

## February 2023 Newsletter

### President's Message:

Hello Southern Piedmont Chapter! I hope the new year has been treating you well! Welcome to the February 2023 SPASHRAE Newsletter! As you read through this newsletter you will see updates from all of our chairs as to what they have planned or are planning for the year.



Earlier this month, ASHRAE held its annual Winter Conference, in conjunction with the AHR expo, in Atlanta Georgia. The conference had a strong attendance of over 3,000 HVAC&R professionals over its 5-day period. With over 100 technical sessions, updates from society leaders, tours and social events, it was a busy five days. The focus of the conference was building decarbonization strategies. This was especially emphasized as ASHRAE Society President Farooq Mehboob provided updates 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 to be based on problem solving, creativity, innovation, flexibility and a willingness to adapt. Our success stems from seeing an opportunity for improvement based on new knowledge and technology."

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## **Membership Promotion (MP) – Mariana Haddad**

Hello SPASHRAE Members!

Please accompany me in welcoming January and February’s new members! We are so happy to have you be a part of our local chapter!

<b>New Member</b>	<b>Company</b>
David Patton	Commisioning Consultants
Joshua Sides	Johnson Controls
Chris Peart	S&P Marketing
Haley Forbes	Sporlan Division of Parker Hannifin
Tasha Williams	Trane
Ashley Scott	Nanomeld
Benjamin Clark	Eversource
Marco Brancker	Shultz Engineering Group
Lakshya Rajesh	HDR
Sean Lein	MBP
Debajyoti Maitra	Trane
Andrew Poslinski	Trane
Zachary Philippe	Hoffman Building Technologies
Jeffrey Bell	Atrium Health
Porter Johnson	Carrier Enterprise
Justin Dominic	Carrier Enterprise
Benjamin Gordon	Ameresco
Timothy Morse	MSES



## **Research Promotion (RP) – Erica Powell**

Hey SPASHRAE!

A few upcoming event updates for Spring 2023.

March 8<sup>th</sup> We will be hosting a refrigeration event and game night at the Charlotte Checkers vs. Bridgeport game at 7PM. This will be our first RP Promotional night of the year. Tickets will be \$25 for just the game and \$35 to include the refrigeration tour of the Bojangles Coliseum. We will be selling tickets that are all located in the same block, and we are extending the invitation to all members and families! Ticket prices and registration is now available on the website... **it will also be dollar beer night!** Hope to see you all there!



May 3<sup>rd</sup>: **SPRING 2023 GOLF TOURNAMENT**. This year we will be hosting at **Tega Cay Golf Club** at 15083 Molokai Drive in Tega Cay, SC 29708. Lunch will be provided, and a shotgun start at noon. Please start pulling your teams together and thinking about sponsorships! We are only 25% away from our RP goal for the year and this is one of the major events that helps us to hit that goal. Registration will be open soon.

## **Chapter Technology Transfer Committee (CTTC) Chair – Ryan Staton**

Last month, I presented on a topic that is a direct result of ASHRAE research and the work of our technical committees. If you are interested to learn more about technical committees and how to get involved, go to [ashrae.org](http://ashrae.org) and look under the communities tab.

In the next few months, we will continue with programs focused on how to run buildings more efficiently and how we can all contribute to the efforts to decarbonize our buildings. I hope to see you at the next chapter meeting! If you have ideas for presentations or speakers, please let us know. Also, feel free to join us at the check-in table at the next meeting if you'd like to meet some more of your fellow members.



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## Student Activities Chair – Don Gariepy

Hello Southern Piedmont!

Student activities has its biggest event of the year coming up! The UNC Charlotte Career fair will be taking place on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We are looking for companies that would like to participate in finding some great new talent to add to their team! Companies can register on the SPASHRAE website. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to myself at [dgariepy@uncc.edu](mailto:dgariepy@uncc.edu) or Tyler Tufts [tufts@unitedhvac.com](mailto:tufts@unitedhvac.com).



