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NEXT MEETING

Transport Refrigeration Solutions

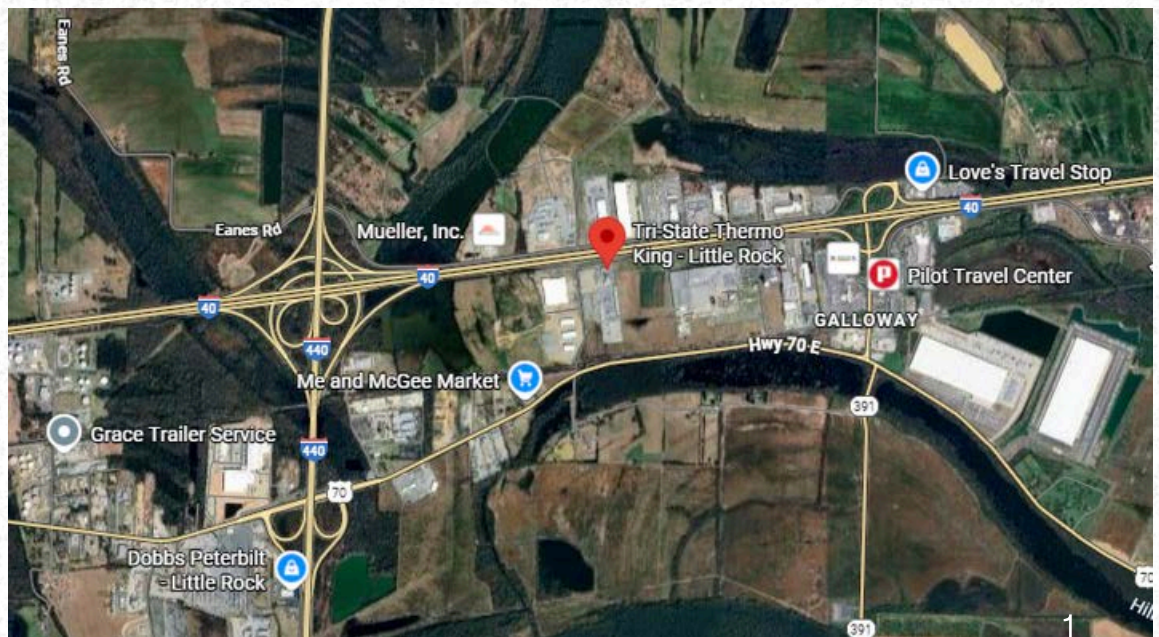
October 7th, 2025

This meeting will take place at
Tri-State Thermo King

10600 Maybelline Rd, North Little Rock, AR 72117

Presented by Lisa Cook

Lisa joined Thermo King sales team in late 2023 as a District Sales Manager and has recently taken lead for Trane Technologies newest Employee Resource Group (ERG) partnership with Women in Trucking. Her exceptional performance has earned her numerous accolades, including an Ingersoll Rand's two-time President's Club Recipient, a graduate of Women's Leadership Development Program (IR), and both Volunteer and Citizen of the Year awards (Fort Mill SC). Lisa holds a B.S. in Marketing from Appalachian State University. She and her husband, Brian, live in Fort Mill SC, and are moving closer to empty nesting with their blended family of 6 children.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Baptist Habitat for Humanity Project

This Friday Sept 26th

NEW VOLUNTEER DATE ADDED!!!

HALLOWEEN OCT 31st

One Shift from 8AM-12PM

Location:
8801 Longacre Drive, Little Rock,
AR 72205

Signup with following link:
<https://signup.com/go/prwvMpv>



ASHRAE FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, October 3rd

8:30 AM Shotgun Start

Country Club of Arkansas

3 Country Club Circle, Maumelle, AR 72113

\$600 Per Team (Includes cart, green fees, lunch refreshments, raffle tickets and 2 mulligans per golfer)

Contact **Josh Robinson** at jrobinson@harrisonenergy.com

October Women in ASHRAE

Pickleball at the Athletic Club

Date: TBD

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BIG ON LITTLE ROCK

2026 CRC CONFERENCE

The Central Arkansas Chapter is excited to host the 2026 Region VIII CRC in Little Rock, AR!

