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MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING



Thursday, April 16, 2026
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



Norris Conference Centers
2525 W Anderson Lane, Ste 365
Round Rock, TX 78664



Cleanroom Design Basics



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

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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.

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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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The Austin ASHRAE Expo is fast approaching on April 16th! General attendance to this event is FREE and is a fantastic opportunity to see showcases from HVAC&R equipment manufacturers as well as various technical presentations from extremely knowledgeable speakers. This event is for everyone in the HVAC industry: engineers, contractors, Owners, facilities engineers, and manufacturers' representatives alike. See more using the link  [here](#) or in the Research Promotion section of this newsletter.

Also in April, the Region VIII (which includes the Austin Chapter) Chapter Regional Conference (CRC) will be in Little Rock from April 23 through the 26. More information on CRC  [here](#).

Last but not least, this Summer, 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!

See you all at the Expo!

Miguel Minick, Chapter President



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Hello Austin ASHRAE!

The time has finally come! This Thursday, 4/16 will be our Austin ASHRAE Expo! The Expo will be free and you can come and talk to any and all vendors. Along with the Expo, we will be offering (3) learning sessions. Please see the CTTC section for more details. The first meeting will count as our monthly chapter meeting. See below for all the vendors that will be present at the EXPO.

EXPO Schedule:

- 11:00am Doors Open
- 11:45am ASRHAE Intros/Meeting Announcements
- 12:00pm/Noon Cleanroom Design Basics (Bacorn)
- ***ASHRAE Birthday Cake Following Lunch for 70th anniversary
- 2:00pm High Pressure Atomization vs. Isothermal Humidification in Healthcare and Critical Environments (DriSteem)
- 3:30pm IEQ Panel
- 4:30pm Happy Hour
- 6:00pm Event Over

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS!

Marketing Sponsored by:  Bell & Gossett

Have questions about the event?
 Email Ricardo Soto at rsoto@pagethink.com.
 Sign up for normal attendance will be coming next month!

Upcoming dates:
 May: 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 the Austin ASHRAE Expo, where we will also have our April Chapter Meeting during lunchtime. In addition to the chapter lunch and technical presentation by David Bacorn, there will be a PDH presentation by DriSteem at 2pm and an IEQ Panel at 3:30pm. See below for all the details.

Expo Schedule:

11:00am: Doors Open
11:45am: ASRHAE Intros/Meeting Announcements
12:00pm/Noon: Cleanroom Design Basics (Bacorn Bros)
2:00pm: High Pressure Atomization vs. Isothermal Humidification in Healthcare and Critical Environments (DriSteem)
3:30pm: IEQ Panel
4:30pm: Happy Hour
6:00pm: Event Concludes

Chapter Meeting Schedule:

11:30 - 11:45 AM: Check-in, Arrive and Mingle
11:45 - 12:00 PM: ASHRAE Announcements/Intros
12:00 - 1:00 PM: Main Presentation – "Cleanroom Design Basics"

Main Presentation

Title: "Cleanroom Design Basics"

Learning Objectives:

- Understand Cleanroom Design Standards
- Fundamentals of Cleanroom Design
- Humidity/Particulate Control in Cleanrooms

Additional PDH Presentation

2:00 - 3:00 PM: "High Pressure Atomization vs. Isothermal Humidification in Healthcare and Critical Environments"

Learning Objectives:

- Review Adiabatic Technologies and Applications
- Understand Pro's and Con's of Isothermal and Adiabatic Systems
- Analyze Operating Cost Comparisons
- Know Key Design Differences
- How to apply High Pressure Atomization in Hospitals to meet ASHRAE 170



David Bacorn PE, LEED AP, CxA
Principal Engineer
Bacorn Bros, LLC

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Monthly Meeting – ASHRAE EXPO! 4/16/2026

Attention members! Invite your non-member friends and colleagues to this week's meeting where we will discuss IECC 2021 and Com-Check Basics! This month to promote membership in ASHRAE we will be having a special raffle for a Turtle Box Gen 3 Bluetooth Speaker! Breakdown of how to get raffle tickets below:

1. (1) Ticket if you bring in a non-member to the meeting
2. (1) Ticket if you're a non-member that goes to the meeting
3. (3) Tickets if you bring in a non-member that signs up for ASHRAE at the meeting (or week of)
4. (5) Tickets if you're the non-member that signs up for ASHRAE at the meeting (or the week of)



So please show up and bring someone new to ASHRAE to experience the community, networking, and knowledge that can be gained through being involved.

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. Your involvement makes a difference!

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



TREASURER REPORT

Austin ASHRAE 2025-2026 Budget

April showers bring May flowers—and this month, they’re also bringing balanced books and steady finances. The numbers are looking bright!

