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### Did You Know?

You can listen to podcasts on Spotify/Apple/Google about various HVAC&R topics?!

Tune in to conversations between leading ASHRAE experts as they discuss what HVAC engineers need to know to design better systems and grow the HVAC&R industry.



### MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING



Thursday, February 19, 2026  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



EEA Consulting Engineers  
7300 Ranch Road 2222 Bldg II, #100  
Austin, TX 78730



Packaged Pump Systems for HVAC



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

[REGISTER NOW](#)

### YEA Picnic In The Park



Thursday, February 26, 2026  
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM



Zilker Park Polo Tables Picnic Area  
2225 Andrew Zilker Rd.  
Austin, TX 78746

### 2026 ASHRAE REGION VIII CRC

Registration is officially open for the 2026 ASHRAE Region VIII Chapter Regional Conference, and we're excited to welcome members from across the region to Little Rock this April. This year's CRC will feature valuable technical sessions, business meetings, networking opportunities, and memorable social events designed to connect and inspire our ASHRAE community.

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Hello Austin ASHRAE! It was great seeing so many of you all at the January Chapter meeting at County Line on the Hill where we were joined by Society President, Bill McQuade! I also want to thank our technical presenter, Nathan Kegel, for leading a spirited discussion on cooling and heating load calculations.

February is a short month and will be busy for the Austin ASHRAE Chapter! We've already had one awesome event take place, the tour of the UT thermal utilities plant, and we are hoping to follow that up with a great chapter meeting on Thursday, 2/19, at the EEA office for a presentation related to packaged pump systems. Be sure not to miss the YEA Picnic at Zilker on 2/26. This is always a great way to enjoy the good weather and outdoors that Austin has to offer. We will also be back at UT with a booth at the STEM Girl Day taking place on Saturday, 2/28. There are a few volunteer slots left and a waitlist, but don't wait to signup for this event!

At last month's Board of Governor's meeting, we nominated and approved the Nominating Committee for this year. Congratulations to Wyatt Hahn for leading this committee! If anybody is interested in serving on our volunteer roster, please reach out to myself or Wyatt via email.

The Region VIII (which includes the Austin Chapter) Chapter Regional Conference (CRC) will be in Little Rock from April 23 through the 26. And as a reminder, Austin will be hosting the 2026 ASHRAE Annual Conference from June 27 to July 1. If interested in either of these conferences, please reach out to me or any other chapter officer for more details!

With Valentine's Day in February, this month is often associated with "love." In between all of the exciting ASHRAE events this month, I hope everyone is able to focus on the things they love: whether that's enjoying spending time with their family, friends, rereading their favorite ASHRAE handbook, or soaking in some of the great weather this time of year.

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



# RESEARCH PROMOTION

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Hello Austin ASHRAE! We are working to getting vendors together for our ASHRAE EXPO on 4/16. Early bird pricing, may be gone, but spots are still available. At this time, all A booths have been sold, but there are still plenty of B, C and D available. Want to bring a trailer? We have the parking space for it. For the price of a D booth, you can bring a trailer to show off your latest innovations. Don't be left out of our chapter largest annual event. This is the perfect time to connect with engineers, contractors, owners and to show off your latest products and innovations. Interested in hosting a booth? As of the morning of 2/13 the following are available:

Have questions about the event?

Email Ricardo Soto at  
rsoto@pagethink.com.

