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

NEXT MEETING

IEQ versus Efficiency versus Carbon

Presented By Wade Conlan
November 4th, 2025

Today are having balancing providing a built environment that is high in IEQ while using the least amount of energy possible and reducing its carbon footprint. This session talks about achieving that balance, based on owner's project requirements, through design, construction, commissioning, and operation of the facilities. Systems and equipment need to be properly sized and controlled so that the facility staff can achieve the IEQ, energy, and carbon goals.

2025-2026 MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 9th

OCTOBER 7th

NOVEMBER 4th

DECEMBER 2nd

JANUARY 6th

FEBRUARY 10th

MARCH 3rd

APRIL 7th

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ASHRAE FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Shoutout to the winners!

First Flight: Adam Hill, Eric Hook, Hunter Brock, Luke Shelton





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Baptist Habitat for Humanity Project

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>



Perks Putts

Join us at the premier
Indoor Disc Golf Course
in the historic Sterling Building
for drinks and unlimited play on
Thursday **November 13th**
@ 5 PM



Women in ASHRAE

Headshot Lunch
Date: November 13th

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2026 ASHRAE REGION VIII CRC

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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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THE GOLDEN GAVEL TRADITION



Who Will Take the Golden Gavel Home in 2026?

By Russell Black, Arkansas ASHRAE Historian & Allie Brown, CRC Co-chair

As Arkansas ASHRAE prepares to **host the Region VIII Chapter Regional Conference (CRC) in April 2026**, anticipation is already building for one of the most prestigious honors in our region – the **Golden Gavel Award**.

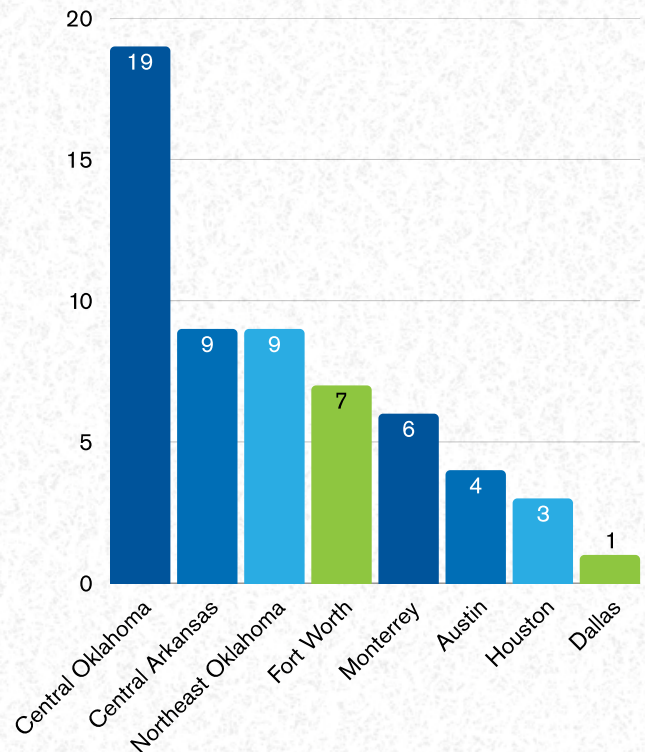
This award celebrates the **most outstanding ASHRAE Chapter** each year, recognizing exceptional leadership, innovation, and member engagement. And when it comes to a legacy of excellence, **Central Arkansas shines bright** – our chapter has captured the Golden Gavel nine times, a testament to the dedication and energy of our members throughout the years.

The **Golden Gavel presentation** takes place during the **CRC social dinner** known in April as the Blue Jeans & Bowties Gala Awards Banquet – the highlight of the entire weekend and an event filled with suspense, pride, and celebration.

If you plan to attend, consider the **CRC social package**, which includes access to all networking and social events – and of course, a fabulous seat for the dramatic moment when the next Golden Gavel winner is announced.

Will Central Arkansas make it Golden Gavel number ten? Join us in April to find out!

