

# April Newsletter

# ASHRAE

## Buffalo Chapter

### A Message from Our President

Communication is key to any kind of success. A couple of years ago, we improved our communication by introducing StarChapter, which has become the central hub for our website, member information, and meeting invitations. By combining so many different functions, StarChapter streamlined many of our processes. This year, we've expanded our use of StarChapter by utilizing its planned meeting invite tool, ensuring that our meeting invitations go out on time with friendly reminders along the way.

To further increase our visibility among chapter members, we revived our monthly newsletters. A huge thank you to Josh Mee, who puts the newsletter together every month. I know there's a lot of work involved, and we truly appreciate his efforts. Our newsletters serve as one-stop shops for all the information about what's happening in the coming month, as well as some exciting upcoming events and plans.

We've also upgraded our board meeting minutes to a Google Doc, allowing all board members to add their updates to the agenda before the meetings. We've worked hard to make our Board of Governors (BOG) meetings detailed and transparent, so every chapter member knows exactly what's discussed and what has been happening within our chapter.

Additionally, we launched a LinkedIn account, which is being managed by Lizzie Hagerty. I'm thrilled to report that we currently have 120 followers, surpassing our goal of 100 by the end of the ASHRAE year by 20%! Having an active LinkedIn page has boosted our participation with other organizations. We've had people reach out to us for collaborative events, and we've been asked to use our communication channels to promote others' events. It's exciting to see the traction we've gained. Who knows what next year will bring—maybe an Instagram account?

Earlier this month, we held our second WIA book club meeting. It was another great success with insightful conversations. Our third and final WIA book club meeting will be in June—stay tuned for the date. We'll be reading *Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men* by Caroline Criado Perez. I hope to see you there!

This week was our final lunch meeting of the ASHRAE year at Big Ditch Brewing Company! The topic was *Impact of State and Federal Regulations on Building Optimization and HVAC Systems*, presented by Andrew Weidert, Senior Vice President of Stark Tech. Thank you to Stark Tech our sponsor.

Save the date for our highly anticipated annual golf outing at East Aurora Country Club on June 2nd! Invitations will be sent out later this month. Additionally, keep an eye out for a number of community engagement events happening throughout May. We're excited about these upcoming opportunities to connect and give back. Looking forward to seeing you at one of our future events!

Cheers,

Nicole R. Smith  
President – ASHRAE Buffalo Chapter



### Inside this Issue:

President's Message .....	1
Chapter News .....	2
Chapter Monthly Meeting Recap .....	4
Upcoming Monthly Events .....	5
PAOE Point Summary .....	5
2024-2025 CTT/Programming .....	6
YEA Event Recap .....	7
A Lesson in History .....	8
Member Spotlight .....	9
WIA WNY PCMA Spring Mixer Invite .....	10
Employment Opportunities .....	11
ASHRAE Certification .....	12
Chapter Officers and Chairs .....	13
BOG Meeting Minutes .....	14

### Website:

Check out our website for updated chapter information at [www.buffaloashrae.org](http://www.buffaloashrae.org)

### Socials:



Follow us on LinkedIn

### Editor's Note:

Do you have some ASHRAE related information to share with the chapter or an HVAC related event or opportunity to advertise? If so, please reach out to the newsletter editor and discuss options for publishing in the chapter newsletter.

### Newsletter Disclaimer:

The appearance of any technical data, editorial material, or advertisement in this set of publications does not constitute endorsement, warranty, or guaranty by ASHRAE of any product, service, procedure, design, or the like. ASHRAE does not warrant that information is free from errors, and ASHRAE does not necessarily agree with any statement or opinion in this set of publications. The entire risk of the use of any information in this set of publications is assumed by the user. Statements made in this publication are not expressions of the Society or of the Chapter and may not be reproduced without special permission.

