



# BAY BREEZE BULLETIN



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## President's Message

San Jose ASHRAE Members,

As the ASHRAE year continues to move forward, I truly want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for each of you. Your continued involvement, expertise, and commitment to advancing our local chapter and the HVAC industry in our community are what make this chapter strong, relevant, and impactful.

March is shaping up to be an exciting month! **We will be hosting our March Technical Meeting in Santa Clara featuring our ASHRAE Society President, Bill McQuade.** It is an honor to have Bill come to our area and we're looking forward to learning more about water and indoor environmental quality. This session is designed to provide actionable insights you can bring directly into your projects.

In addition, we are looking forward to our **Women in Construction (WIC) shop tour and happy hour!** This event will be hosted at SVM's shop in San Jose where we will connect with the engineers and industry professionals at all levels. This event filled up quickly! I encourage all participants to share your experiences and help foster the collaborative spirit that defines our profession.

**Don't forget to sign-up for the Bocce Ball Tournament in April!**

This is our largest event of the year, and tickets will sell out prior to the event. I greatly appreciate all who have reached out to me on how best they can support us throughout these next few months to have a successful event.

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Why did the supply vent join a public-speaking class?

*It wanted better delivery.*

What inspires me most about this chapter is the culture of positivity and mutual respect within our membership. Whether you are a long-time Fellow, a new member, a contractor, consultant, academic, or student, you are valued here. Our diversity of experience and perspective is our greatest strength. I wanted to give one honorable mention to **Saul Villanueva, PE, who has reached ASHRAE's Distinguished 50-Year Member Award!**

Thank you all for your dedication to technical excellence, ethical practice, and mentorship. I look forward to seeing many of you at our March events! Stay safe and well!

Regards,



**Jacob Saxinger**

2025-2026 San Jose ASHRAE Chapter President

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Greetings,

I wanted to share some upcoming opportunities for our local ASHRAE community to stay informed and formally engage in code development.

First, there is a proposed addendum to ASHRAE 15-2024 addressing low-probability A2L systems utilizing secondary cooling loops. Public review is open, and submitting comments is one of the most direct ways to shape the final language. Comments are due March 15<sup>th</sup>.

In addition, the 2028 California Energy Codes and Standards Enhancement (CASE) team is holding public meetings beginning on March 5<sup>th</sup> on nonresidential measures that are moving forward. These sessions provide a structured forum for reviewing measures, technical justifications, cost-effectiveness data, and for formally registering input before proposals advance further.

I encourage anyone involved in design, compliance, commissioning, or enforcement to participate in one or both processes to help ensure the resulting standards are technically sound and practically implementable.

**Direct links:**

**[ASHRAE 15-2024 Addendum t](#)**  
**[ASHRAE Public Review Homepage](#)**  
**[CASE Public Meetings](#)**  
**[2028 Cycle List of Measures](#)**  
**[CEC Public Participation](#)**

**More info:**

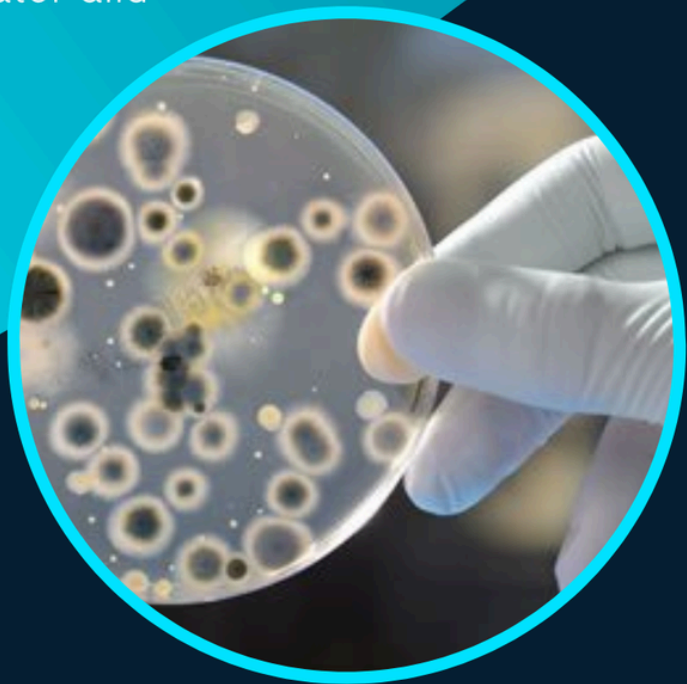
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# MARCH TECHNICAL MEETING