Here's how the historic competition stacks up:



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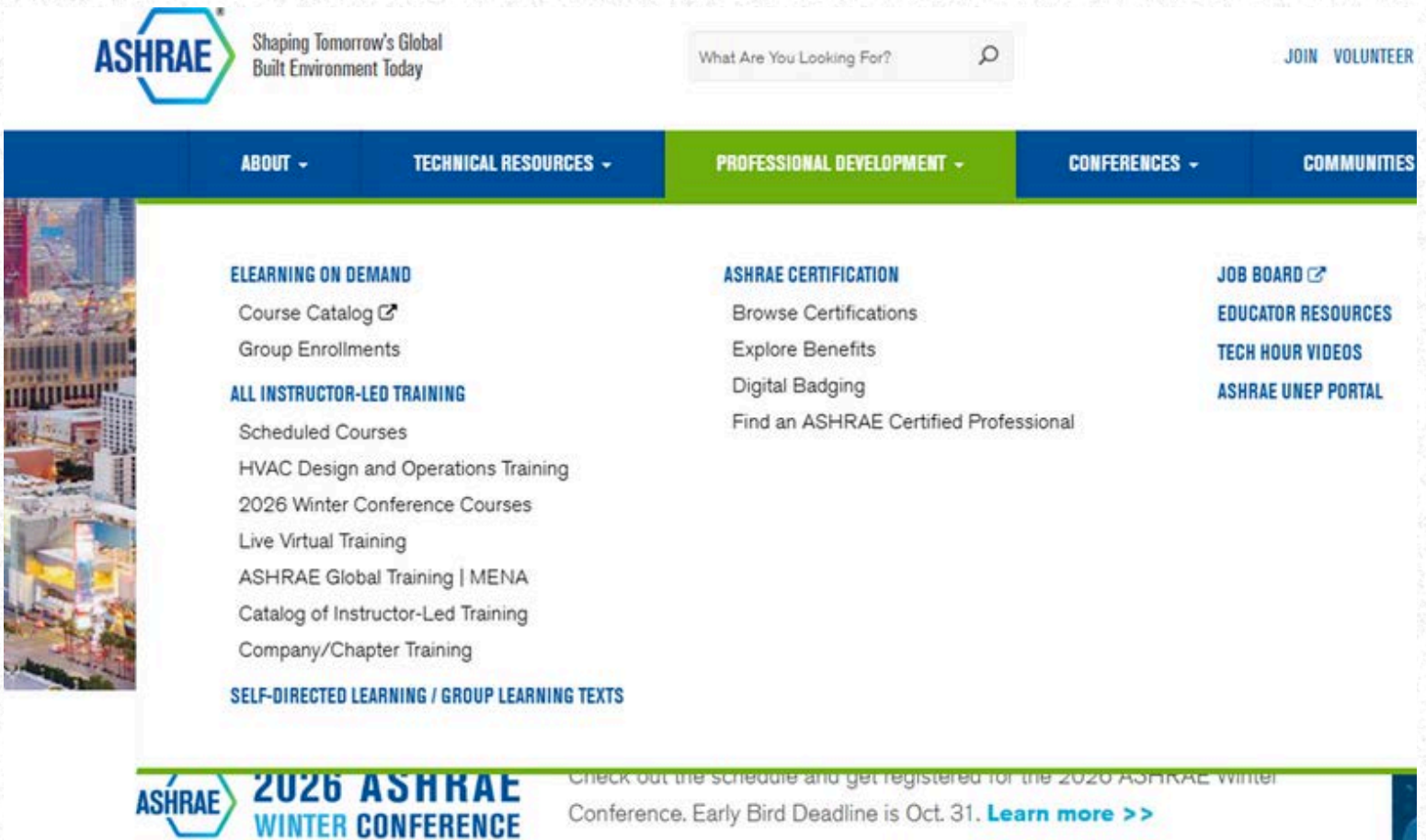
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DID YOU KNOW?

ASHRAE has different training opportunities under the Professional Development drop down



The screenshot shows the ASHRAE website header with the logo and tagline "Shaping Tomorrow's Global Built Environment Today". A search bar contains the text "What Are You Looking For?". Navigation links for "JOIN" and "VOLUNTEER" are visible. The main navigation bar includes "ABOUT", "TECHNICAL RESOURCES", "PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT", "CONFERENCES", and "COMMUNITIES". The "PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT" menu is expanded, showing three categories: "ELEARNING ON DEMAND" (with links for Course Catalog and Group Enrollments), "ALL INSTRUCTOR-LED TRAINING" (with links for Scheduled Courses, HVAC Design and Operations Training, 2026 Winter Conference Courses, Live Virtual Training, ASHRAE Global Training | MENA, Catalog of Instructor-Led Training, and Company/Chapter Training), and "SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING / GROUP LEARNING TEXTS". To the right, there are links for "JOB BOARD", "EDUCATOR RESOURCES", "TECH HOUR VIDEOS", and "ASHRAE UNEP PORTAL". A banner at the bottom promotes the "2026 ASHRAE WINTER CONFERENCE" with a "Learn more" link.