April 23-26, 2026

Our theme, “Big on Little Rock,” celebrates the charm, energy, and hospitality of our city. Sponsorship opportunities are still available – a great way to showcase your business to ASHRAE members across 15 chapters. For details, contact Hunter Brock at hbrock@cromwell.com.

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THE JACK THOMPSON AWARD



By Russell Black, Arkansas ASHRAE Historian

Last month, we had an article on “The Golden Gavel Years” regarding the (9) times the Arkansas Chapter won the Golden Gavel Award, which is the most prestigious award presented to a Chapter at CRC (Chapters Regional Conference). This month let us look at the highest award given to an individual at CRC. This highest individual award would be the Jack Thompson Award.

The Jack Thompson Award has a special connection to the Arkansas Chapter. Jack Thompson was a founding member of the Arkansas Chapter, being one of the signatories on the application for the charter (1952). He was also the 5th Arkansas Chapter President (1956-57). Later, he became a member of Dallas Chapter (Region VIII also), and he became one of the most outstanding leaders at region level in the history of Region VIII. Perhaps Mr. Thompson’s greatest legacy was that he was the imaginative agent and creative force behind the Region VIII Golden Gavel Award.

Here is a description of the Jack Thompson Award, as copied from the Region VIII website (edited slightly):

“This award is dedicated to Jack Thompson who created the Golden Gavel Award and was an inspirational member of Region VIII. The Jack Thompson Award is the most prestigious regional award given to an individual that embodies the qualities of Chapter Leadership. This is a regional award (Plaque) given by the Region VIII DRC at the President’s Luncheon at the CRC to the Chapter President that the DRC feels is the most effective Chapter President in the Region. Since it is subjective, each DRC can use whatever formula he/she wants to select the winner. It can be based on:

- Chapter improvement
- Communications with DRC
- Most impact on the chapter

A formula to include the above plus measured goals such as MBO completion, Chapter PAOE, Membership increase, RP increase, timely Reporting, /etc.”

Arkansas ASHRAE has had (3) winners of the Jack Thompson Award:

- 1) Kim Koch (2008-09)
- 2) Bill Simpson (2011-12)
- 3) Steve McConnell (2019-20)

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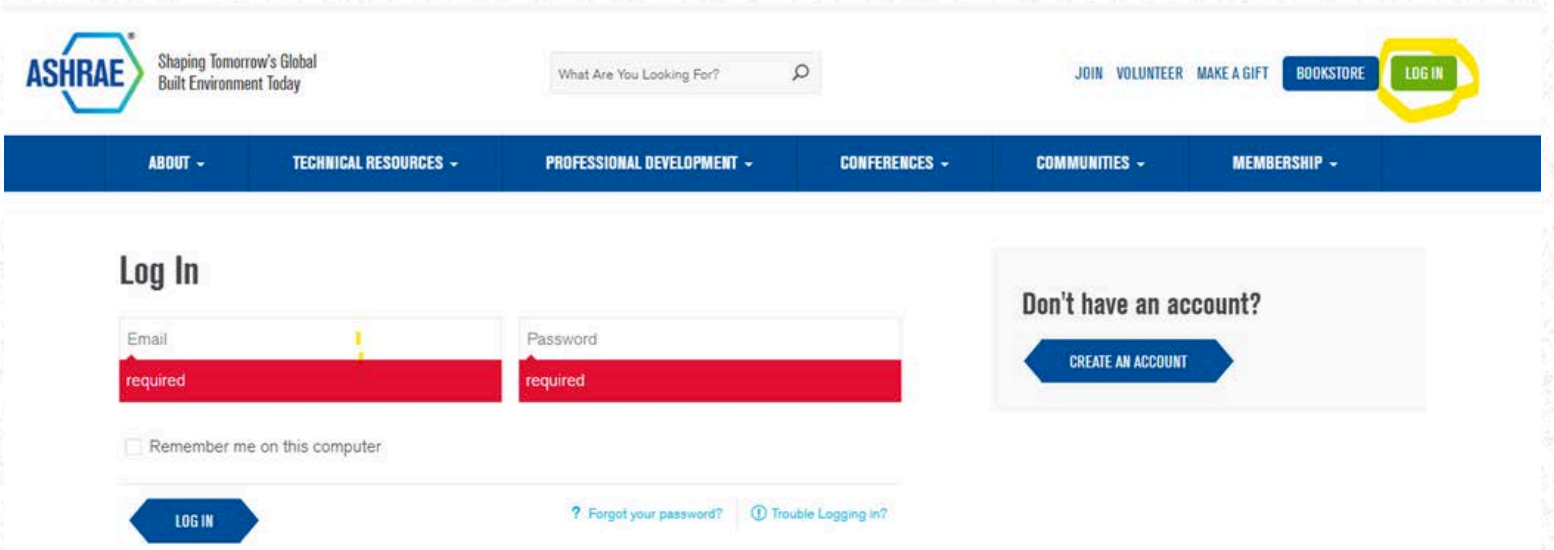