Designing Life: The Role of Water and  
Indoor Environmental Quality

Presented By  
ASHRAE President  
Bill McQuade



## RSVP ONLINE

[HTTPS://SJASHRAE.ORG/  
MEETINGINFO.PHP](https://sjashrae.org/meetinginfo.php)

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday - March 19, 2026
<b>Location:</b>	Delta Hotels Santa Clara Silicon Valley 2151 Laurelwood Rd, Santa Clara, CA 95054
<b>Time:</b>	
Check-In and Social	5:30 PM
Dinner	6:30 PM - 8:15 PM

### PRESENTATION SUMMARY

HVAC engineers spend countless hours perfecting airflow, balancing hydronic loops, and optimizing energy performance—but one critical factor often slips under the radar: water quality. In this session led by the ASHRAE Society President, Bill McQuade, we'll learn how water quality plays a critical role in protecting occupants and ensuring true indoor environmental quality. This session will break down the latest lessons from ASHRAE Standard 188 and Guideline 12 and show how a source-to-tap approach can transform the way we design and operate buildings.



# MARCH TECHNICAL MEETING

## SPEAKER

ASHRAE PRESIDENT  
BILL MCQUADE P.E.

**Designing Life: The Role of  
Water and Indoor  
Environmental Quality**



## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

McQuade has spent over 32 years working in the HVAC&R industry in various roles. He is Global Vice President for Government Affairs and Sustainability at the Baltimore Aircoil Company. In that capacity, he is responsible for establishing and maintaining relationships with regulators, legislators, associations, and societies and he leads the development and implementation of the company's global ESG strategy. Previously to that, he was Vice President of Sector Services at the Air Conditioning Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) and he worked for 26 years for the York International/Johnson Controls organization in various roles. Throughout his career, he has been a very active member of our global industry. In the ASHRAE Society, he is the current Society President. Over the years, he Chaired various councils and committees and chaired the subcommittee that developed the 2019-2024 ASHRAE Strategic Plan. Bill is Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania, a LEED AP, and a Certified Decarbonization Professional, He an ASHRAE Fellow (2013) and received the ASHRAE Exceptional Service Award in 2023. During his career, he has been awarded 22 U.S. and International patents.



# SAN JOSE ASHRAE ANNUAL BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT

## CAMPO DI BOCCE

📍 565 UNIVERISTY AVE, LOS GATOS, CA 95032

APRIL 30, 2026

5:00 PM CHECK IN  
5:30 PM GAMES START  
7:30 PM ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADMISSION

\$800 SINGLE TEAM  
\$60 DINING ONLY

## SPONSORSHIPS

A portion of all proceeds will be donated to RP goal under sponsor name.

**PLATINUM**  
\$2,600

- (1) team
- Can reserve 3 additional teams
- Featured Name/Logo on T-shirts
- Displayed on event banner\*

Limit 8

**GOLD**  
\$2,100

- (1) team
- Can reserve 1 additional team
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Limit 10

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\$1,600

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Unlimited

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**EMPOWER ELEVATE LEAD BELONG!**



Mon April 13,14<sup>th</sup>  
2026



Omni Hotel  
Los Angeles, CA



# WOMEN IN ASHRAE LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2 FULL DAYS



- Inspiring Keynotes, Workshops
- Expanded Networking, Mentorship
- EmpowerHERment Award Competition



April 13-14, 2026  
Los Angeles California





# Communications

## What is the Communications Committee?

The Communications Committee is like the marketing team for the ASHRAE chapter. We market membership, events, and ASHRAE participation. Additionally, we keep our members updated on the latest information and oversee the chapter website and social media.

