



2026 ASHRAE WINTER CONFERENCE

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Meeting of the Members Plenary Session

ASHRAE WINTER CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

Plenary Session Agenda

Opening Entertainment	LED Fiber Optic Dancers Nevada
Call to Order	Bill McQuade, P.E., CDP, Fellow Member ASHRAE, LEED AP 2025-2026 ASHRAE President
Welcome & Introductions	Marty Simpson Emcee
Opening	Bill McQuade, P.E., CDP, Fellow Member ASHRAE, LEED AP 2025-2026 ASHRAE President
Welcome	Carrie Brown, Ph.D. Region X Director-at-Large
Awards Presentation	Adam Davis, P.E. Honors and Awards Committee
Secretary's Report	Jeff Littleton ASHRAE Executive Vice President and Secretary
Recognitions	Bill McQuade, P.E., CDP, Fellow Member ASHRAE, LEED AP 2025-2026 ASHRAE President
Adjournment	Marty Simpson Emcee

**Please join us for the Mix N' Mingle at the
Conclusion of the Plenary**

Snacks & Beverages will be provided.

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Honors and Awards Recipients

STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

The 2025 student design competition focused on a new medical office building in Manchester, England. The final HVAC system selection and design for the building needed to address energy efficiency, occupant health and safety, occupant comfort, functionality, and future flexibility.

HVAC Design Calculations – Ain Shams University

Yasmin Tarek Saeed
Yasmin Omar Hanafi
Habiba Khaled Sayed
Rawan Walid Mohamed
Ahd Roshdy Abd-Elkhalek
Fatma Hatem Mohamed

HVAC System Selection – Ain Shams University

Abdallah Emad
Mohamed Mohsen
Omar Abdallah
Mohamed Hany
Omar Akram
Youssry Medhat

Setty Family Foundation Net Zero Energy Design – New Jersey Institute of Technology

Jacob Swanson
Austin Chen
Jeongseo Lee
Minkyong Park
Mingzhe Li

THE SETTY FAMILY FOUNDATION APPLIED ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

This challenge focuses on the development of a specific component—a carbon capture and utilization module—that not only reduces the carbon footprint of HVAC&R systems but also transforms captured CO₂ into a valuable resource, aligning with the goals of sustainability and decarbonization.

Simon Fraser University

Michael La Grange
Megan Lucille Zelasky
Erin Flood
Jasleen Sandhu

BUILDING EQ COMPETITION

This competition challenges students to evaluate and audit building energy consumption for buildings in operation to give the building a Building EQ score. This competition takes theory into practice. It will give students the hands-on experience with operational settings while working collaboratively with building owners.

University of Washington – School of Social Work Building

Tyler Kalkwarf
Colin Shea
Carmen Le
Jon Erik Tolo
Carmen Anderson

TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

The ASHRAE Technology Awards recognize outstanding achievements by members who have successfully applied innovative building designs. Their designs incorporate ASHRAE standards for effective energy management and indoor air quality. The awards communicate innovative systems design and highlight technological achievements of ASHRAE to others around the world. Winning projects are selected from entries earning regional awards.

AWARD OF ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

The Award of Engineering Excellence was created in 1989 to recognize a first place winner of the Society-level Technology Award competition for an outstanding application of innovative design and effective energy utilization. The recipient of the Award of Engineering Excellence will have demonstrated the best overall compliance with the judging criteria.

New Industrial Facilities or Processes

OKI Honjo Plant H1 Factory, Saitama, Japan
Kunita Shindo, P.E.
Shun Kawakubo, Dr.Eng.

Building Owner Representative: Moriyasu Sekiguchi, OKI Electric Industry Co., Ltd.

FIRST PLACE

Recognizing the first place ASHRAE Technology Award projects which demonstrate the most outstanding achievement in the design and operation of energy efficient buildings.

