Session Overview

Updated: July 31, 2024

Thursday, September 26

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Opening Keynote

Ignite Your Leadership: Engineering a Sustainable Future
Room: General Session: Great Lakes Ballroom, Level 2

1. Erin McConahey, Member, ASHRAE, and ARUP Fellow, ARUP, Culver City, CA
2:15 PM - 3:30 PM
Session 1

How to Engage and Empower Girls and Women in STEM: Insights from 3 Voices
Room: Breakout 1: Erie, Level 2
Chair: Cherish Samuels, Amazon, Memphis, TN
Host: Danielle Passaglia, Member, SmithGroup, Chicago, IL

1. Kenya Davis, TRANE, Houston, Tx
2. Jenny Abney Sivie, LEED AP BD+C, Norman S Wright Mechanical Equipment Corp, Dallas, Tx
3. Abi Olukeye, Smart Girls HQ, Charlotte, NC

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Session 2

Confidence & Competence: Striking the Perfect Balance
Room: Breakout 2: Ontario, Level 2
Chair: Julia Keen, PE, PhD, FASHRAE, HBDP, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

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2. Jennifer Leach, PE, Full Member, BR+A, Vienna, VA

3:45PM – 4:45PM
Session 3

Empowering Women in the Workplace: Leveraging AI for Enhanced Productivity and Creativity
Room: Breakout 1: Erie, Level 2
Chair: Mallory Manaseer, Full Member, Salesforce, Chicago, IL

1. Colleen Keyworth, CEng, Online Access Inc, Port Huron, MI

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Session 4

Leading with Empathy and By Priority: Essential Skills for Top Managers
Room: Breakout 2: Ontario, Level 2
Chair: Kellie R Huff, Varitec Solutions, Phoenix, AZ

1. Nancy Kohout, Principal, SmithGroup, Chicago, IL
2. Madison Schultz, ADG|Blatt, Full Member, Oklahoma, OK

Friday, September 27
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Keynote 2

Leadership Dualities: Guiding Professionals and Volunteers in Engineering Environments
Room: General Session: Great Lakes Ballroom, Level 2
1. Ginger Scoggins, PE, CEM, CxA, FASHRAE, Principal, Engineered Designs, Inc, Cary, NC
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM  
**Session 5**  
**From Blueprint to Footprint: Women Engineers Enhancing ESG Strategies**  
*Room: Breakout 1: Erie, Level 2  
Chair: Cherish Samuels, Amazon, Memphis, TN*  
1. **Meagan Garrett**, The Climate Control Group Inc, Olive Branch, MS

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM  
**Session 6**  
**Engineering the Climb: Women’s Path to Leadership in HVAC**  
*Room: Breakout 2: Ontario, Level 2  
Chair: Hetal Lee, JLL, Chicago, IL*  
1. **Julie Lardenoit**, Stantec Consulting Services Inc,  
2. **Barb Hickey**, Willis Tower, Chicago, IL  
3. **Cheryl Carron**, JLL

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM  
**Session 7**  
**Turning Down the Heat: ASHRAE Standards Updates and the Quest for Decarbonization**  
*Room: Breakout 1: Erie, Level 2  
Chair: Maggie Moninski, Singh + Associates, Arlington Heights, IL*  
1. **Brittany Fiema**, SmithGroup, Detroit, MI  
2. **Sarah Maston**, Full Member, Colliers Engineering, Hudson, MA

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM  
**Session 8**  
**Mastering the Deal: Negotiation Strategies for Women Leaders**  
*Room: Breakout 2: Ontario, Level 2  
Chair: Tiffany Abruzzo, Envirosep, San Diego, CA*  
1. **Ruth King**, CEO/Owner

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
**Keynote Panel**  
**She Leads: Strategies for Success from Top Women Leaders**  
*Room: General Session: Great Lakes Ballroom, Level 2  
Chair: Nancy Kohout, SmithGroup, Oak Park, IL*  
1. **Catherine Tojoga**, CT Mechanical  
2. **Sandra Henry**, Slipstream, Oakbrook Terrace, IL  
3. **Nancy Simoneau**, Groupe SIMONEAU, Chicago, IL  
4. **Allison Graves**, RTM Engineering
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Session 9

Next Gen HVAC: The Impact of Young Engineers in ASHRAE
Room: Breakout 1: Erie, Level 2
Chair: Filza H. Walters, MBA, FESD, FASHRAE, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

1. Christina Lail, PE, Lead Consultant, Mechanical Engineer, WSP USA, Dallas, TX,
2. Erin McConahey, PE, FASHRAE, Principal, ARUP Fellow, Los Angeles, CA
3. Janice K. Means, PE, LEED AP, FESD, FASHRAE, Life Member S-B-A, Professor Emerita, Lawrence Technological University, Southfield, MI
4. Ginger Scoggins, PE, CEM, CxA, FASHRAE, Principal, Engineered Designs, Inc, Cary, NC
5. Catherine Tinkler, PMP, EBCP, LEED AP O+M, Associate Principal, Page, Houston, TX

2:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Session 10

Life in the Leadership Lane: Balancing Family and HVAC Careers
Room: Breakout 2: Ontario, Level 2
Chair: Fiona McCarthy, PE BEAP, QCxP, LEED AP, Associate, Grumman|Butkus Associates, Evanston, IL

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2. Darcy Carbonne, APA HVAC Technologies
3. Sheila Hayter, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Presidential Member, Golden, CO