# YOUR CHAPTER NEWS IN ONE PLACE

The chapter has several board positions available. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the open positions, please reach out to our Chapter President: Nicole Smith



## Advertise in the Chapter Newsletter!

Advertising in The Newsletter is a great way to promote your business to local industry professionals! The Newsletter currently offers a business card size (3.5" x 2") ad for \$50. Your ad will run in every issue of the newsletter for the 2024-2025 ASHRAE year! If you would like to place an advertisement in the newsletter, please follow the instructions below:

- E-mail a PDF copy of your ad to [jmee@ipdengineering.com](mailto:jmee@ipdengineering.com)
- Please mail a check payable to ASHRAE Buffalo Chapter and address to:  
ATTN: Eben Piazza  
ASHRAE Buffalo Treasury  
3132 Clinton Street  
Buffalo, New York 14224



## Scholarship Opportunities!



There are scholarships available from both the chapter and national levels. At the national level, applications will be accepted from Engineering or Technical students majoring in Mechanical Engineering or in a technical course related to the field of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning. Visit <https://www.ashrae.org/membership--conferences/student-zone/scholarships-and-grants/scholarship-program> to see what opportunities are available.

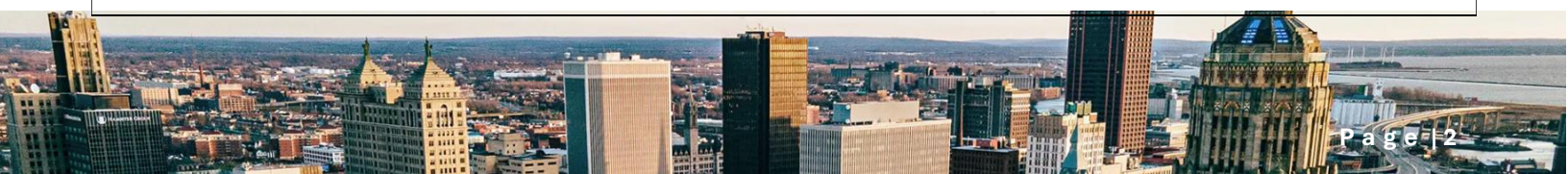
At the chapter level, scholarships of up to \$4000 are available for students enrolled in an engineering or technical major relating to the HVAC field. Applicants must be a resident of Western New York or attending school in Western New York and be in good academic standing. Applicants must demonstrate a desire to locate in WNY post-graduation.

Additional information can be found here: [https://buffaloashrae.org/images/downloads/Documents/scholarship\\_cover\\_page.doc](https://buffaloashrae.org/images/downloads/Documents/scholarship_cover_page.doc)  
Applications can be found here: [https://buffaloashrae.org/images/downloads/Documents/ashrae\\_scholarship\\_form.doc](https://buffaloashrae.org/images/downloads/Documents/ashrae_scholarship_form.doc)  
For more information contact Drew Nowak at [anowak@mollenbergbetz.com](mailto:anowak@mollenbergbetz.com) or Nick Farina at: [nick.farina@victaulic.com](mailto:nick.farina@victaulic.com).

## Welcome to our New Member:

- Mr. Steven Kemp; Yadav Solutions

We're glad you've chosen to join the ASHRAE Buffalo Chapter and look forward to meeting you at our upcoming Chapter Events



**Check out Local Employment Opportunities!**

ASHRAE is a great source to find your next career opportunity! Employers can easily post jobs at: <https://buffaloashrae.org/classifieds.php>.

- Postings are made available to the entire chapter membership through the website and the monthly newsletter.
- Postings never expire, they remain available until the employer fills the position or informs the chapter that the position is no longer available.
- There is a small, one-time fee of \$100 to post job openings. Proceeds are provided to the chapter to assist in annual chapter expenses.




The graphic features an orange icon of three stylized human figures being held up by two hands. To the right, the word 'SPONSORSHIP' is written in large, bold, white capital letters, and 'Opportunities' is written below it in a cursive, orange font. The entire graphic is set against a dark blue background with a thin orange border.

The chapter will be adding website sponsorships to our website, see below for tiers and perks of becoming a website sponsor:

- Gold level: \$1,500; includes 2 sponsors to our two largest events of the year (golf and holiday party) and logo on Buffalo ASHRAE website for a full calendar year.
- Silver: \$1,000; 1 sponsor of choice of our two largest events of the year (golf and holiday party) and logo on Buffalo ASHRAE website for a full calendar year.

Bronze: \$500; Logo on Buffalo ASHRAE website for a full calendar year.

