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Although ASHRAE started as the “American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers”, as of 2012, ASHRAE is doing business as just ASHRAE and not the full name in an effort to show case its global reach.

With ASHRAE having expanded to such a global force, ASHRAE wants to make sure all members are included and represented. ASHRAE currently has over 15 regions and 1 region “at large” to encompass and capture all our volunteers. Our local Austin chapter sits in region VIII (8), and that encompasses most of Texas (sorry El Paso!), Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Mexico.

ASHRAE’s history can be found on its “About” page → [here](#).

Some more info on all the regions and their chapters can be found on the “Regions” page → [here](#).

MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

-  Thursday, September 17, 2026
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
-  DPR Construction
310 Comal St, Bldg A, Suite 300, Austin, TX 78702
-  Sound Control, Standards, and How to Get What You Expect
-  11:30 AM - Arrival & Check-in
11:45 AM - ASHRAE Intros / Announcements
12:00 PM - Main Presentation
-  \$35 Member Ticket / \$40 at the door
\$40 Non-Member Ticket / \$45 at the door

REGISTER NOW 

YEA RR EXPRESS GAME

-  Thursday, September 17, 2026
6:45 PM - 11:00 PM
-  Dell Diamond Stadium
3400 E Palm Valley Blvd, Round Rock, TX
-  Sponsored by HTS



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Austin ASHRAE. In case you missed last month's newsletter, my name is Ricardo Soto and I am the 2026-2027 ASHRAE president. I am excited for the rest of the year and wanted to take this opportunity to thank our returning volunteers and new volunteers. Our meetings and events (including the release of this Newsletter) is all possible thanks to them. Your local chapter volunteers do a lot for our group sacrificing their volunteer time for society, the city and our communities and wanted to say thank you. ASHRAE is always looking for volunteers, both at our local level and at society, so if you have any interest or have questions, feel free to reach out to me or anyone else's name you see in the Newsletter. Special thanks to Miguel Minick, last year's president. Personally, he did a lot to help me and my events and stepped in to help others as well as we needed it. One example, he jumped in to help and lead the 2026 Austin EXPO when I got hit with a strong cold/bug that was going around.

Next, I wanted to share some of our goals for the year. Our rough goals for the year and some things we are working on that direction are as follows:

1. Increasing local government involvement.
 - a. We are working on coordinating a future meeting with wither Austin Energy or the city of Austin.
2. Increasing high school and university involvement.
 - a. Currently making connections with local schools? Have a child in an Austin area school and would like ASHRAE to volunteer for science, STEM or other related events? Message me, Wyatt Hahn (wyatth@tgce.com) or Sydney Bradshaw (sbradshaw@burns-group.com).
3. Increase our existing building knowledge
 - a. Actually, our first meeting with Catherine Tinkler on "Using assessments to create actionable facility plans" was a great step in this directing.
 - b. Open to any other suggestions on this from our Austin group.

Lastly, I mentioned in at our meeting, but in addition to the traditional roles we have at the ASHRAE local chapter, we are looking for a group of volunteers to help with the Austin Chapter Regional Conference in 2028. The Chapter regional conference (CRC) hosts all the other region 8 chapters. It's a large event with people coming in from all over Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Mexico. Map of the region below for reference. Please note, the region is within the purple boundary and is only the purple markers for chapters. Austin is looking for a few dedicated volunteers to help plan and coordinate the event with region leadership. If you are organized and/or love planning, this is the position for you. Please let me know if you are interested.



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PROGRAMS CTTC / VICE PRESIDENT

Hello Austin ASHRAE! Please join us for our monthly chapter meeting.

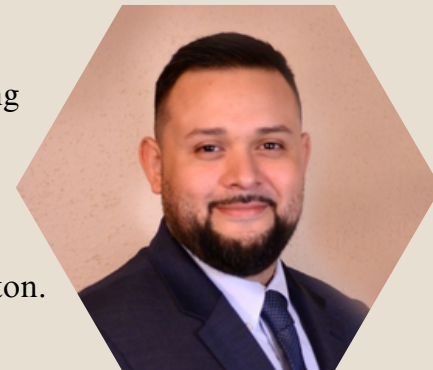
Attention members! Invite your non-member friends and colleagues to the September Chapter Meeting! This is a great opportunity to introduce people to ASHRAE!

