Chapter 6

Becoming One

"Prestige is itself difficult to evaluate, but a combined society with a broader scope and an increased membership can be expected to be looked on with greater respect by other professional groups as well as by its own members. The merged society should be better able to sustain full and unquestioned leadership in covering professional engineering in matters in Refrigeration, Heating, Air Conditioning and Ventilation."

E. R. Queer 1958

n the first decade of the 20th century, The American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers had little in common with the newly formed American Society of Refrigerating Engineers. This soon began to change, however, as heating and ventilating engineers learned to control humidity by using mechanical refrigeration equipment to cool the air. Willis Carrier's epic paper on rational psychrometric formulae published in 1911 established the scientific basis that he and others would use to promote the concept of conditioning the air.

In the 1920s, this new field of air conditioning was further advanced by exploding technological accomplishments in the household refrigeration industry. Made possible by the entry into the industry of manufacturers with mass market production ability and the capital necessary to finance new technology, these new developments included direct expansion systems, extended surface condensers and evaporators, thermostatic valves and hermetically sealed compressors.

The overall significance of these events was that air conditioning became a field of interest to both the members of the heating and ventilating engineer's society and to the refrigerating engineers.

As heating systems evolved from steam and hot water to forced warm air systems, combining the heating and air-conditioning functions, the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers in 1954 changed its name to the American Society of Heating and Air-Conditioning Engineers. That same year, the Refrigerating Engineers mailed proxy ballots to its membership proposing to add Air Conditioning to its name, but too few votes

(both pro and con) were received and the proposal was lost.

By the 1950s, there was significant overlap in the research programs and in the meeting sessions of the two societies. There was a large cross-



Much of this chapter is drawn from "The Merger of ASHAE and ASRE" written by Presidential Member Frank H. Faust, which appeared in the May 1992 issue of ASHRAE Insights.

over membership as well, with many members of the two societies, particularly the leadership, attending annual, semi-annual and regional meetings of both organizations.

Consolidation of the two societies had been considered as early as the 1920s. Willis Carrier, president of ASRE in 1927 and ASHVE in 1931, was an early proponent. A plan for consolidation had been defeated in 1937, and in 1941, a joint committee operated to review the ASHVE and ASRE relationship. Joint meetings of the two organizations were held in Cleveland (1932), Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania (1936), and New York City (1938).

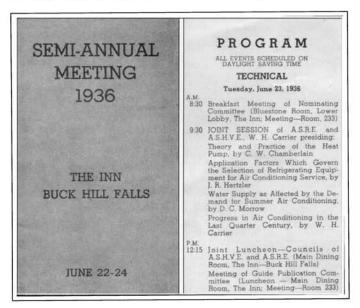


Willis Carrier
An early proponent of consolidation, he campaigned for the term "thermal engineers."

By 1954, with talk of overlapping interests greater than ever before, it was clear to the leaders of both societies that closer cooperation was required. To achieve this, a joint Committee on Cooperation was formed.

When first appointed, the objective of the committee was to determine how the societies

could cooperate without consolidating. As the committee's work progressed, however, the idea of merger gained wider acceptance. In 1956, two ASHAE regions put forward suggestions for merger. By 1958, about 1,000 people belonged to both ASHAE and to ASRE. ASHAE's membership total was 11,700 and ASRE's was 7,000. About 60% of activity in each society was devoted to air conditioning.



The principal problem facing a merger was opposition by individuals interested in only limited segments of the industry. These people included the ice and cold storage industry, domestic refrigeration industry, the steam and hot water heating industry and the ventilation and exhaustair industry.

In June, 1958, the councils of each society approved the Proposed Merger Plan drafted by the Committee on Cooperation



H.F. Spoehrer
ASRE President in 1958 said,
"We cannot ignore the repeated
requests from many members
who have an interest in air
conditioning and who would
welcome a merger."

Committee on Cooperation. The plan next would be mailed to ASHAE chapter presidents and ASRE section presidents to stimulate discussion at the local level.



E.R. Queer
ASHAE President in 1958 said,
"The Merger Plan is expected to
permit increased services to each
member, and also provide a
sufficiently broad and varied
program to insure something for
every member. There should be no
neglected minority groups."

ASHAE President Elmer Queer outlined the premises for the merger. "An extensive research program similar to that now conducted ASHAE would be carried out by the merged Society The Society would continue to conduct a comprehensive program in the development of codes and standards, as now carried out by ASRE. The merged Society would furnish financial support to local groups, similar to the present practice of ASRE,

and so established as not to interfere with the current practice of having local group dues as now done by ASHAE...."

There was much debate, especially within ASRE. C.F. Holske, ASRE President in 1948, wrote, "As to common interests in air conditioning, competitive operations generally produce more and better results than unilateral operations.... I suggest you vote NO to the merger proposal."



C.F. Holske ASRE president in 1948 urged a "NO" vote to the merger.

