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March 2023 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

Check out all of the events coming up with the Central Arkansas ASHRAE Chapter.

March 10, 2023-The Annual ASHRAE Trap Tournament is taking place at the [AGFC Shooting Range in Jacksonville](#). To sign up to shoot or become a sponsor reach out to

March 24, 2023-Women in ASHRAE Volunteer opportunity at the Arkansas Food Bank.

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ASHRAE History

Arkansas ASHRAE History

Russell Black - Historian

As we have entered into the third decade of the 21st century, I was curious to know who the most highly honored Arkansas ASHRAE President of the past was two decades Presidents the past two decades, the most highly honored ASHRAE President of the new century is Kim Koch.

Here is a list of Kim's awards: 2008 – CTTC Region VIII Award, 2009 – Region VIII Golden Gavel Award (Chapter Award), 2009 – Jack Thompson Award, 2014 – Chapter

Kim giving ATU Presentation, 3-30-2006

To put these achievements into perspective, the Golden Gavel Award and the Jack Thompson Award would be the Hollywood equivalent of winning an Oscar for Best Picture

Here are the descriptions for the two awards according to official ASHRAE documents: 1) Golden Gavel – “The Golden Gavel is awarded to the chapter of the year. ...To each year defining the official goals for accomplishment, and winning the Golden Gavel competition is still the ultimate achievement of a chapter.” 2) Jack Thompson – “The Golden Gavel Award and was an inspirational member of Region VIII and is the most prestige Regional award given to an individual that embodies the qualities of Chapter

Kim – Successfully juggling motherhood and work

So, in Kim's presidential year, she won the two most prestigious yearly awards that Region VIII presents. In fact, Kim was the first Arkansas ASHRAE President to sweep only one of two Arkansas ASHRAE Presidents to have achieved this special double win. Considering that Region VIII is routinely one of the top Regions in all ASHRAE (accurate), to be considered the top Chapter and top leader in our Region is a very formidable achievement. This speaks volumes of Kim's leadership abilities as she continues on the Arkansas ASHRAE board of governors and serving on numerous Nominating Committees.

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Women in ASHRAE



Our Women in ASHRAE group is excited about 2023. The mission of the Women in ASHRAE (WiA) committee is to promote the addition and retention of women in the professional development and leadership. We strive to unite women from various occupations including engineering, construction, project management, property development, architecture and more. We hope to foster mentoring relationships among these professions to create a network of women supporting women in our Region.

Here is a look at the upcoming events:

Friday-3/24/23-Volunteer at the Arkansas Food Bank

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ASHRAE Podcast



[Regulating Indoor Contaminants With Benjamin Jones](#)

Benjamin Jones, Dr.Eng., speaks with Technical Editor Rebecca Matyasovski about a proposed addendum to Standard 62.2 that considers harm as a basis of regulating cc of addenda could be used in other indoor spaces and by other organizations—and why you should always turn on your ran

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ASHRAE National News



2023 ASI
WINTER CONF
ATLANTA, Feb 4-8 | AHR

ATLANTA (February 10, 2023) – The [ASHRAE 2023 Winter Conference](#) concluded in Atlanta, with a strong focus on building decarbonization strategies. The conference attracted 3,000 HVAC&R industry professionals in attendance. The [AHR Expo](#) occupied 487,000 net sq ft. of exhibit space at the Georgia World Congress Center and showcased the industry.

The five-day conference featured more than 100 technical sessions, updates from Society leaders, tours and social events. The top three attended sessions were as follows:

- Seminar 15: *The Evolution of Thermal Energy Storage for Cooling Applications: The Past, Current and Future*
- Seminar 11: *Optimizing Thermal Energy Storage Integrated with HVAC*
- Seminar 25: *Decarbonizing Campuses Utilizing Heat Pumps and Thermal Energy Storage*

The AHR Expo featured a total of 1,779 exhibitors, including 425 international exhibitors. An estimated 40-45,000 people attended the Expo over the course of three days.

During the Winter Conference, 2022-23 ASHRAE President Farooq Mehboob provided updates related to the Society's current theme, "*Securing Our Future.*"

"The challenge doesn't stop here," Mehboob said. "As an industry, we must remain focused and maintain our position of leadership and preparedness. Our success continues through innovation, flexibility and a willingness to adapt. Our success stems from seeing an opportunity for improvement based on new knowledge and technology."

Mehboob's State of Society address manuscript and presentation can be found at ashrae.org/president.

The outstanding achievements of ASHRAE members were recognized during an honors and awards program. ASHRAE Executive Vice President and Secretary Jeff Little included the recent release of building decarbonization resources.

“There is a growing demand for ASHRAE’s technical guidance,” said Littleton. “The ASHRAE Task Force for Building Decarbonization has been working tirelessly on a ASHRAE’s new decarbonization online resource hub that will feature a wide spectrum of decarb tools and guidance. You can now download the new, free publication [Build](#) [Guide](#) produced in partnership with the Department of Energy and Pacific Northwest National Labs. We are building upon our 129-year legacy in today’s perfect storm of c

Building decarbonization resources and the BPS guide can be found at ashrae.org/decarb.

Closing the plenary session, leading expert on future trends, Peter Leyden, focused on technological revolutions in infotech, biotech and energy tech such as Artificial Intel transportation.

ASHRAE Learning Institute (ALI) offered 20 courses. New courses were as follows:

- *Introduction to Building Decarbonization*
- *Energy Management Best Practices*
- *V in HVAC – What, Why, Where, How, and How Much (Includes Basic Requirements of Standard 62.1-2019)*
- *Fundamentals of Decarbonization Design Systems and Equipment Applications*
- *Best Practices for Installing DDC Systems*
- *V in HVAC – Efficiently Improving IAQ using the Ventilation Rate Procedures (Using Advanced Options for Standard 62.1-2022)*
- *Smart HVAC Solutions for Climate Design*

All registered attendees, both in-person and virtual, will have access to the virtual conference platform during the conference and 12 months post-conference.

The [2023 ASHRAE Annual Conference](#) will take place June 24 – June 28 in Tampa, Florida. The 2024 Winter Conference will take place January 20 – 24, and the AHR E:

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