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YEA Networking Night



Thursday, January 22, 2026
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Holdout Brewing
1208 W 4th St., Austin, TX 78703

DID YOU KNOW?

The 2026 ASHRAE Winter Conference & AHR Expo is January 31 – February 4 in Las Vegas this year!

The ASHRAE co-sponsored AHR Expo is the world's largest HVAC&R event of the year, packed with education sessions, the latest technology on the show floor, and thousands of industry professionals.

There are 100+ technical sessions and 1,700+ exhibitors at the AHR Expo.

MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING



Tuesday, January 20, 2026
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM



County Line on The Hill
6500 Bee Cave Road, Austin, TX 78746



ASHRAE Heat Balance Method and How Standard 90.1 Has Impacted Load Calculations



\$35 Member Ticket / \$45 at the door
\$40 Non-Member Ticket / \$50 at the door

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2026 ASHRAE WINTER CONFERENCE
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Happy New Year! I've long passed the cutoff for saying this, but there are too many good things happening in 2026 for the Austin ASHRAE to not keep celebrating.

First and foremost, the society President Bill McQuade is coming to visit the Austin Chapter this month at the chapter meeting on 1/20. Our CTTC Chair, Rob Pettit, has put together a great program, starting with a discussion by the society president on the current 2025-2026 ASHRAE Theme of "Healthy Buildings: Designing for Life" and followed by a technical presentation by Nathan Kegel on the latest in Energy Modeling. We're honored to host these two top-tier speakers - this is a chapter meeting you will not want to miss! And if your resolution was attending one event this year regarding how to balance energy efficiency with good indoor air quality, then the Austin Chapter is here to make sure 2026 is your year.

There are also regional and society events occurring in the coming weeks and months of this year. The ASHRAE winter conference and AHR Expo in Las Vegas is fast approaching, beginning on February 2nd. The Region VIII (which includes the Austin Chapter) Chapter Regional Conference (CRC) will be in Little Rock from April 23 through the 26. Last but certainly not least, Austin will be hosting the 2026 ASHRAE Annual Conference from June 27 to July 1. These are all great opportunities to expand your knowledge base, connect with industry colleagues outside of the Austin area, and see the latest that the industry and ASHRAE has to offer.

Finally, to help us ring in the new year, the YEA committee is hosting a Happy Hour at Holdout Brewing on 1/22.

For all of our members, I hope the new year brings new goals and new opportunities. If you've set a resolution and have kept with it so far, congratulations - you've already made it past most! For those whose resolution involves expanding their professional knowledge and network, know that the Austin ASHRAE chapter is here to help you meet those goals with a great slate of events for this new year.



Thank you for the continued support!
Miguel Minick, Chapter President



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Hello Austin ASHRAE!

WHAT IS ASHRAE RESEARCH?

It is the principals that go behind the development of all the standards, drives the development of new products and new ways of improving the HVAC&R professional community and the world.

HOW ARE RESEARCH DOLLARS SPENT?

Research dollars are allocated based on the size of a project and the need for research dollars. Many projects span out over 2-3 years and dollars are allocated each year.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR US TO DONATE TO ASHRAE RESEARCH?

Without continued research funding, many essential resources in the HVAC&R industry—such as the ASHRAE Handbook—would not exist. Sustained support through project completion is critical to advancing technology, improving system performance, and driving industry progress. Through its research program, ASHRAE enhances quality of life by advancing how HVAC&R systems are designed, tested, and applied worldwide, providing the technical foundation for industry standards and guidelines. The Society has funded thousands of research projects covering topics ranging from acoustics, duct design, refrigerants, and load calculations to energy analysis, weather data, fire and smoke control, and solar design, with its most impactful contributions focused on human comfort and the materials and systems used in buildings and refrigeration applications.

HOW IS ASHRAE RESEARCH USED?

- Papers reporting results of projects are presented at ASHRAE meetings and published in ASHRAE Transactions or ASHRAE's HVAC&R Research Journal.
- Projects of interest to a wide audience are described in articles published in the ASHRAE Journal.
- Results of are used to update the annual volumes of the ASHRAE Handbook.
- Subjects that have extensive use/popularity in the HVAC&R field are published as special publications, such as:
 - Cooling and Heating Load Calculation Manual
 - Design of Smoke Control Systems for Buildings
 - Design Guide for Cool Thermal Storage
 - Air Conditioning Systems Design Manual

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ASHRAE Research also is used to update the Society's standards and guidelines, which provide uniform methods of testing for rating purposes by suggesting safe practices for design and installation and by providing other information which may serve to guide the industry. There are currently more than 100 ASHRAE standards and guidelines.