Cecil Boling, president of ASRE, crossed the country, explaining details of the plan. "Personally, I have no feelings except for the preservation of the hardwon standing of ASRE and for the welfare of the interests represented by its members and it programs. However, it is my earnest conviction that the march of time, the inevitable shifts of



Cecil Boling

"As President of ASRE, I am truly neutral as to the possible merger; as an individual member I have my opinion and vote."

technology, the present and undoubtedly to-be-continued emphasis upon newer factors within what was once a predominantly refrigeration situation, lead to the conclusion that what is best for ASRE is a merger which will permit broader coordinated development in two closely allied fields where the common problems are the transfer of heat and the circulation of air....Today it is really not a question of whether ASRE and ASHAE should merge but of when."

As required by the Membership Corporations Law of New York State, the Plan for Merger was submitted to the memberships of ASHAE and ASRE. To become effective, the plan would require the approval of each society by two-thirds of those voting, either by proxy or in person.

At a special meeting held in Chicago on December 1, 1958 in the Conrad Hilton, ASHAE members overwhelmingly approved the plan, with 5,307 voting in person or by proxy in favor and only 405 against.

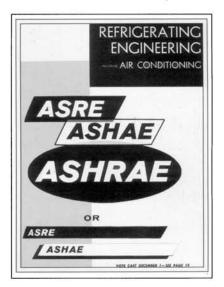
ASRE's vote was held at the opening session of its Annual Meeting in New Orleans on December 1. Crosby Field, ASRE president in 1938 and a staunch opponent of the merger, was next to President Boling until 4:40 in the morning as the proxies were counted. When all votes were tabulated, 86% of ASRE's members had voted with 3,516 in

favor and 1,293 against.

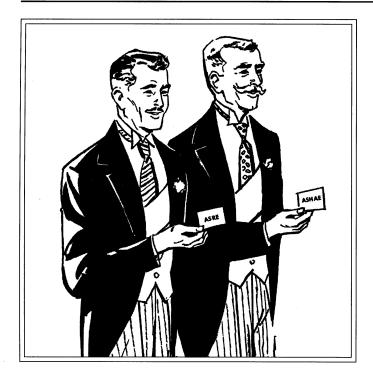
Milton Garland, an ASRE member at the time, remembers of the merger, "I was against it, but, of course, I stayed with the Society because if that's what the majority wanted, that's the

way we should

have gone. But I



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know quite a few of the refrigeration people dropped out at the time. It was obvious that the refrigeration people were going to lose control simply because there are far more people in the heating and ventilating business, and there always will be."

Cecil Boling recalled discussion about what the new organization should be named. Among the suggestions was the Society of Environmental Engineers. Ultimately, Boling said, "We decided to stick with history." This satisfied many ASRE members who wished to make sure that "refrigerating" would not disappear from the name of their new society.

The approved plan called for elected officers of ASHAE and ASRE to serve alternating six-month terms. Cecil Boling served as the first president of ASHRAE from January 1959 to June, followed by Arthur J. Hess, the last president of ASHAE. Mr. Hess had been sworn in as ASHAE president on the evening of January 28, 1959, and served until the next day when the consolidation became effective. John Everetts, Jr., served the first full-year term as president of ASHRAE, June 1961 to June 1962.

On the morning of January 29, 1959, the needed documents were filed in the office of the Secretary of State in Albany, New York. Thus in its 55th year, the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers ceased its corporate existence, and in its 65th year the charter of the American Society of Heating and Air-Conditioning Engineers was amended to bring into corporate existence the consolidated American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers.

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT ASRE, ASHAE AND PROPOSED ASHRAE

All data herein quoted have been taken from the official Plan of Merger as submitted to Councils and available in complete form upon request of members.

Date of incorporation

ASRE 1905 ASHAE 1895

Total number of members ASRE 7000

ASHAE 11,800 **ASHRAE 17,800**

Local Sections or Chapters ASRE 52

ASHAE 72

ASHRAE 84

Geographical Regions ASRE 9

ASHAE 7

ASHRAE 10

of New York ASHAE Yes Membership corporation ASRE Yes

ASHRAE (prop)

Council or Board of Director ASRE 20

ASHRAE 24

Standing, Council or General (ASRE 20

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ASHRAE 25 (tent)

Full Member dues
ASRE \$25.

ASHAE \$25. ASHRAE \$25.

Staff members

ASRE 24

ASHAE 46

ASHRAE 54

Member of Engineers Joint Council?

ASRE Yes

ASHAE Yes ASHRAE (planned) ASHAE 761,095 ASHRAE

expense Invested funds

Annual budget data

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ASHAE 190,202

No Yes Yes

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SRE	Yes	
SHAE	No	
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Standards nsactions Journal Roster

Research Reports ASRE No ASHAE ASHRAE

Meetings Preprints Article Reprints

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*Becomes part of ASHRAE Magazine

MERGED

Members of The American Society of Refrigerating Engineers and of the American Society of Heating and Air Conditioning Engineers have voted to merge those two societies into the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning

The official publication of the Society will be successor to REFRIGERATING ENGINEER-ING including Air Conditioning as currently published. The name of the successor publication will be the ASHRAE JOURNAL.