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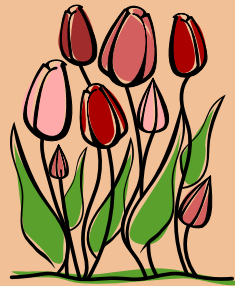
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Category	\$ per Unit	Qty	Budget	Actual
Income				
Austin Chapter Dues Income	\$65.00	250	\$16,250.00	\$16,095.00
Fall Golf Tournament Income	\$45,000.00	1	\$45,000.00	\$37,974.54
ASHRAE Expo	\$32,000.00	1	\$32,000.00	\$41,889.40
Third RP Event Income	\$4,000.00	1	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Meeting Income	\$2,000.00	10	\$20,000.00	\$6,829.05
Sponsorships	\$2,500.00	1	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Katie Personal Money Added				\$55.69
Money Returned from Lorenzo	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$369.41
Interest				\$0.81
Savings				\$11,956.54
Total			\$119,750.00	\$114,970.44
Expenses				
Retained Earnings	\$800.00	1	\$800.00	\$0.00
Accountant (Taxes)	\$700.00	1	\$700.00	\$735.00
Chapter Expenses*	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	\$110.00
CRC Reimbursement Expenses	\$3,500.00	1	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
2025 ASHRAE CRC Host Fund	\$8,000.00	1	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
Mailbox	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
DL Expenses	\$400.00	3	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Sponsorships - Out**	\$500.00	1	\$500.00	\$749.95
Meeting Expenses	\$2,000.00	10	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Region VIII Membership Expenses	\$15.00	250	\$3,750.00	\$3,760.00
Region VIII Annual Conference Dinner Expense	\$1,200.00	1	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Golf Tournament Expenses	\$22,000.00	1	\$22,000.00	\$11,921.58
Research Contribution - Golf Tournament	\$18,000.00	1	\$18,000.00	\$20,975.00
Expo Expenses	\$6,800.00	1	\$6,800.00	\$900.00
2025 Expo Bounced Check	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Research Contribution - Expo	\$23,000.00	1	\$23,000.00	\$0.00
Third RP Event Expenses	\$2,000.00	1	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Research Contribution - Third Event Expense	\$2,000.00	1	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Research Contribution - Endowment(s)	\$3,000.00	1	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Research Contribution - Prev. Year	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
StarChapter Expenses	\$1,550.00	1	\$1,550.00	\$1,880.75
Student SmartStart	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Student Dinners	\$40.00	10	\$400.00	\$0.00
Student Conferences	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Membership Promotion	\$250.00	1	\$250.00	\$0.00
DEI Expenses	\$0.00	5	\$0.00	\$0.00
President Pin	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$344.00
YEA Expenses	\$150.00	10	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Hold in new account				\$0.00
Total			\$119,750.00	\$42,876.28



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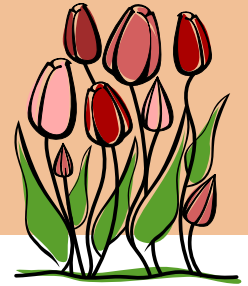
We're co-hosting our next event with Refrigeration!

Please refer to the refrigeration page for more info.

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Exciting momentum is building across our student outreach efforts! At UT Austin, plans are underway for the first student meeting—stay tuned for more details as the chapter begins to take shape. Texas State is also making great progress, with registration as an official Student Chapter expected before the end of the semester once student participation is finalized.

On the K–12 front, we're continuing to engage younger students through upcoming events. We'll be at St. Louis on April 21, and are also coordinating the Heisel Elementary event before the school year wraps up.

We're looking forward to growing these connections and continuing to invest in the next generation!



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



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Hello everyone! This month refrigeration and YEA have teamed up to bring you a distillery tour and guided tasting at Still Austin Whisky Co on April 28th at 5 pm! There are limited spots available so please register as soon as

possible and we are still looking for sponsors. Sponsor tickets are available in the event registration. We are looking for volunteers to help with 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.



Join our YEA and Refrigeration teams for a

WHISKEY DISTILLERY TOUR AND TASTING

AT STILL AUSTIN WHISKEY CO.

APRIL 28TH @ 5 PM

PRICE: \$15
ADDRESS: 440 E ST ELMO RD SUITE F,
AUSTIN, TX 78745

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPONSORS! PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE TEAM BELOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED:

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Kathleen Leyendecker - Kathleen.Leyendecker@hts.com
Chris Boerkei - Chris.boerkei@siemens.com



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I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming EXPO. Please let me know of your concerns about actions of the local governments in your area that may affect ASHRAE. There are still local elections going on in Williamson County and I suspect there are others being held in surrounding counties. The State Republican US Senate primary runoff is also upcoming. Please VOTE!

Tracee Rhodes adds:

The Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice forecasting the representative average unit costs of five residential energy sources for the year 2025. These costs are used in test procedures for appliances established under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) and in calculating the estimated annual operating cost of appliances, which are included in the yellow appliance labels as required by the Federal Trade Commission. On a per mmBtu basis, natural gas remains the cheapest source of energy, followed by kerosene, propane, and heating oil. These costs are effective April 27, 2026.