Schedule:

- 11:30 AM - Arrive / Check-in / Mingle
- 11:45 AM - ASHRAE Intros / Meeting Announcements
- 12:00 PM - Main Technical Presentation: *Sound Control, Standards, and How to Get What You Expect*, presented by Kris Gonzalez with BRD Noise & Vibration Control.

Meet the Speaker

Kris Gonzalez has been in the industry for over 10 years and is experienced in building controls, equipment, and building acoustics. A Texas Aggie (Class of 2009), Kris enlisted in the U.S. Army as a Forward Observer with the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii and the 1st Armored Division in Fort Bliss, TX. After his military career, he moved back to Houston, TX where he earned his MBA from the University of Houston. His association with BRD commenced in 2022, where he covers acoustic issues in the Southwest Region of the country. Kris' knowledge and expertise in noise control within the HVAC market significantly contribute to enhancing BRD's leadership position, bridging the gap for customers seeking advanced noise control solutions. Notably, BRD Noise and Vibration Control is a prominent participant in ASHRAE Chapter meetings nationwide, reflecting the company's commitment to industry engagement and knowledge sharing.



Walker Anderson



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MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONS

We are excited to welcome the following new members who have joined our ASHRAE chapter this month:

- Brennan Mittal – Enviromatic Systems
- Christian Scogna – McGill AirFlow
- Benjamin D Donahue – JCI
- Paul Brockenbush – Southland Industries
- Erika Struble
- Adam Smith
- Brian Hockman, PE – Capital Consulting Engineers
- William Sanchez – RS Engineered Products
- Bryce A Giese – Southland Industries
- Katia Ayala
- Nick Cox – Texas Air Systems
- Lydia Mages – Stantec
- Wyatt Dalton Koepp – Enviromatic Systems

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our new members and make sure to introduce yourself at our upcoming meetings!

Renewal Reminder: If your membership is up for renewal, please remember to complete the process by going to renew.ashrae.org. Keeping your membership current ensures you continue to enjoy all the benefits ASHRAE has to offer, including access to industry resources, networking opportunities, and professional development events.

Get Involved: We are always looking for volunteers to help with Membership Promotion, YEA, Student Activities, and Government Affairs. If you're interested in contributing your time and skills, please contact me – bjodoi@onco-tx.com. Your involvement makes a difference!

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We are still waiting for this year's budget to be completed...stay tuned!

Austin ISD/ISAT ISAT® Budget 2025-2026			
Category	Expense	Qty	Budget
Revenue			
Austin Chapter Class Income	\$15.00	250	\$3,750.00
Full Day Tournament Income	\$40,000.00	1	\$40,000.00
ISAT® Fees	\$12,000.00	1	\$12,000.00
Next AF Class Income	\$4,000.00	1	\$4,000.00
Meeting Income	\$1,000.00	10	\$10,000.00
Sponsorships	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
Total			\$70,750.00
Expenses			
Referral Savings	\$400.00	1	\$400.00
Recruitment Travel	\$750.00	1	\$750.00
Chapter Expenses	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
ISAT® Tournament Expenses	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
ISAT® ISAT® ISAT® New Fund	\$4,000.00	1	\$4,000.00
Referral	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
ISAT® Expenses	\$400.00	1	\$1,000.00
Sponsorships - ISAT®	\$400.00	1	\$400.00
Meeting Expenses	\$1,000.00	10	\$10,000.00
Region ISAT® Membership Expenses	\$15.00	250	\$3,750.00
Region ISAT® Annual Conference Dinner Expenses	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
Full Tournament Expenses	\$11,000.00	1	\$11,000.00
Research Contribution - Full Tournament	\$10,000.00	1	\$10,000.00
Fees Expenses	\$4,000.00	1	\$4,000.00
Research Contribution - Fees	\$11,000.00	1	\$11,000.00
Next AF Class Expenses	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
Research Contribution - Next AF Class	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
Research Contribution - Sponsorships	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
Research Contribution - Misc. Fee	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
Full Chapter Expenses	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
Student Services	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
Student Services	\$400.00	10	\$400.00
Student Conference	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
Membership Promotion	\$750.00	1	\$750.00
ISAT® Expenses	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
Next AF Expenses	\$100.00	10	\$1,000.00
Total			\$70,750.00

If you have any questions or thoughts, please let me know.

