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ASHRAE 125th Anniversary Planning

ASHRAE will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2019-2020. Although it’s 4 years away it’s time to begin planning. The Historical committee has appointed a subcommittee with Jeff Haberl (chair), Kent Anderson and Bern Nagengast as members. Some type of publication is being contemplated, the content to cover history of the most important advancements in HVAC&R since 1894.

Your Ideas Are Needed!

So what are the most important advancements? The subcommittee would like your suggestions. What has impacted our technology that resulted in a changed direction in that technology? Although the period covered is the last 125 years, we are particularly interested in the period after the 1930’s.

The ASHRAE Centennial publication *Heat & Cold: Mastering the Great Indoors* concentrated on the time from ancient to about 1930. What was most important in that time period and was anything missed? And what should we focus on for the period after 1930?

Another important historical publication was *The First Century of Air Conditioning*. What were the important air conditioning advancements, especially since 1930.

How has our technology changed? What made those changes possible? The technology has not stood still. What has it done, when was it done, who did it, why did they do it? We would like to answer these questions in a 125th anniversary publication.

Note: The publication would be covering our technology, not ASHRAE – there will be a separate publication for society history, probably an update of *Proclaiming the Truth*.

Send Your Ideas!

The Historical Committee would like to discuss this further, but we need your input on what to consider. We would like to compile a list of ideas of what to cover in a historical technology publication. What do you think is important to cover? Think seriously about it and discuss it at a chapter meeting. Send your ideas to Bern Nagengast at berannag@hotmail.com and I will put together a list of ideas for the committee. Please send by June 1.

This will be the beginning of an on-going discussion!

Consider attending the Historical Committee meeting on Sunday morning, at the Atlanta meeting. Regional Historians are non-voting members of the committee. Chapter Historians are welcome and anyone else interested in the History of our Industry and ASHRAE. Hope to see you there!

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