- Ricardo Soto (Rsoto@pagethink.com)



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Hello Austin ASHRAE & Happy New Year!

We have a special meeting planned for January, our President's Lunch!

Bill McQuade, P.E., CDP, Fellow ASHRAE, LEED AP, who is the ASHRAE Society President will be visiting our chapter and will deliver some remarks on his 2025-26 ASHRAE Theme of "Healthy Buildings: Designing for Life" for our tech session. We will also recognize past chapter presidents during this time.

For the main technical presentation, we will have Nathan Kegal, BEMP, LEED AP, from IES to talk about Energy Modeling, the ASHRAE Heat Balance Method, and how Standard 90.1 has impacted load calculations.

Schedule:

- 11:30 AM - Check-in, Arrive, and Mingle
- 11:45 AM - Tech Session: 2025-26 ASHRAE Theme of "Healthy Buildings: Designing for Life"
- 12:15 PM - ASHRAE Announcements & Intros
- 12:30 PM - Main Presentation: ASHRAE Heat Balance Method and How Standard 90.1 Has Impacted Load Calculations

Location:

County Line on The Hill
6500 Bee Cave Road, Austin, TX 78746

Tickets

\$35.00 Member Ticket / \$45.00 (at the door)
\$40.00 Non-Member Ticket / \$50.00 (at the door)



Bill McQuade
PE, CDP, Fellow ASHRAE, LEED AP



Nathan Kegal
BEMP, LEED AP

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MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

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.

Help Us Grow ASHRAE – Invite a Colleague to Join!

ASHRAE membership is more than just a title – it's a powerful tool for professional growth, networking, and access to industry-leading resources. As a current member, you already know the value of being part of this global community. Now, we need your help to spread the word and grow our membership!

Why Promote ASHRAE Membership?

- **Unlock Professional Development:** ASHRAE provides exclusive access to cutting-edge research, certification programs, and technical resources that help professionals excel in HVACR and building systems.
- **Expand Networks:** Through ASHRAE events, conferences, and local chapter meetings, members gain valuable networking opportunities with industry leaders and peers.
- **Exclusive Benefits:** From discounts on events and publications to access to the latest standards and guidelines, ASHRAE members enjoy valuable member-only perks.

How You Can Help?

Invite your colleagues, clients, and peers to experience the benefits of ASHRAE membership. Share your story – how ASHRAE has helped you grow, advance your career, and connect with like-minded professionals. Encourage them to join today!

Together, We Can Build a Stronger ASHRAE Community!

As we continue to lead innovation in HVACR, the power of a larger membership will only enhance our collective impact. Help us expand and strengthen ASHRAE – it's the perfect opportunity for your colleagues to join a vibrant, forward-thinking network.

Get Involved – Promote ASHRAE Membership Today!

For more information on how to refer someone to ASHRAE, visit www.ashrae.org/join.

Contact Us

Have questions, suggestions, or need more information about membership? Reach out to us at (830) 741-0820 or Rees.Saathoff@texasairsystems.com. We're here to help and support you.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support. Together, we are building a stronger ASHRAE community!

Best regards,

Rees Saathoff, EIT Rees.Saathoff@TexasAirSystems.com | 830-741-0820



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Austin ASHRAE 2025-2026 Budget

We are in the process of updating our accounts.
Come back next month to see the updated budget.

Category	\$ per Unit	Qty	Budget	Actual
Income				
Austin Chapter Dues Income	\$65.00	250	\$16,250.00	\$7,726.00
Fall Golf Tournament Income	\$45,000.00	1	\$45,000.00	\$17,225.63
ASHRAE Expo	\$12,000.00	1	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
Ther 90' Event Income	\$4,000.00	1	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Meeting Income	\$2,000.00	10	\$20,000.00	\$4,210.35
Sponsorship	\$2,000.00	1	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Money Returned from Loans	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$300.41
Total			\$119,250.00	\$49,162.39
Expenses				
Retained Earnings	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accountant Fees	\$700.00	1	\$700.00	\$0.00
Chapter Expenses*	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	\$10.00
CEO Reimbursement Expenses	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2025 ASHRAE CEO Next Year	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meals	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oil Expenses	\$400.00	1	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Sponsorship - Golf	\$100.00	1	\$100.00	\$0.00
Meeting Expenses	\$2,000.00	10	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Region VII Membership Expenses	\$11.00	250	\$1,750.00	\$0.00
Region VII Annual Conference Dinner	\$1,200.00	1	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Golf Tournament Expenses	\$12,000.00	1	\$12,000.00	\$11,521.58
Research Contribution - Golf Tournament	\$15,000.00	1	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Expo Expenses	\$4,000.00	1	\$0.00	\$400.00
2025 Expo Reimburse Check	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Research Contribution - Expo	\$23,000.00	1	\$23,000.00	\$0.00
Ther 90' Event Expenses	\$2,000.00	1	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Research Contribution - Ther 90' Event Expense	\$2,000.00	1	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Research Contribution - Endowment(s)	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Research Contribution - Prev. Year	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
StarChapter Expenses	\$1,200.00	1	\$1,200.00	\$610.00
Student Stewardship	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Student Dinner	\$40.00	10	\$400.00	\$0.00
Student Conference	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Membership Promotion	\$250.00	1	\$250.00	\$0.00
CEO Expenses	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
YEA Expenses	\$700.00	10	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Total			\$119,250.00	\$15,276.41