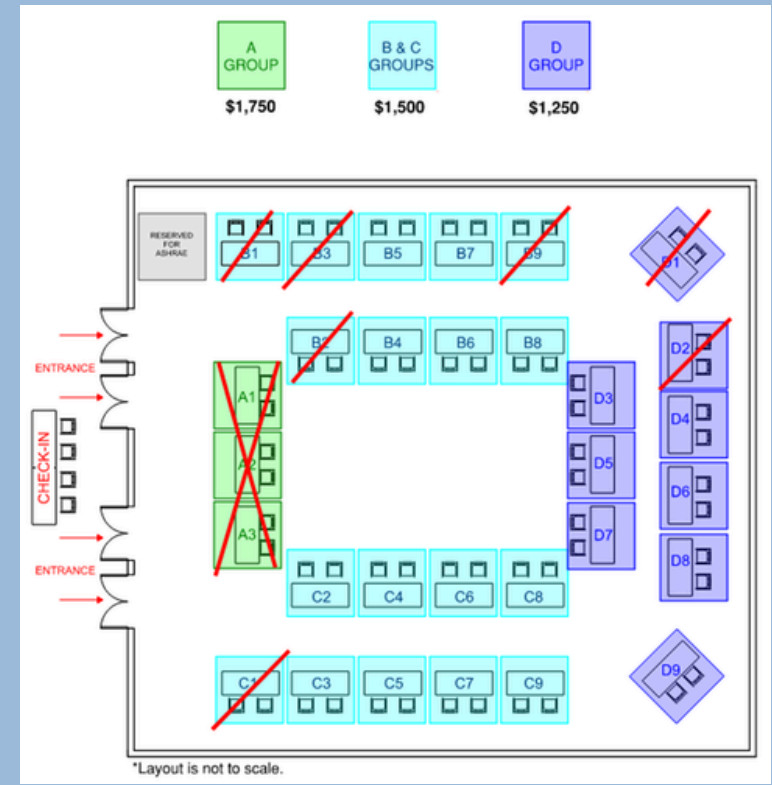
Sign up for normal attendance will be  
coming next month.

Upcoming dates:

4/16/2026: Austin ASHRAE 2026 Expo @

Norris Conference Center

TBD: Pickle Tournament @ TBD Location



Have the itch to donate and help the ASHRAE cause?

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Hello Austin ASHRAE!

Please join us for this month's meeting, hosted at EEA Consulting Engineers during lunch on Thursday 2/19.

We will have a presentation on HVAC Pump Packages covering these details:

1. Define the operational boundaries and components of packaged vs. field-built pump systems
2. Analyze ASHRAE 90.1-2022 - DP and "Function of Desired Flow"
3. Compare Differential Pressure (Linear) control vs. Quadratic Curve logic
4. Explain "Wire-to-Water" efficiency sequencing and its impact on part-load KW



**Jason Hence**  
*Technical Sales Manager  
HVAC Systems USA & CA  
Commercial Buildings*

### **Meet The Speaker!**

Jason Hence has 17 years of experience with Grundfos, currently serving as Technical Sales Manager for the Commercial Buildings team. After 15 years as a District Sales Manager across various territories, he now focuses on his role as Technical Sales Manager – HVAC Systems on growing the Grundfos HVAC pump package business in the USA.

He began his career with a seven-year tenure at ITT/Xylem (Goulds Pumps) as Territory Sales Manager for the NYC/NJ market and Market Development Manager in Texas. Across his career, Jason has developed a strong understanding of the commercial building pump markets with a strong focus on partner relations and business growth.

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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](https://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.

## Why ASHRAE?

February is a great time to get more involved with ASHRAE. Whether you're early in your career or have been in the industry for years, ASHRAE offers real value through technical resources, continuing education, and access to industry standards we all rely on.

At the local level, Austin ASHRAE is really about connection. Our meetings and events are a chance to learn something new, meet people in the industry, and build relationships with others working in HVAC&R across Central Texas.

If you're already a member, consider bringing a coworker or friend to a meeting. If you're not a member yet, now's a great time to check it out and see what ASHRAE is all about.

We're glad to have you as part of the Austin ASHRAE community and look forward to another great year.

## Contact Us

Have questions, suggestions, or need more information about membership? Reach out to us at (830) 741-0820 or [Rees.Saathoff@texasairsystems.com](mailto: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](mailto:Rees.Saathoff@TexasAirSystems.com) | 830-741-0820



# TREASURER REPORT

## Austin ASHRAE 2025-2026 Budget

We're currently making some *interest*-ing adjustments to our bank account 🦋—check back next month to see how the budget balances out!