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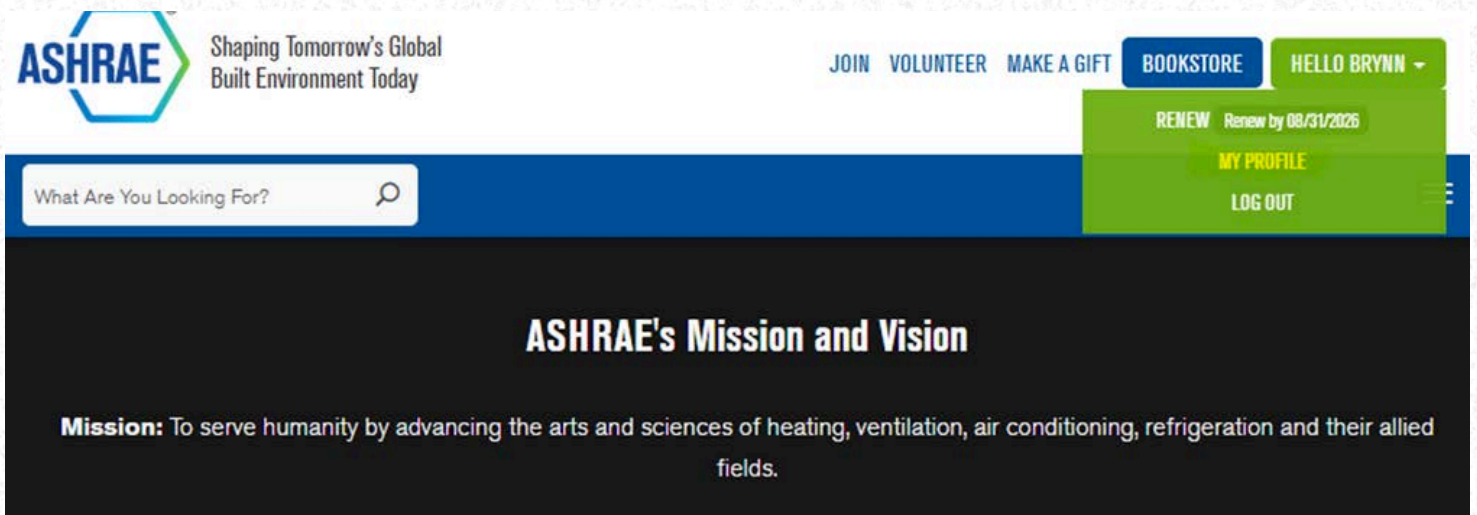
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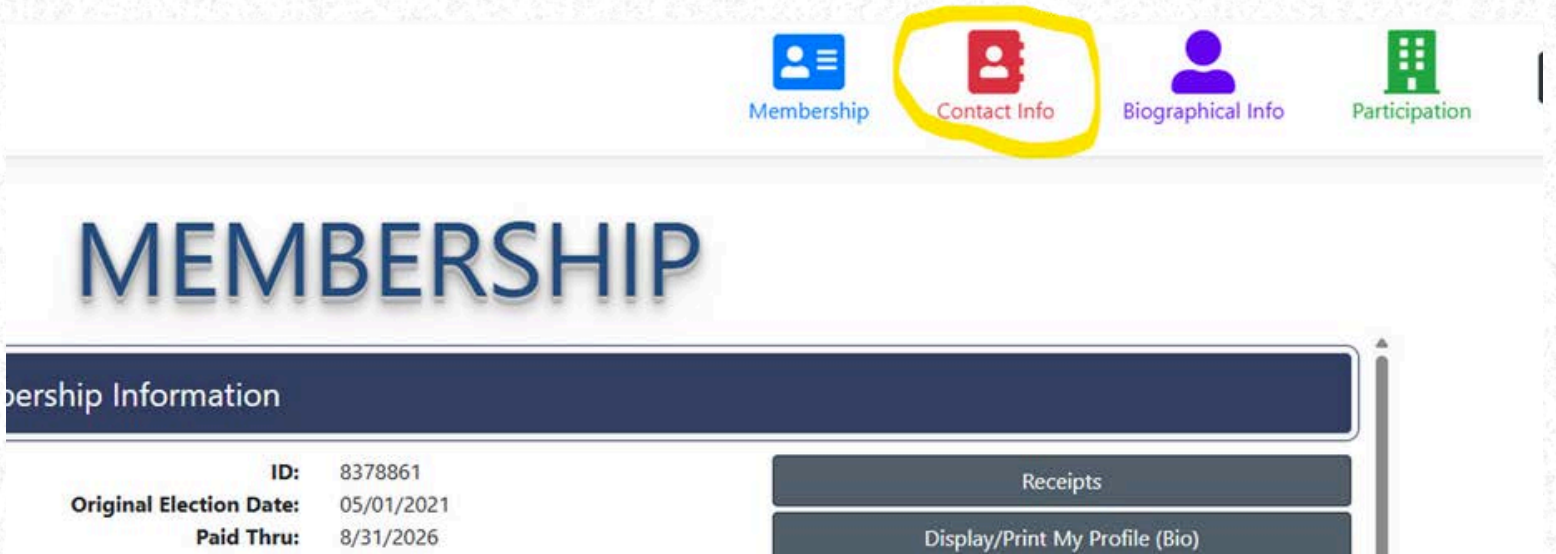




