax year is Nov 15.