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Category	Exp Unit	Qty	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>				
Acute Chapter Dues Income	\$0.00	200	\$19,700.00	\$1,730.00
Fall Golf Tournament Income	\$45,000.00	1	\$45,000.00	\$37,225.63
ASHRAE Loan	\$32,000.00	1	\$32,000.00	\$0.00
Third SF Event Income	\$4,000.00	1	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Meeting Income	\$1,000.00	10	\$20,000.00	\$4,710.35
Sponsorship	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Money Returned from Loaner	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$300.41
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$119,700.00</b>	<b>\$46,646.39</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Received 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	\$50.00
CPC Reimbursement Expenses	\$0.00	1	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2025 ASHRAE CPC Next Fund	\$0,000.00	1	\$0,000.00	\$0.00
Maltes	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
DL Expenses	\$400.00	1	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Sponsorship - DM*	\$100.00	1	\$100.00	\$0.00
Meeting Expenses	\$1,000.00	10	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Region VII Membership Expenses	\$0.00	200	\$1,700.00	\$0.00
Region VII Annual Conference Dinner Expenses	\$1,200.00	1	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Golf Tournament Expenses	\$1,000.00	1	\$22,000.00	\$11,521.58
Research Contribution - Golf Tournament	\$1,000.00	1	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Eggs Expenses	\$0,000.00	1	\$0,000.00	\$000.00
2025 Eggs Shared Check	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Research Contribution - Eggs	\$23,000.00	1	\$23,000.00	\$0.00
Third SF Event Expenses	\$1,000.00	1	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Research Contribution - Third Event Expenses	\$1,000.00	1	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Research Contribution - Endowment(C)	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Research Contribution - Prev. Year	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Start Chapter Expenses	\$1,100.00	1	\$1,100.00	\$050.00
Student SmartCard	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Student Drivers	\$40.00	10	\$400.00	\$0.00
Student Conferences	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Membership Transfer	\$700.00	1	\$700.00	\$0.00
DLI Expenses	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
YEA Expenses	\$700.00	10	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$119,700.00</b>	<b>\$19,271.41</b>



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Thanks to everyone who showed up to our social event last month at Hold Out Brewing! We had a great turnout, and it was so fun getting to catch up with everybody!

Since it's been such good weather the past few weeks, we've decided to host a picnic in Zilker this month! Come meet us at Zilker park near the Sunshine Camp area (see below map). We'll be grilling out, tossing some disc & hanging out! Sponsored by SIEMENS!!

**Location:** Zilker Park Polo Tables Picnic Area  
**Address:** 2225 Andrew Rd, Austin, TX 78746  
**Date & Time:** February 26, 4:30-6:30 PM



For parking, there is public parking available off of Barton Springs Rd & either Andrew Zilker Rd or William Barton Rd (Near Barton Springs).

*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:*

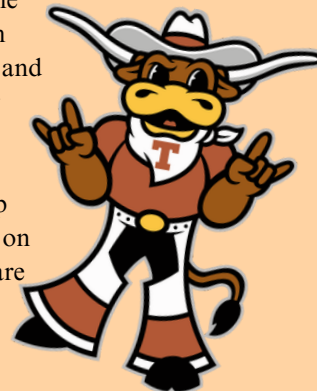
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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

At the end of this month, our team will be participating in the UT Austin STEM Girl Day event! We will be hosting the Keep-A-Cube activity to demonstrate heat transfer and insulation concepts. This is a great opportunity to engage with students and families in our community, share what ASHRAE does, and help inspire the next generation of engineers and STEM professionals. Our volunteers will assist with answering questions, handing out materials, and representing our chapter throughout the event.

In other news, the UT Austin Student Branch is officially active again! We are excited to get things kicked off and help them put on some great events for their members. In San Marcos, the students and faculty at Texas State are working on wrapping up the application for their own Student Branch, who will be supported by the Austin Chapter as well. We are excited to see these great things happening at the university level!

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



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Hello everyone!

Excited to announce that we will be touring the UT Utility Plant this week on February 12th which is one of the nation's largest microgrids. With this event being sold out, please ensure you are able to attend if you are signed up and if not please update your registration to allow for others to join.

We are still looking for volunteers for the sustainability events 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](mailto:mcanfield@parkhill.com).



### UEM Fact Sheet



*Melanie Canfield*

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In case you haven't noticed all of the flyers in your mailbox, Election Season is here. In many cases the election will be decided in the primary since there is no candidate in the opposing party or the districts served are heavily weighted toward one party. In Williamson County they are requiring the primary polling locations to be located within the districts served on election day but I believe you and vote in whichever party's primary you choose.

