



# 2026 ASHRAE WINTER CONFERENCE

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Meeting of the Members  
Plenary Session

ASHRAE WINTER CONFERENCE  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

## Plenary Session Agenda

<b>Opening Entertainment</b>	LED Fiber Optic Dancers Nevada
<b>Call to Order</b>	Bill McQuade, P.E., CDP, Fellow Member ASHRAE, LEED AP 2025-2026 ASHRAE President
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Marty Simpson Emcee
<b>Opening</b>	Bill McQuade, P.E., CDP, Fellow Member ASHRAE, LEED AP 2025-2026 ASHRAE President
<b>Welcome</b>	Carrie Brown, Ph.D. Region X Director-at-Large
<b>Awards Presentation</b>	Adam Davis, P.E. Honors and Awards Committee
<b>Secretary's Report</b>	Jeff Littleton ASHRAE Executive Vice President and Secretary
<b>Recognitions</b>	Bill McQuade, P.E., CDP, Fellow Member ASHRAE, LEED AP 2025-2026 ASHRAE President
<b>Adjournment</b>	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  
Minkyeong 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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, HBPD

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, Guttmann 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](http://ashrae.org/2026Bylaws).

**VIEW THE 2024-2025 SOCIETY SNAPSHOT:** [ashrae.org/societysnapshot](http://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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