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Meetings is at **Cromwell** located at **1300 E 6th Street, Little Rock, AR 72202**

NEXT MEETING

NEBB Certification

Presented By Tom Hanlon

December 2th , 2025

Mr. Hanlon has forty years of experience in control system design, installation, start-up, project management, technical consultation, and systems commissioning. He is currenlty a Special Projects Manager for Brown Engineers. He is NEBB Certified, a LEEDTM Accredited Professional, and a Licensed Master Electrician.

FUTURE MEETINGS

DATE	SPEAKER
Jan 6th	Erin Rau - AI in HVAC
Feb 10th	Tony Woodard - Chief HVAC Inspector/Code Inspections
Mar 3rd	Panel Discussion with NAWIC
Apr 24-26	CRC Presentations

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Baptist Habitat for Humanity Project

Habitat for Humanity®

New Dates!

January 16th

February 13th

(One Shift from 8AM-12PM)

Location:
8801 Longacre Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205
Signup with following link: https://signup.com/go/prwvMpv

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CHRISTMAS PARTY



Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest!!



Thursday Dec 4th at 5:30 PM

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2026 ASHRAE REGION VIII CRC

Registration Now Open !!!

We're thrilled to announce that registration is officially open for the 2026 ASHRAE Region VIII Chapter Regional Conference (CRC) — hosted right here in Little Rock, Arkansas!

This exciting event will take place **April 23–25, 2026**, bringing together industry professionals, chapter leaders, and ASHRAE members from across the region for an unforgettable weekend of networking, technical sessions, and celebration.

You can **purchase a full weekend ticket** and join us for the entire conference experience here:
Full Weekend Ticket – CRC 2026

New this year, our **Central Arkansas Chapter** members have an exclusive option to attend all social events through a **Social Ticket** — perfect for those who want to enjoy the fellowship, receptions, and evening events without the full conference registration.
Purchase a Social Ticket Here

We look forward to showcasing our city and hosting a memorable CRC that's truly **Big on Little Rock!**

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ASHRAE HISTORY

The Golden Sweep

By Russell Black, Arkansas ASHRAE Historian

In the previous (3) newsletters this year, we discussed the number of Golden Gavel Awards won by our Arkansas Chapter, the number of Jack Thompson leadership awards for our Arkansas Chapter, and last month, we discussed the number of Golden Gavel Awards per Chapter in Region VIII.

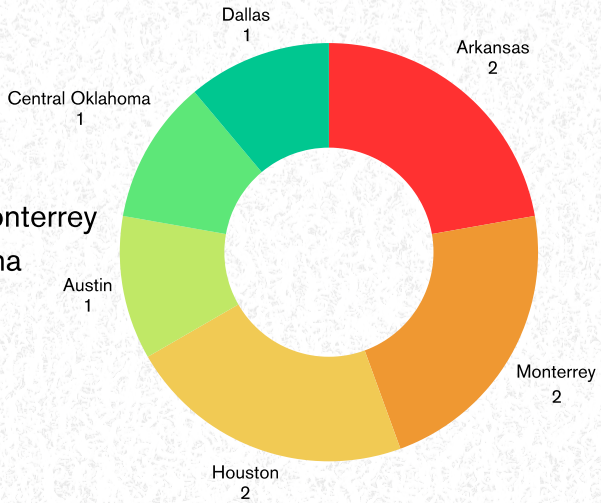
This month we are going to discuss the concept of "The Golden Sweep." The Golden Sweep is when (1) Chapter wins both the highest Chapter award, the Golden Gavel, and the highest individual award, The Jack Thompson award, in the same year. This sweep would be the Hollywood equivalent of a movie winning best film and best director for that award year.