If you're interested in volunteering for the Communications Committee, reach out to our Chair!



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## Follow Us for the Latest

Reminder to follow us on LinkedIn and Instagram for updates, insights, and community highlights. Scan the QR codes below and join the conversation today!



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## Cat Wood

2025-2026 San Jose Chapter Communications Chair & Webmaster



# Government Affairs

## What is the GAC?

The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) is responsible for organizing ASHRAE members to educate local, state, provincial, and national government bodies and officials in areas of interest to ASHRAE members, and to promote effective cooperation between ASHRAE members and government.

If you're interested in volunteering for the Government Affairs Committee, reach out to our GAC Chair!

## ASHRAE Government Affairs

Stay informed on the latest news. Subscribe to ASHRAE's bi-weekly Government Affairs Update!

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## ASHRAE Announcements

### **ASHRAE To Host Congressional Briefing: Indoor Air Quality for a Healthier America**

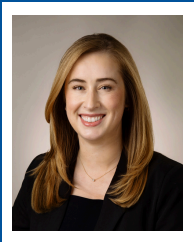
On March 6, ASHRAE will partner with nine leading organizations in the building sciences and human health communities to convene this briefing highlighting the important role of indoor air quality (IAQ) to bettering public health and increasing economic productivity. The program will include remarks from Representatives Paul Tonko (D-NY), Don Beyer (D-VA), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) (invited), as well as expert panel discussions on IAQ fundamentals and policy opportunities to support continued innovation in this space. The briefing will take place in the Rayburn House Office Building Gold Room from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6. Breakfast and light refreshments will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP [here](#).

### **ASHRAE Participates in Engineering and Public Works Event on Capitol Hill**

On February 25, ASRHAE joined other members of the [Engineering Workforce Consortium](#) in an open house on Capitol Hill celebrating Engineers Week. The event was an opportunity for legislative staff to become more familiar with the industry's workforce challenges and the groups invested in collective solutions.



# Government Affairs



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## Local Announcements

### DOJ Files Lawsuit Against Two California Cities' Gas Bans

On January 7, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a lawsuit against the Bay Area cities of Morgan Hill and Petaluma, California regarding their ordinances banning natural gas in new construction. The complaint, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, argues that the cities' gas bans are preempted by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) of 1975 because it prevents jurisdictions from using differing standards for the energy use and efficiency of covered appliances, so it automatically invalidates local bans preventing the use of gas appliances. This is the same argument that successfully overturned Berkeley, California's gas ban in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court in 2023. However, it has since proved unsuccessful in overturning New York City and New York State's fossil fuel emissions restrictions. To date, approximately 150 local governments across the U.S. have adopted some form of restrictions on greenhouse gas emissions in new buildings.

### The California ASHRAE Government Outreach Event is Scheduled for April 27th!

We're excited to invite you to the upcoming CA ASHRAE Government Outreach Event on April 27th 2026, taking place on Capitol Hill in Sacramento, CA. This is a great opportunity to engage with policymakers and advocate for our industry. Government outreach events aim to foster meaningful dialogue between the HVAC&R industry professionals and policymakers. Engagement in these discussions helps ASHRAE bridge the gap between technical expertise and legislative frameworks, furthering our mission to create a more sustainable future.

**Please reach out to our GAC Chair if you are interested in attending!**

Government Affairs | [www.ashrae.org/about/government-affairs](https://www.ashrae.org/about/government-affairs)



*Government Outreach Day, 2025*

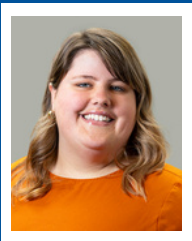


# Historian

## What is the Historical Committee?

The historical committee is responsible for preserving and documenting the history of the chapter. This includes its activities, achievements, and contributions to the HVAC&R industry.

If you're interested becoming a member of the historical committee, reach out to our Chapter Historian!