Starting with the March issue this will be the strongest technical publication in the field and a correspondingly powerful advertising medium.

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Operation of ASHRAE began with a meeting of its executive committee at 10:30 a.m. at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia on January 29, 1959.

Elmer Queer wrote in that month's Refrigerating Engineering magazine, "An opportunity presents itself for real membership activity in the work to be done at the local level. The basic planning merely sets up guide lines with the chapters having virtual autonomy in organizing to fit local needs. The Regional Directors will provide guidance in solving problems and serve as liaison with the national organization and with the Board of Directors."

Cecil Boling's prediction was "a future of even greater proportions." He said, "True, numbers alone do not make a great organization. But the give and take of the past few months offers convincing evidence that the members of ASRE and ASHAE have the highest of professional standards, clear-cut objectives for further accomplishments and the sustained ability and willingness to see things through to rewarding ends. ASHRAE will greatly strengthen our profession."

uary 1959, the Executive Committee of the Cor	asolidated Society designated elected officials from	ASHAE and ASRE to fill posts in the merged Society.
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TOTAL 34

Officers and Board of Directors

JANUARY 1960 TO JUNE 1960

PRESIDENT.									. Daniel	D.	Wile	
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1ST VICE PRESIDENT.......Walter A. Grant 3rd Vice President......ASHAE

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Harold M. Hendrickson *William F. Wischmeyer ***Elmer R. Queer

**ASHAE 10 new members

TOTAL 28

Officers and Board of Directors

June 1960 to January 1961

PRESIDENT......Walter A. Grant 2ND VICE PRESIDENT......ASHAE

1ST VICE PRESIDENT...... Robert H. Tull TREASURER

***Cecil Boling ***Daniel D. Wile 10 Members from period ***Hermann F. Spoehrer ***Arthur J. Hess January 1960 to June 1960

***Elmer R. Queer 9 New members

TOTAL 28

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JANUARY 1961 TO JUNE 1961

PRESIDENT—Robert H. Tull 1ST VICE PRESIDENT—ASHAE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT TREASURER

***Walter A. Grant ***Daniel D. Wile

***Arthur J. Hess ***Cecil Boling

10 Members from period January 1960 to June 1960 9 Members from period June 1960 to January 1961

TOTAL 27

*ASRE Regional Director. **ASHAE Regional Director

***These individuals plus all elected officers constitute the Executive Committee

CONSOLIDATION DOCUMENTS

Officers and Board of Directors

June 1961 to June 1962

PRESIDENT-ASHAE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT 2ND VICE PRESIDENT TREASURER

***Robert H. Tull

4 New members

***Daniel D. Wile

9 Members from period June 1960 to January 1961

6 Members from period January 1960 to June 1960 3 New members

TOTAL 28

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The first ASHRAE chapter formed after the ASHAE and ASRE merger was organized in Nashville, Tennessee. Its first meeting was in September 1959. Elections included: I. C. Thomasson, President; Roy L. King, Vice President; Theodore Moats, Secretary; James R. Potter, Treasurer; and Edward Kennedy, Robert Bibb and Farrell Hickerson, Board of Governors.







At the first Annual Meeting of ASHRAE, Lake Placid, New York, 1959 16 past presidents of either ASHRAE or ASRE, or both, received acclaim at the Annual Banquet. Shown above: A. J. Hess, E. R. Queer, J. E. Haines, L. N. Hunter, L. E. Seeley, A. E. Stacey, G. L. Tuve, M. F. Blankin, Cecil Boling, Henry Torrance, Jr., Below: Crosby Field, B. H. Jennings, J. G. Bergdoll, Jr., L. Buehler, Jr., C. M. Ashley, H. F. Spoehrer.





TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1959

Lake Placid Club
In the Adirondacks

Program

ANNUAL BANQUET ASHRAE June 23, 1959

INVOCATION

INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENTATIONS
By President A. J. Hess
To Past President Cecil Boling

KLIXON AWARD To: Dr. H. O. Spauschus R. S. Olsen

WOLVERINE AWARD To: Professor H. M. Hendrickson

> DANCING Agora Auditorium

Music by Paul Jouard and his Lake Placid Club Orchestra

Menu

Shrimp Cocktail

Assorted Relishes

Broiled Prime Tenderloin, Bercy

Oven Roast Potato French Style Green Beans

Princess Salad, French Dressing

Dinner Rolls

Lake Placid Club Ice Cream Pie Wild Mountain Blackberry Sauce

Tea Coffee Sanka Postum Buttermilk Milk Skim milk