In Region VIII history (as far as our current records show, and we are currently working to complete the Jack Thompson awards list), there have been (9)

Golden Sweeps in Region VIII history:

2022-2023 Jeanette Hay Monterrey
2020-2021 Greg Tinkler Houston
2018-2019 Vanessa Freidberg Austin
2016-2017 Armando Berman Rosales Monterrey
2014-2015 Joe Sanders Central Oklahoma
2012-2013 Alan Neely Houston
2011-2012 Bill Simpson Arkansas
2008-2009 Kim Koch Arkansas
1997-1998 Ken Fulk Dallas

Here's how the historic competion stacks up:



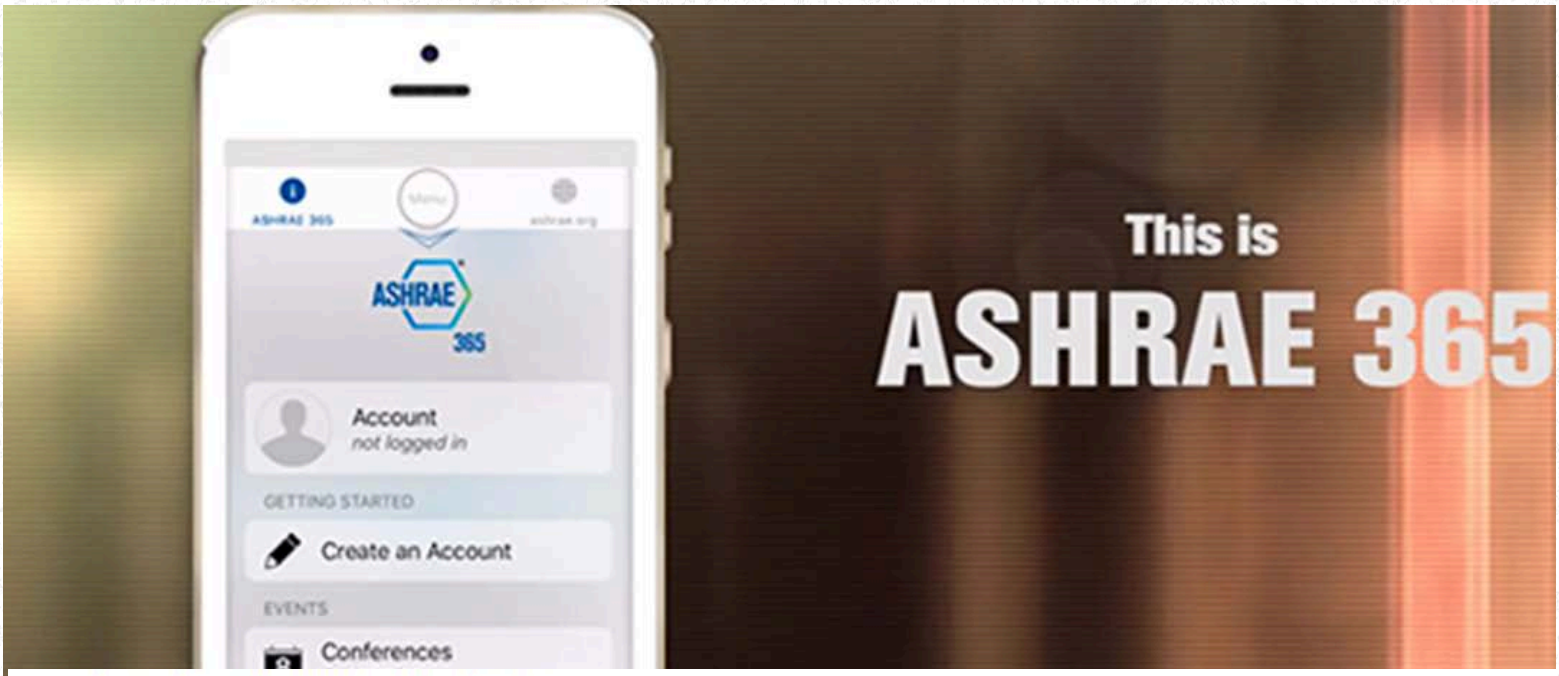
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DID YOU KNOW?