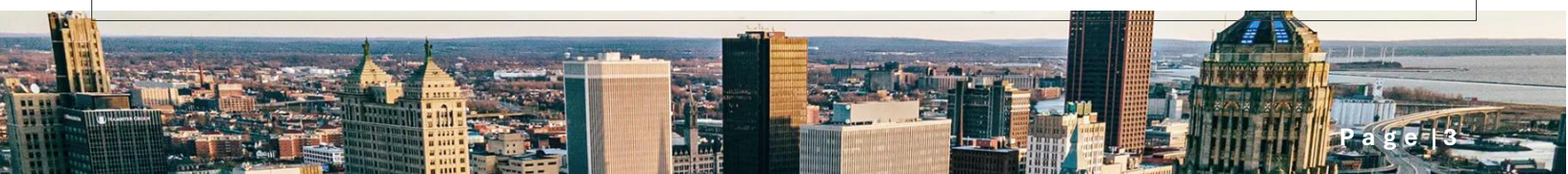


The graphic features the words 'GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY' in large, bold, white capital letters. The background is a photograph of a classical government building with columns and arches, set against a cloudy sky.

**Maximum Temperature Law Amended**

The Maximum Temperature bill discussed in an article of our December Newsletter was signed by New York State Governor Kathy Hochul in January and has since been a topic of discussion among our members. This law, sure to have an impact on our industry here in New York State, represents a welcome challenge that our ASHRAE community is well equipped to face. To read the full bill, [click here](#). An amendment to the law was signed a month later:

- In accordance with an agreement Governor Hochul reached with sponsors of the bill to establish a “maximum temperature” in school buildings across New York, new legislation has been signed into law to “...clarify the process by which schools adopt extreme heat mitigation policies as well as ensuring school districts have the flexibility to determine how best to manage learning on extreme heat condition days.”
- S.775 (Skoufis)/A.752 (Eachus), which was signed into law in February, requires school districts to develop policies “to remove students and staff from occupied spaces where practicable when educational and support services spaces reach eighty-eight degrees Fahrenheit.” The bills would also remove the strict requirement that such “spaces cannot be occupied.”



## MARCH CHAPTER MEETING RECAP

### DEFINING AND ASSESSING RESILIENCE

presented by: Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Theresa Wheaton



Thank you to our Speaker:


**Dr. Theresa Weston:** Dr. Weston is an active member of ASHRAE having served on multiple boards and committees over the past 25 years. After previously serving in multiple roles for DuPont, Dr. Weston partnered on the Holt Weston Consultancy in 2020 where she advises on multiple fronts, including building materials and products which improve resilience and sustainability of buildings

The March chapter meeting welcomed this year's distinguished lecturer Dr. Theresa A. Weston who discussed the importance of resilience in the built environment. As Dr. Weston explained, the increase in threat from natural disasters such as hurricanes, wildfires, floods and other extreme events stemming from climate change has forced our industry to adjust how we look at design, support, and securement of our systems in response. The design and construction communities must now consider these resiliency factors and quickly respond in the aftermath of these events. Dr. Weston explained that many agencies are taking a hard look developing criterion to assess and improve resilience and future editions of codes, standards, and design practice must be improved to address resiliency concerns. Throughout her presentation, Dr. Weston discussed what industry activities are currently underway to assess and review the pending updates to codes and standards to make offer guidance to design and construction professionals and make our buildings more durable and resilient to combat our consistently changing environment



**1 PDH Credit!**

**UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING**

Date	Location	Topic and Speaker	Event Sponsor	Cost*
April 8, 2025 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Big Ditch Brewery 55 E. Huron St. Buffalo, NY 14203	Impact of State and Federal Regulations on Building Optimization & HVAC presented by Andrew Weidert – Senior Vice President at Stark Tech		Member: \$35.00 Non-member: \$40.00 Student: \$20.00

\* Tickets purchased less than 24 hours prior to the event and at the door we will be assessed a \$10 late fee. Please RSVP prior to the 24-hour window so we can give a proper headcount to the restaurants and do not end up short or paying for extra seats.

**UPCOMING YEA EVENT**

Date	Time	Location	Event Sponsor	Cost*
TBD	TBD	Tour of the New Bills Stadium!	Please reach out to Nicole Smith if you are interests in sponsoring the event!	Free for Members!!

\* Please reach out Nicole Smith if your firm would be interested in sponsoring a future YEA Event. The chapter strives to keep these events free of charge for attending members so we're always in search of willing sponsors. Sponsoring firms will be recognized in the preceding newsletter.