Electricity	50.47 or \$ per million BTU's or 17.22 ¢/kWh
Natural Gas	14.37 or \$ per million BTU's or \$1.43/therm or \$14.9/MCF
No. 2 Heating Oil	25.91 \$ per million BTU's or \$3.56/gallon
Propane	25.68 \$ per million BTU's or \$2.35/gallon
Kerosene	25.11 \$ per million BTU's or \$3.39/gallon

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Short-Term Energy Outlook (September 9, 2025), and Annual Energy Outlook (April 15, 2025).

Notes: Prices include taxes.

The Department of Energy (DOE) announced \$1.9 billion in funding for grid upgrades, specifically to increase transmission capacity through reconductoring and the deployment of other advanced transmission technologies. The funding opportunity has been branded as the "Speed to Power through Accelerated Reconductoring and other Key Advanced Transmission Technology Upgrades," or SPARK. The SPARK funding opportunity will expand transfer capability, strengthen reliability, and reduce costs for consumers. The program was previously known as the Grid Resilience and Innovative Partnerships (GRIP) program, which provided \$10.5 billion in funding across two rounds spanning FY 2022 to 2024.

The Trump administration released its budget request for fiscal year 2027 appropriations, which largely mirrored its 2026 request for extensive cuts to green energy funding at Department of Energy (DOE) as well as the elimination of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). At DOE, the request repropose the cancellation of \$15.2 billion in funding for renewable energy technologies among other topics funded under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The proposal would also shift funding that previously supported various initiatives at the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy towards the administration's priorities, including deploying baseload power and supporting AI and critical minerals, consistent with the DOE's reorganization of the office into the Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation (CMEI).

Various awardees of Department of Energy (DOE) grants for projects supporting clean energy and building code policy objectives pursued under the previous administration have filed suit to challenge the termination of their awards. The newly filed lawsuit (American Institute of Chemical Engineers v. Wright) challenges the October 2025 termination of 5 awards, including two awards totaling \$6.8 million to support the development and implementation of commercial energy codes, such as ASHRAE 90.1, through building energy modeling tools. The lawsuit requests the restoration of the awards, employing successful arguments from a prior lawsuit (St. Paul v. Wright) over terminated grants that terminating awards in states that primarily vote for Democratic candidates but not those that vote for Republicans is a violation of the First and Fifth Amendments.

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
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2026 March BOG Meeting Minutes

March 09, 2026

1. **Kick-Off**
 - a. Meeting started at 4:05 pm.
 - b. Attendees: Kathleen Leyendecker, Branden Jodoi, Tracee Rhodes, Walker Anderson, Tom Paxson, Melanie Canfield, Steve Hansen, Lorenzo Gonzalez, Randy Schrecengost, Katie Klassen, Rob Pettitt, Miguel Minick
 - c. Have you contacted your RVC this month?
2. **Goals for the Year**
 - a. DRC MBO's
 - i. Emphasize IEQ and Climate Change in Chapter Programs
 1. Minimum of two chapter meeting or programs on the topic of IEQ and/or Climate Change
 2. At least one DL presentation on IEQ and/or Climate Change
 - ii. Engage Industry Stakeholders
 1. Hold at least one joint meeting with another building sciences or construction organization, preferably on the topic of IEQ.
 2. Chapter leadership to meet with contractor, building owners and engineering firms on how to increase ASHRAE value and better promote workforce development.
 - iii. Increase Awareness of ASHRAE Resources and Opportunities
 - b. Additional Goals for Austin Chapter
 - i. Bring in new officers, chairs, BOG, and committee members
 1. Areas of Need: DEI
3. **General Items**
 - a. Nominating Committee
 - i. Election nominating committee
 1. Wyatt was elected as chair of the nominating committee
 - ii. Nomination for Secretary role
 - iii. Confirm all those in the President track will
 - iv. Goal is to be able to complete the CIO d February 27-28.
 - b. Ad-Hoc Committee – Meet



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Secretary / Newsletter	Walker Anderson	Texas Air Products	wanderson@txap.com

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BOG-1 Nomination Chair	Wyatt Hahn	Tom Green & Company Engineers	wyath@tgce.com
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BOG-3	Steve Hansen	DPR	steveha@dpr.com
BOG-4	Jeremy Smith	EEA Consulting Engineers	jeremysmith@eeace.com

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Young Eng. in ASHRAE (YEA) Chair	Chris Boerkei	Siemens	chris.boerkei@siemens.com
YEA Co-Chair	Kathleen Leyendecker	HTS	

-----**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**-----

CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

History Committee	----- LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS -----		
Communication Committee	----- LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS -----		
DEI Committee	----- LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS -----		
Student Activities Committee	Sydney Bradshaw	Burns	
Reception/Attendance Committee	Branden Jodoi	Osln Nation	bjodoi@onco-tx.com
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YEA Committee	Alex Kavanaugh	Freese and Nichols	Alex.Kavanaugh@freese.com
YEA Committee	Will Knowles	Osln Nation	YEA william.knowles@onco-tx.com