Download the ASHRAE 365 app in the app store!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=693CQQ0QXGA



Event Functionality Within ASHRAE 365:

- **Social Profiles** – Create a profile to direct message with fellow conference attendees and post to session discussions.
- **Event Dashboard** – See your schedule, reminders, event updates, newest timeline posts, and popular sessions.
- **Activity Timeline** – View and swap ideas, photos and lessons learned with other attendees.
- **Notifications** – Be in the know with important announcements and push notifications.
- **Schedule** – Search sessions and speakers, create your own itinerary, download handouts, take notes, and make appointments. Choose to display in your time zone or the time zone of the event when creating your schedule.
- **Notebook** – Take session notes and export to share or reference later.
- **Maps** – View venue floor plans.

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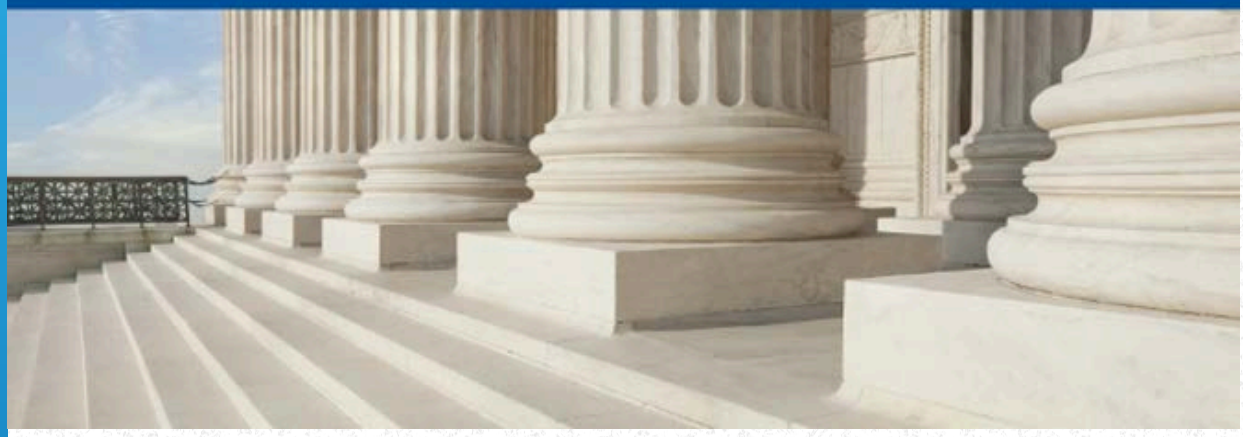
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Government Affairs Update



ASHRAE sent a letter supporting Michigan's move to adopt Standard 90.1-2022 for the commercial energy code (public comment open through November 7, 2025). ASHRAE also urged members in Oregon, New Jersey, and Michigan to contact Congress after DOE announced termination of hundreds of energy grants that include a $2.8M RECI training award. Globally, COP30 is taking place in Belém, Brazil, with sessions on efficient HVAC, heat pumps, and building decarbonization; Bill Gates highlighted a heavier focus on adaptation, cooling access, and workforce development. On Capitol Hill, House Democrats introduced H.R. 5862 (Energy Independence and Affordability Act) to restore energy-efficiency tax incentives 25C, 45L, and 179D. Federally, DOE efficiency standards for gas furnaces and commercial water heaters were upheld in court, preserving 95% condensing requirements on the stated timelines; DOE issued an RFO for AI data centers at the Paducah site (offers due January 30, 2026) and proposed a FERC rule to speed large-load interconnections. In states, Illinois passed SB 25 (Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act) creating integrated utility planning, lifting the new-nuclear ban, adding storage incentives, and enabling virtual power plants; 15 governors also launched a non-partisan Public Health Alliance. Other notes: EESI hosted a refrigerants briefing ahead of COP30, and ACEEE's 2025 International Energy Efficiency Scorecard kept France in the top spot while China showed the largest improvement.

Have a local policy story or meeting to share? Send it to GovAffairs@ashrae.org.

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Board of Governors