**UPCOMING SUSTAINABILITY EVENT**

Date and Time	Location	Event	Cost
April 8, 2024 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Tappo Restaurant 338 Ellicott St. Buffalo, NY 14203	Please join us for our next sustainability committee meeting. Please email Krista Wayne at <a href="mailto:kwayne@cannondesign.com">kwayne@cannondesign.com</a> if you plan on attending	Cover your own tab

**PAOE SUMMARY**

Category	Minimum Points	Par Points	Total Points
Chapter Operations	600	1500	550
Chapter Technology Transfer	550	1500	900
Communications	300	700	530
Government Affairs	500	1250	0
Historical	100	500	129
Membership Promotion	1000	1600	675
Research and Promotion	800	1050	170
Student Activities	500	800	0
Young Engineers in ASHRAE	300	900	925

\* Point summary current as of 03/31/2025.



2024-2025 CTT / PROGRAMMING			
Date & Time	Presenter / Topic	Date & Time	Presenter / Topic
September 24, 2024 5:00 – 7:00 PM	Extreme Event Engineering – Understanding IBC Seismic/Wind Restraint Requirements and Risks presented by Greg Schmelig of Vibro-Acoustics	February 18, 2025 5:00 – 7:00 PM	Induction Displacement in Classrooms and Chilled Beams in the Corridors Tour and Meeting at Cayuga Heights Elementary School
October 15, 2024 12:00 – 1:00 PM	Technology of Vertical Flood Heat Exchangers - How They Can Utilize Both Sensible and Latent Heat presented by Patrick Lach, VP Sales & Business Development at Maxi-Therm Inc.	March 11, 2025 12:00 – 1:00 PM	Distinguished Lecturer: Dr. Theresa Weston Defining and Assessing Resilience
November 19, 2024 12:00 – 1:00 PM	Geothermal Systems – Strategies for Success presented by Kevin Austin; Geothermal Heat Exchanger Consultant from Water Furnace International	April 8, 2025 12:00 – 1:00 PM	Impact of State and Federal Regulations on Building Optimization & HVAC presented by Andrew Weidert, Senior Vice President at Stark Tech
December 5, 2024 6:00 – 9:00 PM	Annual Holiday Party at the Curtiss Hotel, 210 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202	May <b>**tentative**</b>	<i>More Details to Follow</i>
January 14, 2025 12:00 – 1:00 PM	Electric Air Cleaners Arrive Under ASHRAE Standard 241	June	Annual Golf Outing <i>More Details to Follow</i>



In ASHRAE meetings, we will act with honesty, fairness, courtesy, competence, inclusiveness, and respect for others, which exemplify our core values of excellence, commitment, integrity, collaboration, volunteerism, and diversity, and shall avoid all real or perceived conflicts of interest. Our culture is one of inclusiveness, acknowledging the inherent value and dignity of each individual. We celebrate diverse and inclusive communities, understanding that doing so fuels better, more creative and more thoughtful ideas, solutions and strategies for the Society and the communities our Society serves. We respect and welcome all.



Las Vegas Desert Dogs



10

FINAL

13



Buffalo Bandits

On March 21 our YEA members gathered for a night of spirits and good conversation while taking in a Buffalo Bandits lacrosse game. The group enjoyed a Bandits victory over the Las Vegas Desert Dogs helped by 3 goals from forward Chris Cloutier and 36 saves from goaltender Matt Vinc. Special thanks to Charlie Grochowiak from RF Peck for sponsoring the game and Nick Farina from Victaulic for sponsoring the first drink at happy hour before the game.



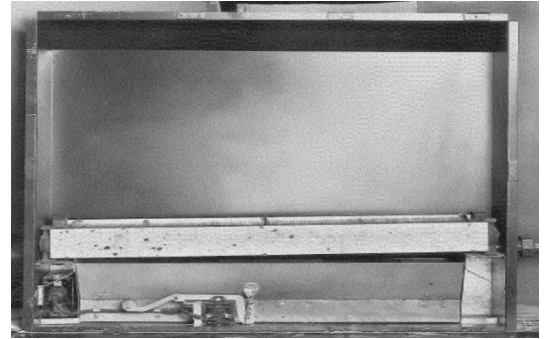
# A LESSON IN HISTORY



The man pictured here is Edward H Cox. He was born in Buffalo in 1899 and lived in the North Buffalo area of the city. The family later moved to Hamburg where Ed graduated from Hamburg High School. Ed attended Syracuse University circa 1920 and went to work in the heating field.