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Access Online Courses under “Course Catalog”

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ASHRAE Learning Center

[Individual Course](#)
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Individual Course

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	<p>Achieving Zero-Energy Building Design (I-P), 7.0 PDHs (AIA), (GBCI)</p> <p>Training Level: Intermediate Product Type: Individual Course...</p> <p>This course applies to commercial buildings with case studies that focus on zero-energy K-12 schools. The intended audience is design practitioners looking to improve skills in high-efficiency building design. The course provides a sound skill and knowledge base on the suggested recommendations, strategies, and solution packages for designing and constructing a zero-energy building. Starting with the</p> <p>Non-Member Price: \$65.99 Member Price: \$48.99</p> <p>Learn More</p>
	<p>AEDG Small Office Buildings: Lighting (I-P), 1.0 PDHs (AIA), (GBCI)</p> <p>Training Level: Intermediate Product Type: Individual Course...</p> <p>This course describes good design practices and cautions for daylighting and interior lighting in small office buildings. It also identifies the controls that will enable daylighting to achieve the desired energy savings. (I-P), 1.0 PDH, AIA and GBCI approved.</p> <p>Non-Member Price: \$60.99 Member Price: \$45.99</p> <p>Learn More</p>
	<p>AEDG Small Retail Buildings: Design Strategies and Recommendations (I-P), 1.0 PDH (AIA), (GBCI)</p> <p>Training Level: Intermediate Product Type: Individual Course...</p> <p>This course explains the five stages of the AEDG integrated process and the activities associated with each stage. (I-P), 1.0 PDH, AIA and GBCI approved.</p> <p>Non-Member Price: \$60.99 Member Price: \$45.99</p> <p>Learn More</p>
	<p>Air-and-Water Systems (I-P), 2.0 PDHs (AIA)</p> <p>Training Level: Essentials Level I Product Type: Individual Course...</p> <p>This course covers the applications, advantages, and disadvantages of air-and-water systems, as well as main component arrangement for maximum efficiency. (I-P), 2.0 PDHs, AIA approved.</p> <p>Learn More</p>



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Catalog of Instructor Led Trainings – List of all courses

	INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (IEQ) AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ)	+
	BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND MANAGEMENT	+
	HVAC DESIGN AND BUILDING OPERATION	+
	COMMISSIONING AND BUILDING PERFORMANCE	+
	CODES, STANDARDS, AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE	+
	CONTROLS, SMART SYSTEMS, AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES	+
	FUNDAMENTALS FOR HVAC ENGINEERS	+
—	ALL COURSES	-
<p>Advanced Concepts in Designing and Retrofitting Energy-Efficient Data Centers</p> <p>Advanced High-Performance Building Design: Key Concepts For Lifelong Building Sustainability</p> <p>Air-to-Air Energy Recovery Applications: Best Practices</p> <p>An Introduction to ASHRAE Existing Building Commissioning Process</p> <p>Avoiding IAQ Problems</p> <p>ASHRAE 90.1 Code Compliance and Plan Review for Authorities Having Jurisdiction - 6 Hours</p> <p>ASHRAE 90.1-2022: Starting the Path to Net Zero Buildings - 6 Hours</p> <p>Best Practices for Installing DDC Systems</p> <p>Building Energy Modeling Fundamentals and Applications - 6 Hours</p> <p>Commercial Building Energy Audits - 6 Hours</p> <p>Commissioning Process in New and Existing Buildings - 6 Hours</p> <p>Complying with Standard 90.1-2016 - 6 Hours</p> <p>Complying with Standard 90.1-2016: HVAC/Mechanical</p> <p>Complying with Standard 90.1-2019 - 6 Hours</p>		



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Register for a course at the ASHRAE Winter Conference