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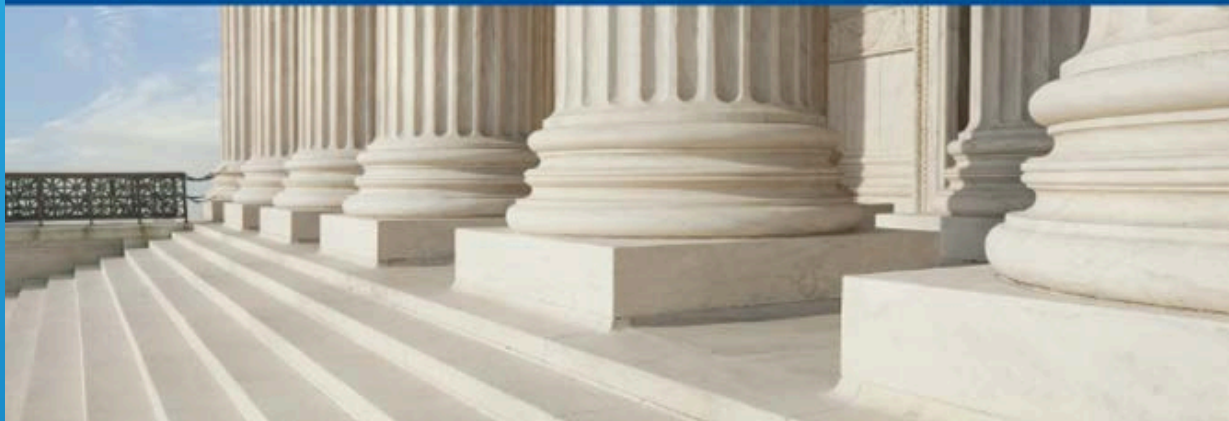


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Government Affairs Update



ASHRAE's latest Government Affairs Update highlights several advocacy moves and policy developments.