In his spare time he got together with Charles Damon and invented the first Unit Ventilator. Amazing what some people do after working all day.

The invention, as seen to the side, was relatively simple - the cast iron radiation is replaced with a fin type coil and electric fans (behind the casing) blow either room air or outside air cross it. The damper at the bottom controls the outdoor air / return air flow.



The patent letter included this simple description.

The general object of the invention is to provide a heater of this general type wherein fresh air may be drawn in from the exterior of the building and directed past the radiator and discharged out through the casing enclosing the radiator and so into the room or whereby the inlet of fresh air may be cut off and the air within the room allowed to circulate through the radiator.

The patent was awarded in 1931 and Mr. Cox approached manufacturers in hopes of getting the unit into production. There were, however, several factors working against him. It was a new idea without a track record and the Great Depression was in full force. The companies he contacted were unwilling or unable to spend money on developing new inventions or marketing them. Finally, the capability was so revolutionary – enabling one unit located in the room itself to both heat and ventilate – that standards hadn't yet been created on how the ventilation could be accomplished in this way. The patent ran out seven years later and others, like Nesbitt who made millions of them, went on to develop the Unit Ventilator.

Anyone who's ever done any school HVAC has seen hundreds of 'UVs' throughout the classrooms, gyms and offices. You can easily tell when a school has been renovated for proper, modern ventilation rates by noticing the inlet grills below the classroom windows. They have now been made to cool as well and can be found anywhere people live, learn or work.

By this time, though, Cox had started the Edward H Cox Company which originally dealt in boiler room equipment. Later as Ed's son, Jim joined the company they were moving into general heating equipment. Jim became a partner in Hydro-Air Components in the early 80's. The Hydro-Air Company manufactured Rittling products made by the company that had been started in 1946 by Charles Rittling. Walter Zurowski was heading the company, then located in Gowanda, at the time James Cox partnered with him. The Rittling Company had been awarded its own patent in 1953 for a twin tube residential baseboard unit.

By the early 90's, Jim sold back his interest in Hydro-Air/Rittling to Walter Sr though Cox continued to sell the Rittling product line. Rittling experienced good growth under Walter Jr, who took over from his father, and attracted the attention of the Zehnder Group and sold to them resulting in the Zehnder Rittling Company we know today.

Rick Robinson, History Chair



# Member Spotlight

Members are the foundation of our chapter. There are a lot of members of the Buffalo Chapter of ASHRAE and we want to get to know all of you! Each month we're going to ask one of our members some questions so the chapter can get to know them better.



This month we're going to get to know Ray Johnson a little bit better. Ray is currently a Senior Mechanical Engineer at Wendel where he specializes in data center design work. Ray has been with Wendel for 30 years. Prior to Wendel, Ray spent time working for VSSR and Trane. Ray was previously an ASHRAE member for many years and has served in all of the officer positions as well as newsletter editor.

**Q:** When you were our chapter President, in 1994-1995, is there an accomplishment you are particularly proud of?

**A:** During my time as president we were awarded the most improved chapter. The chapter also celebrated its 50-year anniversary.

**Q:** What drove you to a career in HVAC?

**A:** Coming to work every day knowing there was always going to be a different challenge. Those challenges aren't always technical, often they are political or economic.

**Q:** What did you want to do when you were young?

**A:** I wanted to be an Air Traffic Controller.

**Q:** What is your biggest professional achievement?

**A:** I've had the privilege of working on Yahoo! data center designs all over the country.

**Q:** When someone asks you what you do for a living how do you explain your job to them?

**A:** The short answer to that question is the I design HVAC, Plumbing and Fire Protections systems for commercial, governmental and industrial clients. The long answer describes how we provide solutions to client's challenges.

**Q:** Who is one person that influenced your career most?

**A:** My father. The old timers will remember him from his time running Mechanical Engineering departments at VSSR and Trautman.

**Q:** What originally brought you to Western New York?

**A:** I was born and raised here. I attended grade school and North Tonawanda, and college at ECC and Buffalo State. I love the mid-west feel, and my family and friend being close.

**Q:** What is one piece of advice you received that stuck with you?

**A:** My mentor (aka my father) once told me, after one of my idealistic rants, "look sonny boy, you're a politician first, economist second, and if you're lucky an engineer third." His point was that you're here to solve your client's problems no matter where they come from.