EBCx Commercial Buildings

Citygate Outlets, Hong Kong

Barry Lau

Building Owner Representative: Wallace Lin, Swire Properties Limited

New Commercial Buildings

The GEAR, Singapore

Eikichi Ono

Takamasa Hasama

Toby Cheung

Yuichi Takemasa

Building Owner Representative: Shuichi Oishi, Kajima Development

Existing Educational Facilities

Buckley Elementary School, Manchester, Connecticut

Ben Kleine-Kracht

Jess Farber

Building Owner Representative: Christopher Till, Town of Manchester

New Educational Facilities

Benjamin Banneker Academic High School, Washington, D.C.

Grayson Woods

Ben Hobbs

Kyle Sprague

Building Owner Representative: Rowan Alkaysi, Department of General Services

New Institutional

Centre College Champions Hall, Danville, Kentucky

Nolan Amos

Bill Sharp

Building Owner Representative: Scott Messer, Centre College

EBCx Health Care Facilities

Boston Medical Center: Brockton Behavioral Health Center, Boston, Massachusetts

Jess Farber

Ben Kleine-Kracht

Thom Anderson

Kyle Smith

Building Owner Representative: Robert Biggio, Boston Medical Center Health System

New Health Care Facilities

New Western Memorial Regional Hospital, Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Canada

Kevin Sharples, P.Eng.

Kurt Monteiro, P.Eng., HFDP, HBDP

Peter Kastelic, P.Eng.

Building Owner Representative: Steve Forward, Government of Newfoundland

Existing Public Assembly

Stead Park Recreation Center, Washington, D.C.

Austin Boone, P.E.

Brice Watson

Building Owner Representative: Margaret Thacker, DGS

New Public Assembly

Salt Lake County Daybreak Library, South Jordan, Utah

Spencer Howell

Shruti Borle, BEMP

David W. Griffin, II

*Building Owner Representative: Ryan S. Henrie, Salt Lake City County
Facilities Management*

E.K. CAMPBELL AWARD OF MERIT

The E.K. Campbell Award of Merit honors an individual for outstanding service and achievement in teaching and is presented by the Life Members Club.

Carey Simonson, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

JOHN F. JAMES INTERNATIONAL AWARD

This award recognizes an ASHRAE member who has done the most to enhance the Society's international presence or posture.

John Constantinide, Range Mechanical Engineer, U.S. Space Force, Patrick Space Force Base, Florida

MILTON W. GARLAND REFRIGERATION AWARD

This award recognizes the designer and owner of a commercial or industrial refrigeration application that demonstrates innovation and advancement in the field. The award may consider innovation and excellence in technology, application, advanced design, project practices and operation.

Nasser A. Karimzadeh, Chief Industrial Refrigeration Engineer, VaCom Technology, Oakwood, Georgia

YEA INSPIRATIONAL LEADER AWARD

The YEA Inspirational Leader Award recognizes a Young Engineer in ASHRAE (YEA) member who has gone above and beyond to make considerable contributions to the industry and community. This award is inspired by the previous New Faces of Engineering award.

Alekhya Kaianathbhatta, Associate, The HIDI Group, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

FELLOW ASHRAE

Fellow ASHRAE is a membership grade that recognizes members who have attained distinction and made substantial contributions in HVAC&R and the built environment such as education, research, engineering design and consultation, publications, presentations and mentoring.

Omar Abdelaziz, Ph.D., Associate Professor, The American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt

Amanda Bogner, Vice President, Catalyst Partners, Omaha, Nebraska

Lianne Cockerton, P.Eng. Director of Sustainable Development, Martin Roy and Associates, Deux-Montagnes, Quebec, Canada

Lorenzo Cremaschi, Professor & Director Undergraduate Research, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

Abdel Kader Darwich, Principal, Guttman and Blaevoet Consulting Engineers, Sacramento, California

Steven J. DiFlora, P.E., Life Member ASHRAE, Senior Executive Director, MG Engineering, D.P.C., New York, New York

Mahroo Eftekhari, Professor, Loughborough University, Loughborough, United Kingdom

Kenneth M. Fulk, P.E., Life Member ASHRAE, Principal Emeritus, RWB Consulting Engineers, Dallas, Texas

