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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’s 125th Anniversary Subcommittee has been working on a list of projects to be proposed to the full committee for consideration. The chairs of the technical committees were asked to submit ideas and a number of responses were received in the last few months.

One early idea proposed by many was to update both the industry history book *Heat & Cold: Mastering the Great Indoors* as well as the Society history book *Proclaiming the Truth*. Updating *Heat & Cold* would be a major project and despite efforts to identify one or more authors for such a project, the committee has been unable to do so. Unless someone steps up to undertake this project, the history book idea will not be pursued. The Society book *Proclaiming the Truth* will be updated as an ASHRAE staff project.

At this time the 125th Anniversary Subcommittee has the following project ideas to present to the full Historical Committee.

Produce quality industry selective history related publications (hard or soft cover and/or electronic version)

Update the 100 most important Transactions Papers. This list was published for the ASHRAE Centennial in *Proclaiming the Truth*.

Publish at least 6 historical articles in the *ASHRAE Journal*.

Sponsor a technical paper session for the winter 2020 meeting.

Develop a pictorial historical calendar for 2019 and 2020.

These five projects should be doable over the next 4 years. See the attachment to this newsletter for a further explanation of the projects.

Your input is needed.

The Historical Committee will be discussing this further in Orlando. If you will be at the Orlando meeting seriously consider attending the Historical Committee meeting to participate in the discussion.

Consider attending the Historical Committee meeting on Sunday morning, at the Orlando 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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Attachment to Historians Newsletter November 2015

ASHRAE 125th Anniversary proposed project list

1 Produce quality industry selective history related publications (hard or soft cover and/or electronic version)

Possibilities identified so far:

“How HVAC&R has improved the quality of life worldwide” This would be written to appeal to a general audience thus promoting the importance of engineering and ASHRAE as a benefit to humanity. Ron Vallort has volunteered as author.

“History of development of air conditioning systems 1920-2020” Focus would be both equipment and materials, written and illustrated to appeal to engineers as well as a wider audience. David Arnold has volunteered as author with other co-authors possible.

“Evolution of components and design build practices after 1900” This would cover the development of factory engineering and construction practices from the inventors/innovators design build to the application manufacturing to application engineering to engineering consultants and then mechanical contractors. Bruce Flaniken has said he might author this.

“Pioneers of HVAC&R” This work would be person oriented and would highlight the contributions of individuals. Resources for this work would mainly use our existing data base which includes ASHRAE Hall of Fame, Pioneers of the Industry, Leadership Recall and the *Heat & Cold* book, and any other important persons not present in these existing resources. No author yet.

2 Update the 100 most important Transactions Papers.

This list was published for the ASHRAE Centennial in *Proclaiming the Truth*. Steve Comstock plans to update the book and has suggested the important papers section be updated by adding papers for each year after 1995. This project would be suggested to Technology Council.

3 Publish at least 6 historical articles in the ASHRAE Journal.

Previously the *Journal* published 12 articles for the centennial and later did a 12 article series titled *100 Years of Air Conditioning*. This project would address the suggestions we are receiving for coverage of very specific industry advances. These suggestions usually come from strong advocates which could be tapped to write articles. The topics and authors would be solicited through the Technical Committees, Regional and Chapter Historians. We should be able to easily get 6 authors and possibly many more. Consideration could be given to binding these articles into a stand-alone publication as was done with the *100 Years of Air Conditioning* series. We already have a number of topics identified by the sub-committee members as well as TC members.

4 Sponsor a technical paper session for the winter 2020 meeting.

Solicit 4 or more papers to be presented in a technical session or sessions (not as a conference paper, which are not printed in *ASHRAE Transactions*) The advocacy and resource comments above in #3 also apply to this project.

5 Develop a pictorial calendar for 2019 and 2020.

This would be similar to the historical calendars produced annually by CIBSE. These calendars could be sold by ASHRAE to members and companies.