Sigrid Derickson  
Historian  
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## Reminder! Help Needed for Past President Biographies

As part of our ongoing effort to document the history of our chapter, a survey was sent out on September 29 to past presidents. Our goal is to gather insights and stories that will help us write biographies for each past president—a project we aim to complete by the end of the society year.

### We are still seeking contact info for the following past presidents:

- Richard Lam (2019–2020)
- Jai Jayaraj (2016–2017)
- John Wagner (2015–2016)
- Orion Moore (2012–2013)
- Krystal Matthews (2011–2012)
- Scott Gainer (2008–2009)
- Brian Maher (2007–2008)
- Mark Henthorn (1999–2000)
- Tim Knoop (1997–1998)

If you are one of these individuals—or know how to reach them—please contact me or submit your information directly via [this form](#).

Sadly, we've learned of the passing of two past presidents:

- John Allen (1994–1995)
- Paul Hanzel (1992–1993)

We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families and friends. If you have memories, stories, or photos of John or Paul that you'd be willing to share, please reach out. Every detail helps us honor their contributions.

Thank you for helping us celebrate and preserve the legacy of those who have shaped our chapter's journey!

### Sigrid Derickson

2025-2026 San Jose Chapter Historian

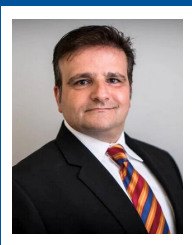


# Student Activities

## What is the Student Activities Committee?

The Student Activities Committee's primary mission is to promote awareness of ASHRAE and related careers among students from K-12 through college. The committee supports student branches at universities, organizes educational and networking events, and encourages participation in ASHRAE programs such as scholarships, competitions, and mentorship opportunities.

If you're interested becoming a member of the student activities committee, reach out to our student activities chair!



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## Competition Deadlines

### 2026 Design Competition

*for a new university campus building in Denver, Colorado*

**Deadline: May 4, 2026\***

### 2026 Applied Engineering Challenge

*for innovative residential heat exchange system between domestic hot and cold-water systems*

**Deadline: May 4, 2026\***

\*Teams recommended to register at least 30 days prior

## Society Scholarships Now Available!

The **ASHRAE Society Scholarship** deadline is coming up on **May 1st!**

High School Senior and College Freshman have a chance to receive up to \$5,000 in scholarships for the 2026-2027 school year. Any full-time student in an engineering program is invited to apply for this prestigious scholarship!

Visit **Scholarship Program** for a full list of eligibility criteria and application requirements. Reach out to Savanna Smith ([scholarships@ashrae.org](mailto:scholarships@ashrae.org)) with any questions.

Student Activities | <https://www.ashrae.org/communities/student-zone>



# YOUNG ENGINEERS IN ASHRAE

## What is the Young Engineers in ASHRAE Committee?

The Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA) committee focuses on engaging members 35 and younger through networking, technical tours, and social events. It promotes leadership development and career growth by connecting young engineers with training programs, mentorship, and society-level initiatives.

If you're interested in volunteering for the YEA Committee, reach out to our Chair!



Janan Mirza  
YEA Chair  
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## YEA Webinar - Why Engineers Burn Out (And How to Prevent it!)

- Date: **March 25, 2026**
- Time: 11am-12pm EST
- Click [here](#) to register

## YEA Leadership Weekend 2.0 (Summer 2026)

- Location: Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Dates: **May 30-June 1, 2025**
- Registration NOW open until April 24, 2026
- Click [here](#) for more information

## YEA Inspirational Leader Award

The YEA Inspirational Leader Award honors a Young Engineer in ASHRAE who goes above and beyond to make a meaningful impact on the HVAC&R industry and their community. Inspired by the former DiscoverE New Faces of Engineering program, this recognition continues the tradition of celebrating emerging leaders who drive positive change beyond their ASHRAE involvement.

Congratulations to this year's recipient, Alekhya Kaianathbhatta (Region II, Toronto Chapter), for exemplifying leadership and service within the industry and beyond.

- Deadline: May 1, 2026.
- Click [here](#) to learn more and nominate