ASHRAE joined a coalition urging Congress to fund DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program. President Bill McQuade sent letters (1) to Ontario health officials regarding a Legionnaires' outbreak, encouraging adoption of ASHRAE Standard 188, and (2) to the U.S. DOT's Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, urging reference to ASHRAE Standards 15 and 34 in proposed refrigerant safety rules. On Capitol Hill, Reps. Paul Tonko (D-NY) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) reintroduced an indoor air quality bill supported by ASHRAE, and the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee held a hearing on building codes and appliance standards. NIST is developing a new standard test method for air cleaners; DOE announced over \$35M for emerging energy technologies. At the state level, Colorado adopted a statewide Wildfire Resiliency Code with compliance required by July 1, 2026. ASHRAE President McQuade will also participate in IWBI's Healthy Building Policy Summit.

Have a local policy story or meeting to share?

Send it to GovAffairs@ashrae.org.

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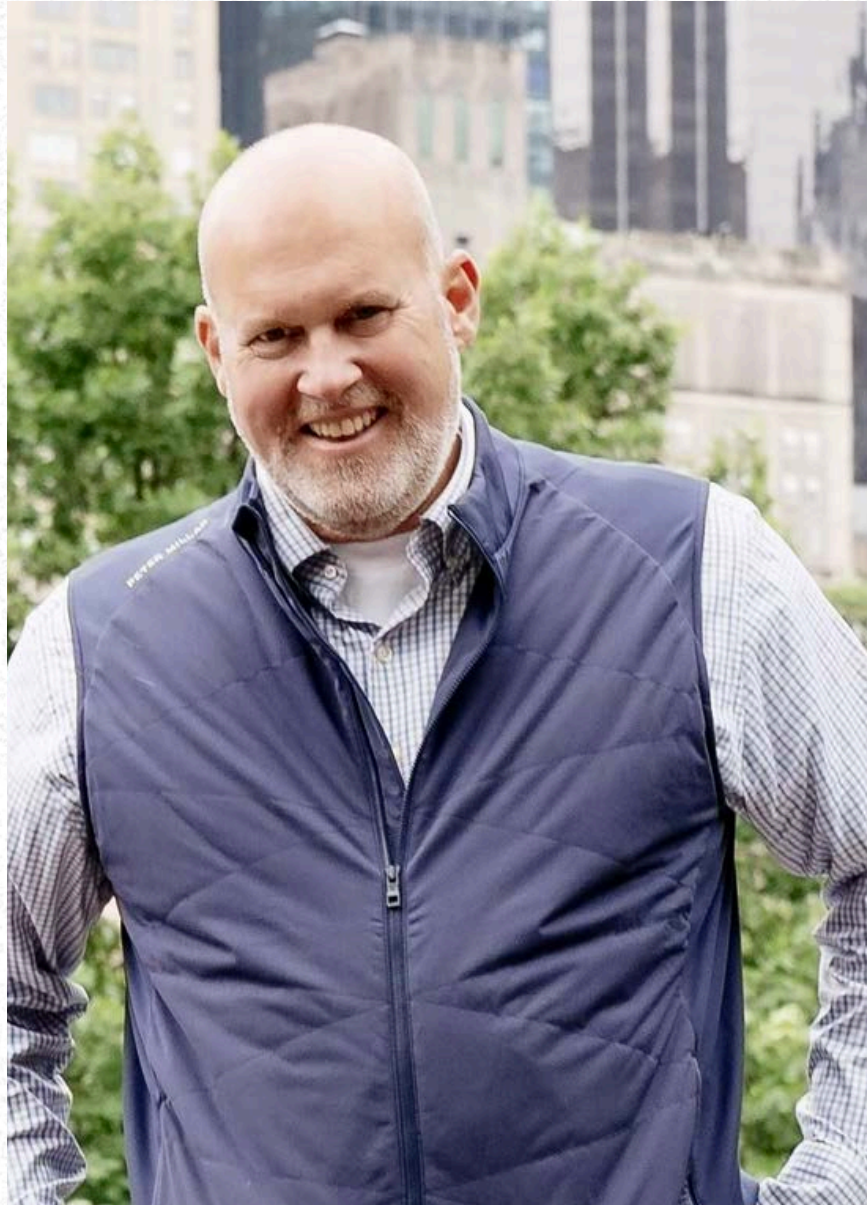
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CHANCE HOLLINGSWORTH
Refrigeration Chair



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