Please look at the qualifications of all of the candidates and choose whoever you think will best serve you, your family and your community best, regardless of party. Just this week I contacted the offices of the two State Senatorial candidates that I feel will serve my county to let them know of the technical services I can provide and a little about ASHRAE.

If you want to make sure your message and ASHRAE's message is heard during next year's legislative session, the time to get involved is now. Elected Officials remember who helped them get elected.

Tracee Rhodes adds:

ASHRAE held their Winter Conference in Vegas to discuss 2028 code work plans and legislative/policy priorities. The SSPC 90.1 Committee discussed the development of a new standard, 90.1-E which will serve as an optional emissions guideline to address the social cost of carbon and energy costs, among other aspects. Standard 90.1 will continue to serve as the base standard for energy efficiency. In addition to standards development, the Global Government Affairs Committee convened to discuss regional and chapter-level activities. The Committee also laid out its 2026 legislative/policy priorities which include EPCA reform, energy codes and resilience, and refrigerants.

### Federal

The HUD Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC) met to develop recommendations and input to aid HUD in advising the DOE regarding its September 2025 RFI on energy conservation standards for manufactured housing. The MHCC, which is comprised of industry stakeholders including producers, reached agreement that standards for manufactured housing based on the 2024 IECC would not likely be cost effective, and more broadly, that standards would be best developed by HUD instead of DOE, in line with the changes proposed under the Affordable HOMES Act, which passed the House and is currently awaiting action by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The Trump administration filed a lawsuit to block California city ordinances in Petaluma and Morgan Hill prohibiting gas infrastructure in new construction, on the grounds that these ordinances violate federal preemption under EPCA. The ordinances, passed in 2021 and 2019, respectively, are not currently being enforced due to the US Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rulings in 2023 and 2024 that a similar ordinance in Berkeley, CA is preempted under EPCA. The filing by the Trump administration DOJ states that such bans "deny consumers reliable, resilient, and affordable energy," and that "natural gas is often the lowest cost and most efficient energy source."

The Republican Study Committee released a policy framework for a potential second party-line reconciliation bill, focused on affordability with three main pillars addressing homeownership, health care, and energy. While the housing pillar contains various tax proposals to cut costs for families and enable them to save up to purchase homes, one proposed provision would repeal Biden-era housing regulations, including the 2022 Energy Efficient Standards rules, which require federal commercial and multifamily buildings to comply with ASHRAE 90.1 (2019) and federal low rise residential buildings to comply with the 2021 IECC.

DOE announced organization changes within the Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation (CMEI), which will affect energy programs previously organized under the umbrella of EERE. In late 2025, DOE announced the formation of a new office, CMEI, which would absorb EERE program offices among others. The announcement stated that CMEI, under the leadership of Assistant Secretary Audrey Robertson, will be divided into three primary pillars: the Office of Critical Minerals, Materials, and Manufacturing, the Office of Energy Technology, and the Office of Innovation, Affordability, and Consumer Choice. The latter pillar will contain offices dealing with building codes, including the Building Technologies Office. In reference to DOE's appliance standards and building codes programs, the release states DOE's authority will be exercised "with an emphasis on fact-based analysis, process transparency, and consumer choice and affordability."

As usual: 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](mailto:GovAffairs@ashrae.org)  
My email address is: [tlp@pax-suneng.com](mailto:tlp@pax-suneng.com)

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A graphic of a torn piece of aged paper with a blue button that says 'READ ARTICLE' in white text. A white hand cursor with a black outline is pointing at the button. The paper contains blurred text and images, including a photograph of a red and yellow fruit and a black and white photograph of a building.

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**CHRIS KRIEPS  
AUSTIN CHAPTER MEMBER  
REGION VIII YEA RVC**

**Chris Krieps, Region VIII YEA RVC, with the YEA Committee**



**Region VIII Happy Hour at  
the Ole Red Rooftop Bar**



**Sitting Poolside at Caesar's Palace for the Welcome Party**



**Participating in Technical  
Committee 6.2 Main Meeting**



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