Christopher Gray, Ph.D., P.E., CEO, EcoSmart Solution, Atlanta, Georgia

Gregor P. Henze, Ph.D., P.E., Professor of Architectural Engineering, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, Colorado

Satish N. Iyengar, Proprietor, Services Consultants, Bangalore, India

Amir Jokar, Ph.D., P.E., Principal Engineer, Exponent, Inc., Irvine, California

Tracey Jumper, Global Director of Data Center Commissioning, Microsoft, Palm Springs, California

Michael J. Langton, P.E., Life Member ASHRAE, Langton Energy Engineering Services, LLC, Montgomery, Texas

Phil Naughton, Life Member ASHRAE, Principal/Owner, Eco Cleanroom HVAC Consulting, Austin, Texas

Alan Neely, Senior Regional Sales Manager, Owens Corning-FOAMGLAS® Insulation, Texas

Bruce I. Nelson, Life Member ASHRAE, CEO, Bruce V. Nelson Engineering LLC, Colville, Washington

Clay Nesler, Life Member ASHRAE, Founder, The Nesler Group, Fort Myers, Florida

Daniel C. Pettway, Life Member ASHRAE, Retired, Chesapeake, Virginia

Carsten Rode, Professor, Technical University of Denmark, Kongens Lyngby, Denmark

Richard W. Trent, Life Member ASHRAE, Chairman of the Board, Carolina Heat Pipe Inc., Johns Island, South Carolina

Thanos Tzempelikos, Professor of Civil and Construction Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

James W. VanGilder, Data Center CFD Senior Expert, Schneider Electric, Andover, Massachusetts

Mack Wallace, Life Member ASHRAE, Global Practice Director-Federal Mechanical, Jacobs, Fort Worth, Texas

ASHRAE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

This award recognizes a member of Society who has performed outstanding public service in their community, and in doing so, has helped to improve the public image of the engineer.

Darryl Boyce, P.Eng., Presidential Fellow Life Member ASHRAE, Owner, Boyce Consulting Services, Kemptville, Ontario, Canada

ASHRAE HALL OF FAME

The ASHRAE Hall of Fame honors members who have passed away and made milestone contribution to the growth of ASHRAE-related technology or the development of ASHRAE as a society.

Ron Jarnagin, Presidential Fellow Life Member ASHRAE, 1946-2024

Kenneth Loudermilk, Life Member ASHRAE, 1954-2023

F. PAUL ANDERSON AWARD

The F. Paul Anderson Award is given for notable achievement of outstanding services performed in the HVAC&R field. The award, ASHRAE's highest given for technical achievement, is named in memory of Presidential Member F. Paul Anderson, who was a pioneer in the study of environmental conditions for comfort.

Chandra Sekhar, Fellow Life Member ASHRAE, Professor, National University of Singapore, College of Design and Engineering, Department of the Built Environment, Singapore

ASHRAE is pleased to announce a proposed amendment to the Society's Bylaws that updates and simplifies the current membership structure. This change is intended to better reflect the evolving needs of our global community, enhance member engagement, and streamline the path for individuals to join and participate in Society activities. The ASHRAE Board of Directors unanimously approved the Bylaws amendment at their Fall 2025 Board Meeting. Members will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed amendment on the Spring 2026 ballot. To see the full bylaws amendment and more detailed explanation of changes, please visit ashrae.org/2026Bylaws.

VIEW THE 2024-2025 SOCIETY SNAPSHOT: ashrae.org/societysnapshot

CONFERENCE EMCEE



MARTY SIMPSON

An accomplished comedian who has shared the stage with stars like Leanne Morgan and Jeff Allen, Marty has toured globally, bringing his signature brand of laughter to audiences in 46 states and across three continents.

Seen on ESPN, BET, Nickelodeon, and Amazon Prime, his viral DryBar Comedy specials have racked up tens of millions of views. A Trial By Laughter finalist and festival favorite, Marty's comedy comes from 30+ years of marriage, the struggles of getting older, two grown kids, and a decade of coaching football and teaching drama.



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