**Q:** What will you do when you retire?

**A:** I plan on spending most of my time golfing, working on my classic car and enjoying the time with my friends and family.

**Q:** Any words of wisdom for our members?

**A:** This is a great and fulfilling business. Keep looking to provide solutions to challenges of your clients and the general public.

# You are Invited!



WNY PMCA · UA 22

**WOMEN** *in the*  
**MECHANICAL**  
**INDUSTRY**

# Spring Mixer!

APRIL 8TH 2025  
4:30-7:00PM

**THE RIDGE**

555 ORCHARD PARK RD,  
WEST SENECA, NY 14224

**FREE TO ATTEND!**

- FOOD
- DRINKS
- FREE WIMI WNY GIFT

**REGISTER TO ATTEND!**

SCAN THE QR CODE OR  
EMAIL JULIE SAWICKI :  
JULIE@CONEXBUFF.COM

**SUGGESTED ATTENDEES:**

WOMEN FROM PMCA MEMBER  
COMPANIES, PMCA ASSOCIATE  
MEMBER COMPANIES, AND LOCAL 22



## Thank you to our Event Sponsors!



**EMERSON SWAN**

*A Swan Group Company*



**ERB**

COMPANY



# Employment Opportunities

## Mechanical Engineer

### Trautman Associates

[https://buffaloashrae.org/classifieds.php?record\\_number=6](https://buffaloashrae.org/classifieds.php?record_number=6)

May 28, 2024

As a Mechanical Designer, you'll specialize in commercial projects that range from groundbreaking new constructions to transformative renovations.

1. Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams to design mechanical systems that meet client needs and exceed industry standards.
2. Prepare construction documents and conduct comprehensive energy modeling and calculations.
3. Ensure compliance with energy codes and regulations.
4. Conduct field surveys to assess existing HVAC, Plumbing and fire protection infrastructures.
5. Engage in construction administration activities.
6. Lead teams through project milestones.

What we are looking for in our next Mechanical Designer:

1. A bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering.
2. A minimum of 5 years of professional experience.
3. Proficiency in AutoCAD, Revit, Bluebeam, and MS Office.
4. Understanding of relevant codes and standards.
5. Ability to manage multiple projects concurrently while meeting deadlines.
6. A collaborative spirit and excellent communication skills.

If you're a motivated individual who shares our values and is seeking a fulfilling career in mechanical design, we'd love to welcome you to our team! Join us at Trautman Associates and become part of our vibrant community. Apply today and let's build a brighter future together.

### Contact Information

Marisa Scroger

[mscroger@trautmanassoc.com](mailto:mscroger@trautmanassoc.com)



ASHRAE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Click each badge to learn more about the benefits of each ASHRAE professional certification



**Building Commissioning Professional (BCxP) Certification**

ASHRAE’s BCxP certification program validates competency to lead, plan, coordinate and manage a commissioning team to implement commissioning processes in new and existing buildings.



**Building Energy Assessment Professional (BEAP) Certification**

The BEAP certification, an ANSI-Accredited Personnel Certification Program under ISO/IEC 17024 (#1139), validates competency to assess building systems and site conditions; analyze and evaluate equipment and energy usage; and recommend strategies to optimize building resource utilization.



**Building Energy Modeling Professional (BEMP) Certification**

The BEMP certification, an ANSI-Accredited Personnel Certification Program under ISO/IEC 17024 (#1139), validates competency to model new and existing building and systems with the full range of physics; and evaluate, select, use, calibrate and interpret the results of energy modeling software where applied to building and systems energy performance and economics.



**Certified HVAC Designer (CHD) Certification**

The CHD certification, managed under ISO/IEC 17024 requirements for ANSI-Accredited Personnel Certification Programs, validates competency to design HVAC systems to meet building/project requirements, including equipment, equipment sizing, load calculations, mechanical equipment room design, duct and piping design and layout, and develop HVAC plans for permit and construction.



**Certified Decarbonization Professional (CDP) Certification**

The CDP certification program validates competency of the decarbonization professional to do the following: Assess, analyze, and develop effective and sustainable strategies that reduce/eliminate the life-cycle carbon footprint of new and existing buildings.



**High-Performance Building Design Professional (HBPD) Certification**

The HBPD certification, an ANSI-Accredited Personnel Certification Program under ISO/IEC 17024 (#1139), validates competency to design and integrate sustainable HVAC&R systems into high performing buildings.