-Katie Klassen

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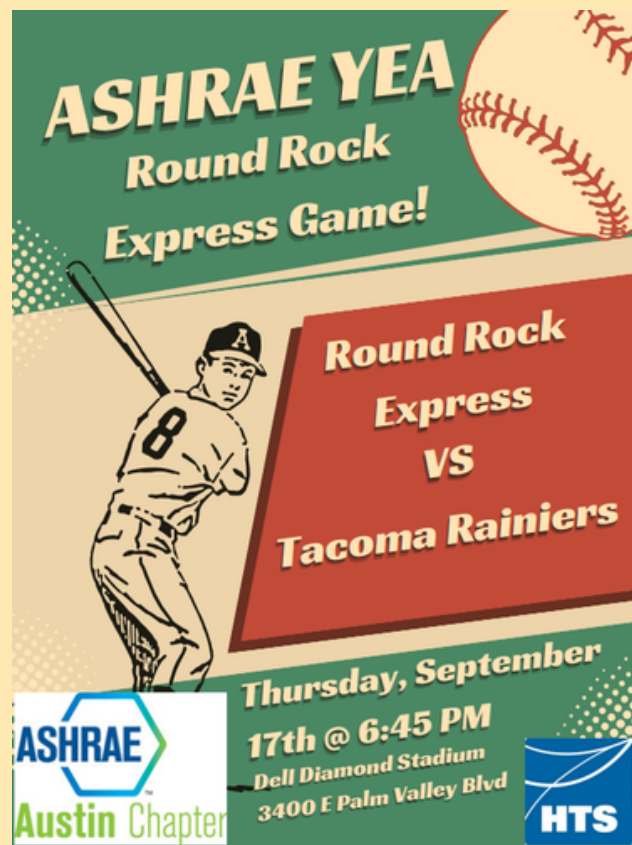
YOUNG ENGINEERS OF ASHRAE

Thanks to everyone who showed up to our YEA Kickoff Event at Hold Out Brewing! Thanks again to Texas Air Products for sponsoring the event! We had a great turnout, and it was so fun getting to see some new faces!

With baseball season coming to a close, YEA invites you to join us for a Round Rock Express game on September 17th at 6:45 PM at Dell Diamond! The Express will be taking on the Tacoma Rainiers, so come out and support your local team while enjoying a night at the ballpark.

If you plan on attending, please pre-register by September 14th using the StarChapter link on the left-hand side of this announcement, or the link below. Tickets will be limited, so be sure to register early!

There will be a \$5 registration fee, and the remaining ticket cost will be covered by our wonderful sponsor, HTS. A big thank you to HTS for sponsoring this month's event and helping make it possible!



***** REGISTRATION DUE BY 9/14 @ 5 PM! *****

<https://austinashrae.starchapter.com/meetinginfo.php?id=294&ts=1788205210>

Location: Dell Diamond Stadium

Address: 3400 E Palm Valley Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78665

Date & Time: 9/17 @ 6:45 PM

Looking forward to seeing y'all there!

We'd also love to welcome new faces to our YEA Committee! If you're interested in getting involved, collaborating on events, or just want to learn more, don't hesitate to reach out to any of us below:

Kathleen Leyendecker

Kathleen.leyendecker@hts.com

Trey Campsmith

Trey.campsmith@hts.com

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REFRIGERANT & SUSTAINABILITY



Melanie Canfield

Hi everyone! It has been a great start of the new ASHRAE term. I am in the process of planning more sustainability and refrigeration focused events and initiatives so keep an eye out.

Nominations are open for the Austin Green Awards which is a local program that aims to highlight a next generation of sustainably inspired best practices and heighten the visibility of a broad spectrum of exemplary initiatives in Austin. Please visit the sites below if you are interested in nominating a project or attending!

<https://www.atxgreenawards.org/#/>

<https://atxgreenawards.awardsplatform.com/>

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering or have any ideas for events, please feel free to reach out @ mcanfield@parkhill.com.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Federal

On September 2, the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight's Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled "No Flame, More Pain: How State and Local Bans on Natural Gas Increase Costs." During the hearing, Republican members focused on state and local bans on natural gas, arguing that such bans raise costs and violate federal preemption authorities under the Energy Policy and Conversation Act (EPCA). Democratic members focused on the Trump administration's energy policies that they argue are driving up the cost of living.

