

## October 2022 Newsletter

### President's Message:

Hello Southern Piedmont Chapter! Welcome to the October 2022 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.



This month I am highlighting the ASHRAE Job Board. ASHRAE's mission is to serve humanity by advancing the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration and their allied fields.

If you are seeking a job in the engineering field or searching for the most qualified engineers, the ASHRAE job board offers the most qualified opportunities and candidates. Engineers can set up a personal account for job searches, manage resumes and create alerts for new job postings. Employers can set up a corporate account to post new jobs, review resumes and manage recruiting.

If you are in the market for a new job, you can access the ASHRAE Job board at [jobs.ashrae.org](http://jobs.ashrae.org)

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

Hello SPASHRAE Members!

This month I'd like to highlight the different Membership Grades that are available as an ASHRAE member. Each membership grade has specific requirements in order to meet that grade. But they all include wonderful benefits such as the monthly ASHRAE Journal, quarterly High Performing Buildings Magazine and Society Newsletters. Below you will see each membership grade level, and who each grade is intended for.



**Student:** Designed for all engineering students who are considering a career in HVAC

**Affiliate:** Introductory membership for new members who are 30 years of age or younger.

**Associate:** For professionals with less than 12 years of experience

**Member:** Open to those with 12 years of Society-approved experience.

For more information on the different membership grades within ASHRAE, visit [join.ashrea.org](http://join.ashrea.org).

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

Hello SPASHRAE!

I want to thank everyone who signed up to sponsor and play in our golf tournament on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be releasing fundraising results at the November monthly meeting. If you attended the golf tournament, please send any pictures you took to me at [Erica.Powell@tranetechnologies.com](mailto:Erica.Powell@tranetechnologies.com)!



**RP Events Coming Up:** The Christmas Auction is returning this year!! While we haven't secured the venue quite yet, the event will take place within the first 2 weeks of December, so well before Christmas vacations are underway! Tickets for the event will cover food as well as 1-2 drink tickets (still to be determined). If you have anything specific that you would like to see presented as auction items, please reach out to me. I'd love to hear your thoughts and try to make them into a reality! We will also be recognizing 2021-2022 donors, individuals and organizations, at this event so you don't want to miss out!

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

We've lined up speakers for the rest of our ASHRAE year except for March, April, and May. Please reach out if you have a suggestion or request for a topic!

One of our CTTC chapter goals for the year is to have at least one member of our chapter submit a technology award. If your company has been involved in any way in a project that you feel successfully applied innovative building design in the areas of occupant comfort, indoor air quality and energy conservation then you can submit for a technology award. Get your firm, partners, and clients the recognition they deserve! Learn more about the awards program

here: <https://www.ashrae.org/membership/honors-and-awards/technology-awards-program>



If you would like to help shape our chapter programs, we are always seeking new volunteers. Please reach out to me to learn more about opportunities to help!



## **Student Activities Chair – Don Gariepy**

Last month was a great success, we hosted our SPASHRAE table at the UNC Charlotte College of Engineering Connect Day. Our goal was to grow the UNC Charlotte Student Branch we had 64 students sign-up (see pics below). Student Activities would like to express our sincere thanks to Linda Thurman who allowed us to host a table, and also to our UNC Charlotte Student Branch Advisors Dr. Weimin Wang, and Dr. Bamdad Lessani for serving this student branch. This month we will be hosting a table at Rowan Cabarrus Community College's fall 2022 Construction Technologies Job/ Internship Fair! November 17th at 6:00p.m at Cabarrus Business and Technology Center (CBTC) Campus 660 Concord Parkway N. Concord, NC 28027



Please remember Students need to apply for many of the Scholarships before December 1st!  
Check out the Scholarship Link at SPASHRAE.COM and ASHRAE.ORG  
Or contact SA Chair Don Gariepy directly  
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## **Government Advocacy Committee (GAC) Chair – Billy Austin**

Dear Southern Piedmont Chapter of ASHRAE, I am honored to, once again, serve as our chapter Government Affairs Chair! Each month, I will present an article of interest to ASHRAE membership regarding government issues at the local, state, and/or federal level.

This month we celebrated Energy Efficiency Day! Energy Efficiency Day is celebrated annually on the first Wednesday of October. This year, on October 5<sup>th</sup>, we partnered with the City of Charlotte to have Mayor Lyles make a proclamation for Energy Efficiency Day.



This day is a collaborative effort of dozens of energy efficiency advocacy groups around the United States. The Energy Efficiency Day message is simple: "Save Money. Cut Pollution." The goal of Energy Efficiency Day is to share tips, tools and stories that promote the multiple benefits of energy efficiency, from lower costs to healthier homes. For more information you can follow the link to the site for Energy Efficiency Day: <https://energyefficiencyday.org/>

## **Young Engineers Association (YEA) – Patrick Irick**

Hello SPASHRAE! ‘

The YEA team will be announcing the YEA Fall social event in the next couple of weeks! We are looking for a few sponsors for this event. If your company is interested in helping sponsor this event, please reach out to me ([Patrick.irick@tranetechnologies.com](mailto:Patrick.irick@tranetechnologies.com)). We will be planning a spring YEA event as well so if you have any suggestions for that please let me know.



I want to remind all our young engineers about personal growth and educational opportunities through our local SPASHRAE group! **ASHRAE is organizing the HVAC Design Training in Atlanta, Georgia on October 31-November 4, 2022.** The training will be offered in two parts: Level I–Essentials on October 31-November 2 and Level II–Applications on November 3-4. This is a great opportunity for young engineers fresh in the industry to learn basic design skills and practices. Additionally, you’ll get to meet other engineers from all over the country and visit the ASHRAE headquarters.

If you are interested in any events, programs or training and need financial assistance, our local chapter can help support those efforts!

Visit the YEA Events & Programs webpage at [www.ashrae.org/hvacdesign](http://www.ashrae.org/hvacdesign) for more details on the value of this training.

## **Historian – Chuck Curlin**

### **The Jim Story Rule**

If you attend chapter meetings, from time to time you might hear someone refer to “The Jim Story Rule,” typically in conjunction with a contest.

“What is that?” one might ask.

Jim Story was the President of the Southern Piedmont Chapter in 1981-82. During the first board meeting that year, having a contest was discussed, similar to the contests we have today, such as the marble draw. Bill McCleave, who was chapter secretary at the time, had a really nice (for those days) donated television to give away. They decided that for every new member that a current member sponsored the sponsor’s name went in the pot for a drawing at the last meeting of the year. Jim spoke up, exercising his Presidency, stating that “you got to be present to win.”

With that, the contest was on. The entire Chapter was actively signing new members. Some had their name in the pot thirty times, Jim had eight entries by the end of the year.



The day of the last meeting Jim learned that family members from out of town were to be in Charlotte that night and wanted to have dinner. Wanting to see his family, he contacted Vice-President Mark Kornhauser to fill-in for him at the ASHRAE meeting that night, not even thinking about the contest.

There was a large crowd that night and at the end of the meeting Mark announced that he will draw the winner from the pot but you “got to be present to win.” (It seems some people were inclined to leave before the end of meetings.) The name drawn...Jim Story!!!

Since Jim was not there a second name was drawn...Sam Kennedy with Duke Power. Sam was contacted several years ago and said that he enjoyed that television for many years.

Now you know the rest of the “Story”.

Note – This article was originally written by former chapter historian Charlie Wooten and is presented here with only a few edits. The Story story bears repeating every now and again...

As always, I wish you all a very safe and productive ASHRAE year for you and your families and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chapter President.

Sincerely,

Benjamin M. Coy

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