Course	Date	Time	Locations
Saturday, Jan 31, 2026			
60 - Healthcare Facilities: Best Practices for HVAC Design and Operation	Saturday, January 31	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Caesars Palace Room: Pompeian I
61 - Commissioning Process in New and Existing Buildings	Saturday, January 31	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Caesars Palace Room: Pompeian II
62 - Commercial Building Energy Audits	Saturday, January 31	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Caesars Palace Room: Pompeian III
63 - NEW! Laboratory Controls - Devices and Strategies for Proper Airflow	Saturday, January 31	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Caesars Palace Room: Pompeian IV
Sunday, Feb 1, 2026			
64 - Guideline 36: Best In Class HVAC Control Sequences	Sunday, February 1	3:30 pm – 6:30 pm	LVCC Room: N235/237
65 - Thermal Comfort: Innovations for Sustainability, Occupant Satisfaction, and Standard 55	Sunday, February 1	3:30 pm – 6:30 pm	LVCC Room: N236/238
66 - Advanced Concepts in Designing and Retrofitting Energy Efficient Data Centers	Sunday, February 1	3:30 pm – 6:30 pm	LVCC Room: N239/241
67 - NEW! Designing Residential Ventilation Systems to Meet ASHRAE Standard 62.2	Sunday, February 1	3:30 pm – 6:30 pm	LVCC Room: N240/242
Monday, Feb 2, 2026			
68 - Efficient Design for High-Performance DOAS	Monday, February 2	8:30 am – 11:30 am	LVCC

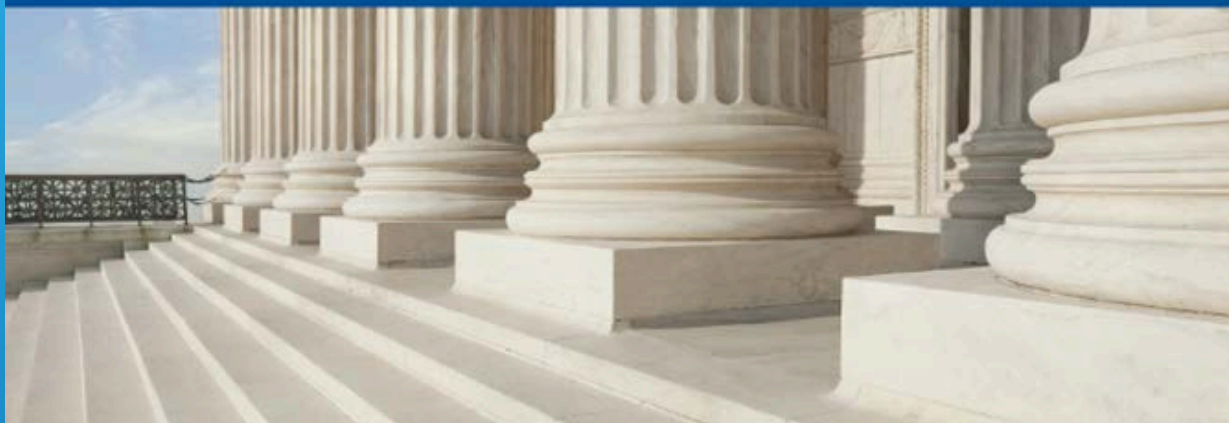


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Government Affairs Update



Highlights from ASHRAE's bi-weekly GAU:

ASHRAE leaders met with Ambassador Daniela Gitman at Region XIV's CRC in Lisbon to discuss Society priorities. In state policy, ASHRAE supported Pennsylvania HB 1701 (school IAQ)—recommending explicit references to ANSI/ASHRAE 62.1 and 55—and submitted letters in Massachusetts on H.3476 (Healthy & Sustainable Schools; add 62.1-2022, 241-2023, 180-2018, 55-2023) and H.3529 (Building Performance Standards; reference 100-2024, 105-2021, 211-2018 (R23), 214-2017 (R23)). Federally, EPA proposed adjustments to AIM Act tech-transition deadlines (comments due Nov 17); DOE issued an RFI on grid capacity for AI/data centers (Nov 21); ARPA-H announced BREATHE program awards; and DOE's Spring 2025 Unified Agenda outlines upcoming energy-efficiency actions. Vermont's EO 06-25 makes 2024 energy codes voluntary; Charlotte proclaimed Energy Efficiency Day. Globally, Australia raised its 2035 emissions-reduction target (62%–70%), and the EU REDI4HEAT program concluded. Research notes: ACEEE sees no housing-start drop from energy codes; a Nature study projects >70k annual U.S. premature deaths from wildfire smoke by 2050.

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

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KIM KOCH
CRC Co-Chair



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