The Department of Energy (DOE) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the finalized transition plan for the transfer of ENERGY STAR from EPA to DOE. The transition plan encompasses practical details including the legal transfer of trademarks and agreements, hosting of IT systems and data, as well as knowledge transfer and the consolidation of programmatic functions and leadership at DOE. The transition is expected to be completed before July 2027. DOE will begin recruitment efforts to staff the functions of ENERGY Star.

Texas

Texas updated its state mechanical code from the 2021 to the 2024 edition, effective September 1. The update includes a specific carveout for using the latest (2024) editions of ASHRAE Standard 15, Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems, and Standard 34, Designation and Safety Classification of Refrigerants. In December 2025, past ASHRAE President Bill McQuade sent a letter to the Texas Air Conditioning and Refrigerating Contractors Advisory Board requesting that it update from the 2019 editions of ASHRAE's refrigerant standards to the 2024 editions, which include the most up-to-date requirements for A2L refrigerants and skip the 2022 edition that would otherwise be referenced as part of the 2024 mechanical codes. ASHRAE member Scott West, the Region VIII Regional Vice Chair for Government Affairs, also met with the advisory board in December 2025 to emphasize the importance of referencing the most up-to-date editions of ASHRAE standards.

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Vintage HVAC Advertisements, 1941



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BOG RECORDS



2026 September BOG Meeting Minutes

Sep 8, 2026

- Roll Call
- Meeting started at 4:01 pm.
- Attendees: Ricardo, Andy, Branden, Kathleen, Lorenzo, Melanie, Steve, Walker, Wy Miguel, Tracee, Rob
- Have you contacted your RVC this month?
- Goals for the Year
 - DRC MBO's (TBD)
 - Increasing our local government involvement. We've had technical session before with the city, think it might be time to loop them back in showing videos:
 - Potentially a meeting where we have someone from the city of Austin come talk to us about updates
 - Find Contact info – Mark
 - Keith Mars – DSD, Lorenzo sending email to Keith. CC Tracee, Walker, and Ricardo
 - Increasing high school and university involvement and showcase Muggy had a chance to preview Muggy and honestly, I think it will help if we get kids thinking about it before college.
 - Does everyone know about Muggy?
 - Increase our existing building knowledge.
 - Honestly, Catherine's topic may work into this.
 - Additional Goals for Austin Chapter
 - Bring in new officers, chairs, BOG, and committee members
 - Areas of Need:
 - Priority – CRC chair
 - History, GAC, MP

Agenda Items

Chapter operations

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Develop items for CRC Meeting scheduled for the Fall.	Approves program for the year and publishes in the eNewsletter.	Chapter chairs submit MBOs to chapter president.	Chapter chairs submit MBOs to chapter president.
Act on Agenda items for Fall CRC Meeting.		1. TREASURER-Mail out Dues Statements, after approval of budget at Sept. Meeting.	1. TREASURER-Mail out Dues Statements, after approval of budget at Sept. Meeting.
Delegate or Alternate to Fall CRC Meeting reports business transacted and items requiring action.	Present items reported from CRC Meeting before Chapter Meeting.	Solicit nominations for awards with a December 1 deadline: Louise & Bill Holladay Distinguished Fellow, Andrew T. Boggs Service, DSA, ESA.	Solicit nominations for awards with a December 1 deadline: Louise & Bill Holladay Distinguished Fellow, Andrew T. Boggs Service, DSA, ESA.

ASHRAE MCO

MBOs (Management by Objectives)

- Please send Ricardo (Ricardo.soto@stantec.com) copy of your MBOS
- 9/17 YEA Baseball event – 6:45pm
- 11/16 Golf tournament

...list sent by Ricardo/Randy ... Excellence)

... Par in all categories and stay in good graces with the region

...ment Prevention Training Part 1

...ment Prevention Training Part 2: Case Studies

... for training – Chris B., Walker, Rob, Ricardo, Miguel, Steve, Andy

...hey, Tracee, Chris B. – Email sent

... Manufacturer's Association, ISIB in November – No real ... through Tim Wentz

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