**SOUTHERN PIEDMONT ASHRAE CAREER FAIR**  
Sponsored by:  
The Department of Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science at UNC Charlotte



**When: March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10AM-3PM**  
**Where: UNC Charlotte Cone Center Lucas Room**  
**9025 University Rd, Charlotte, NC 28223**  
**Scan the QR Code Above to Register!**



## Government Advocacy Committee (GAC) Chair – Billy Austin

Hello SPASHRAE,

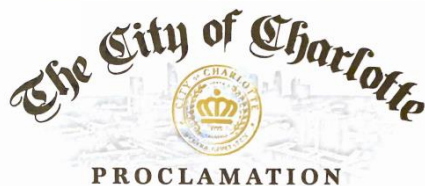
This month, it is my pleasure to announce that National Engineer's Week is February 19-25. Below you will see a proclamation that we received per our request from the mayor of

Charlotte, Vi Lyles. This year's theme for National Engineer's Week

— Creating the Future! — recognizes how engineers play a vital role in innovating solutions to global challenges that impact future generations.

During this week, we make a special effort to reach out

to students of all ages to explain what engineers do and the contributions we make to every aspect of our lives. Please personally make an effort to reach out to your local schools during this time. Then, please let us know how things went! Thank you!!!



### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, ASHRAE (The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers) ([www.ashrae.org](http://www.ashrae.org)), is an international engineering society whose mission is "To serve humanity by advancing the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration and their allied fields"; their vision is "A healthy and sustainable built environment for all"; and

WHEREAS, on Monday morning, February 9<sup>th</sup>, the local Charlotte Chapter of ASHRAE (called the Southern Piedmont Chapter), represented by Chapter President Ben Coy, will make an official local announcement at its monthly chapter meeting; and

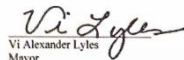
WHEREAS, every year in February, engineers around the world celebrate National Engineers Week; National Engineers Week was founded by the National Society of Professional Engineers in 1951 and is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of and interest in engineering and technology careers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim February 19-25, 2023 as

### "NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK"

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS MY HAND and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.

  
Vi Alexander Lyles  
Mayor

## Young Engineers Association (YEA) – Patrick Irick

Hello SPASHRAE YEA!

I would like to invite all YEA members to attend our first event of the year **tonight (2/16) at Wooden Robot in Southend!** Bring your co-workers, your spouse, or even your dog! We want to give everyone attending a chance to spend an evening networking and connecting with old and new friends. While in attendance, we also want to get your insight on what we can do this year for YEA events. We will have a QR code at the event so that you can fill out a short survey to help us out! Or, you can scan the QR code here!



**Wooden  
ROBOT**  
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1440 S Tryon St #110,  
Charlotte, NC 28203

## Chapter Historian – Chuck Curlin

Call for History of Local Companies

Many, if not all of my goals for the yearly business of history-keeping align with the criteria of the Presidential Award of Excellence (PAOE), which is put together each year by the current president of society and lists specific tasks that the various chapter committees may undertake, with points awarded for each task. Chasing points is not the goal of the PAOE. Completing these tasks will always lead to a successful year in service to the membership, which is the goal.



One of the tasks on the list for the Historical Committee is to publish articles on chapter, company, or member history in the chapter newsletter, chapter social media, chapter website, or a society publication.

If you have visited the chapter website, spashrae.com, perhaps you have seen or read the article on the history of Mechanical Contractors, Inc. The current president, incidentally, is Bill Champion, who was president of the Southern Piedmont Chapter 2000 – 2001.

I am seeking your help in identifying companies or individuals that would make good candidates for such an article. Typically, a company or individual would be one that has

been in the Charlotte area for some time and has made a positive impact on the community and often has been active in our chapter. They could be a person, living or deceased, or a company that is currently in business, or one that that was part of the fabric of the local HVAC&R community, but has passed into, well, history.

Perhaps you have an interesting story to tell. I would love to hear it.

If you have an idea you would like to pass along to me, please feel free to contact me via email at [ccurlin@shultzeg.com](mailto:ccurlin@shultzeg.com), or leave a message on my office line at 980-202-5657.

I hope 2023 brings happiness and joy for you and your families. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chapter President.

Sincerely,

Benjamin M. Coy

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