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NEXT MEETING

First meeting of the year will be **September 1th , 2025**

Meetings will take place at **Cromwell** located at **1300 E 6th Street, Little Rock, AR 72202**

SEPTEMBER 1ST MEETING

Leading multi-generational teams

Speaker: Kim Koch - Insight Engineering

Kim is the founding principal of Insight Engineering in Little Rock. She has over 25 years of experience providing engineering design. Last year she served Arkansas ASHRAE as CRC Co-Chair. Next month she will be diving into how to lead an effective team that spans several generations.



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ASHRAE 2026-2027 SOCIETY THEME

Changing the Game: Retrofitting for Resilience

Maston's focus is on how the building industry can work together to improve the efficiency, performance and resilience of existing buildings

"There is no one-size-fits-all solution or game plan for retrofitting buildings. Every building has its own constraints – mechanical systems, budgets and operational needs. Also, financial constraints, or utility infrastructure, plays a part in deciding the game plan or resilience strategy of a building. That's why teamwork is absolutely essential."



Sarah E. Maston, P.E., BCxP, LEED AP
2026-27 ASHRAE President

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am excited and honored to serve as the Arkansas ASHRAE President this year. I am very thankful to last year's Board for their continued dedication and for putting our chapter in the best possible position to be an organization that our members are proud to be part of. I would especially like to thank Brynn Lea, our 2025–2026 President, for leading our chapter with heart and determination.

I am humbled to have the opportunity to work alongside an incredible group of volunteers who consistently show up, work hard, and bring new ideas to the table. Their dedication and willingness to get more people involved are a huge part of what makes our chapter successful.

This year, our goal is to grow both membership and member involvement by providing new opportunities, hosting new events, and encouraging new ideas. I encourage each of you to be part of that effort. Invite someone new to an event, offer a coworker a ride to a meeting, or find an opportunity to get involved as a group. **Small efforts from each of us can make a significant impact on our chapter.**

With our dedicated Board, volunteers, and members working together, I am excited to see what our chapter can accomplish this year. Through the diverse talents, experiences, and passions of our members, I am confident that we will not only continue to be a successful ASHRAE chapter but also leave a lasting mark on the community here in Arkansas.

I look forward to serving alongside all of you and making this a great year for Central Arkansas ASHRAE.

Jonathan Wallace
President, Arkansas Chapter

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2025-2026 OFFICERS

Here is a look at this year's officers.

President: Jonathan Wallace

Vice President: Fallon Lee

Treasuer: Owen Stuckey

Secretary: Nathan Helms

Board of Governors: Joel Funkhouser, Steve McConnell, Chance Hollingsworth

Research Promotion: Brynn Lea

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Membership Promotion: Nick Moore

Student Activities: Max Kronenberger

Technology Transfer: Fallon Lee

Historian: Russell Black

Refridgeration: Jake Skinner

Reception: India Beavers

Newsletter Editor & Communications: Olivia Hope

YEA: Davis Zimmerman

Special Events: Josh Robinson

Honors and Awards: Justin Blair

Government Affairs: Keith Clement

Women in ASHRAE: Kim Koch

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ARKANSAS ASHRAE'S THREE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

By Russell Black, Arkansas ASHRAE Historian

January 27th, 2027, will mark the 75th Anniversary of the birth of the Arkansas ASHRAE Chapter. This current ASHRAE year, 2026-2027, we will be celebrating the 75th anniversary with a series of special History articles, and then we will culminate the celebrations with a birthday party at our regular January meeting. With that in mind, I wanted to start the celebratory year with a history article devoted to what is, in my opinion, the (3) greatest achievements in all of Arkansas ASHRAE's stellar history:

1) Arkansas ASHRAE won "Best in World" Chapter in 1972
2) Arkansas ASHRAE has had (2) Society Presidents:
Bill Goodman (1999-2000), and Bill Harrison (2008-09)
3)Arkansas ASHRAE has won (9) Golden Gavel Awards.

In the next (3) newsletters, I will have individual articles that expand on these (3) achievements. Also, Arkansas Chapter has had several great awards or recognitions in its history, if you believe there are other achievements which surpass or equal these (3), please let us hear your opinion. Thanks!

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ASHRAE President 2025-2026