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YOUNG ENGINEERS IN ASHRAE



Happy New Year! Huge thanks to everyone who joined us at last month's event—we had an amazing turnout. We're also incredibly grateful for all the toys donated to the toy drive, and a special shoutout to Texas Air Products for generously sponsoring YEA's event. We truly appreciate the continued support!

This month, we're hosting a social at Hold Out Brewing. Swing by to hang out, connect, and grab a bite — Holdout is home to one of Austin's top burgers. HTS will be sponsoring all food and beverages, so a big thank-you in advance to HTS for the sponsorship!

Location: Holdout Brewing
Address: 1208 W 4th Street, Austin, TX 78703
Date & Time: January 22nd, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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
Chris Boerkei - Chris.Boerkei@siemens.com
William Knowles - william.knowles@onco-tx.com

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The new year has already brought some exciting happenings in the student activities committee for our chapter!

First, earlier this month, members from our chapter visited the Harmony school of Innovation for their STEAM event, in which we walked the students through an activity that showed the insulating effects of different materials and their capabilities of keeping ice from melting. It is one of many K-12 STEM activities that we have planned for this season. Check out the picture from the event!

Something else we have coming up in February is the STEM Girl Day at UT Austin. We are looking for volunteers from the chapter! If you are interested in learning more, check out info about the event here

[2026 STEM Girl Day Partnership Opportunities PDF](#), and email Sydney Bradshaw at sbradshaw@burns-group.com, CC Wyatt Hahn at wyatth@tgce.com.

At the university level, we have met with the student leaders and faculty adviser to discuss plans for the semester and getting the chapter back off the ground. We have also continued our discussions with Texas State, who is in the process of filling out the application for a new student branch.

-Lorenzo Gonzalez (Chair), Wyatt Hahn (Co-Chair), Sydney Bradshaw (Committee Member)



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REFRIGERANT & SUSTAINABILITY



Melanie Canfield

Happy New Year! Excited to announce that we will be touring the UT Utility Plant on February 12th which is one of the nation's largest microgrids. With this event being so popular, another tour may be scheduled on the same day or in the upcoming months so please keep an eye out for updates. We are still looking for volunteers for the sustainability project for the 2026 Annual ASHRAE conference. If you are interested in volunteering or have any ideas for events please feel free to reach out @ mcanfield@parkhill.com.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Happy New Year!

I am pleased to announce that Tracee Rhodes who is Senior Policy Advisor, Federal Codes and Standards for ONE Gas in Austin has agreed to serve as Co-Chair for the GAC committee. Obviously, she is more qualified than I am and will bring a fresh look to our activities.

She has passed on to me some federal related items that passed through the House Energy and Commerce Committee:

- The Affordable HOMES Act (HR 5184) would nullify the DOE's energy conservation standard for manufactured housing based on the 2021 IECC and return jurisdiction to HUD, with DOE to maintaining an advisory role.
- The Reliable Federal Infrastructure Act (HR 4690) would repeal Section 433 of EISA, which requires new and renovated federal buildings to progressively phase out fossil fuel use by 2030.
- The Energy Choice Act (HR 3699) is a bill to preempt states and local governments from banning or limiting the connection of an energy service based on the type or source of the energy. This could impact the adoption and implementation of building codes that are not fuel neutral.
- The Homeowner Energy Freedom Act (HR 4758) would rescind unobligated IRA funds available for electric home rebates and contractor training to support the program, as well as funds available to state and local governments for latest and zero energy building code adoptions.

AGAIN I ASK: PLEASE GET INVOLVED AND STAY INVOLVED WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL

You can always reach out directly to Government Affairs staff at GovAffairs@ashrae.org
My email address is: tlp@pax-suneng.com.



Tom Paxson

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