**Healthcare Facility Design Professional (HFDP) Certification**

The HFDP certification validates competency to incorporate standards and guidelines as well as unique healthcare facility requirements and design principles in HVAC system design.



**Operations and Performance Management Professional (OPMP) Certification**

Developed with the participation of APPA and the General Services Administration (GSA), the OPMP certification validates competency to do the following:

Manage facility operations and maintenance to achieve building performance goals, including those related to indoor environmental quality, health and safety.



WHY GET CERTIFIED?

**BUFFALO CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>President</b>	Nicole Smith	Cannon Design	716-774-3256	<a href="mailto:nsmith@cannondesign.com">nsmith@cannondesign.com</a>
<b>President-Elect</b>	Stacia Valik	Stark Tech Group	716-693-4490	<a href="mailto:valiks@starktech.com">valiks@starktech.com</a>
<b>Vice President</b>	Elizabeth Hagerty	Cannon Design	716-774-3381	<a href="mailto:ehagerty@cannondesign.com">ehagerty@cannondesign.com</a>
<b>Secretary</b>	Dan Arnold	JW Swanson	716-877-6900	<a href="mailto:darnold@jwswanson.com">darnold@jwswanson.com</a>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Eben Piazza	Emerson-Swan	716-290-1090	<a href="mailto:epiazza@emersonswan.com">epiazza@emersonswan.com</a>
<b>Board of Governors</b>	John Stuber	U&S Services, Inc.	716-693-4490	<a href="mailto:stuberj@usservicesinc.com">stuberj@usservicesinc.com</a>
<b>Board of Governors</b>	Thomas Marone	BJ Muirhead Co.	631-599-3971	<a href="mailto:tmarone@bjmuirhead.com">tmarone@bjmuirhead.com</a>
<b>Historian</b>	Rick Robinson	Retired	716-983-6292	<a href="mailto:krrjr49@outlook.com">krrjr49@outlook.com</a>
<b>Scholarships</b>	Drew Nowak Nick Farina	Custom Sheetmetal Victaulic	716-614-7472 716-961-8844	<a href="mailto:anowak@mollenbergbetz.com">anowak@mollenbergbetz.com</a> <a href="mailto:nick.farina@victaulic.com">nick.farina@victaulic.com</a>
<b>Awards</b>	Rick Robinson Russ Stuber	Retired Retired	716-983-6292 716-693-4490	<a href="mailto:krrjr49@outlook.com">krrjr49@outlook.com</a> <a href="mailto:russStuber@gmail.com">russStuber@gmail.com</a>
<b>Membership</b>	Eben Piazza	Emerson-Swan	716-290-1090	<a href="mailto:epiazza@emersonswan.com">epiazza@emersonswan.com</a>
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Joshua Mee	IPD Engineering	716-431-5719	<a href="mailto:jmee@ipdengineering.com">jmee@ipdengineering.com</a>
<b>Refrigeration</b>	Chris Fecio	Cannon Design	716-773-6800	<a href="mailto:cfecio@cannondesign.com">cfecio@cannondesign.com</a>
<b>Research Promotion</b>	Jake Muller	Stark Tech Group	716-693-4490	<a href="mailto:mullerj@starktech.com">mullerj@starktech.com</a>
<b>Young Engineers</b>	Nicole Smith	Cannon Design	716-774-3256	<a href="mailto:nsmith@cannondesign.com">nsmith@cannondesign.com</a>
<b>Student Activities</b>	Kirk Feeney	Trane Commercial Systems	716-449-9250	<a href="mailto:kirk.feeney@trane.com">kirk.feeney@trane.com</a>
<b>Webmaster</b>	Thomas Marone	BJ Muirhead Co.	631-599-3971	<a href="mailto:tmarone@bjmuirhead.com">tmarone@bjmuirhead.com</a>
<b>CRC Delegate</b>	Nicole Smith	Cannon Design	716-774-3256	<a href="mailto:nsmith@cannondesign.com">nsmith@cannondesign.com</a>
<b>CRC Alternate</b>	Elizabeth Hagerty	Cannon Design	716-774-3381	<a href="mailto:ehagerty@cannondesign.com">ehagerty@cannondesign.com</a>
<b>Grassroots Government Advocacy</b>	Charlie Grochowiak	RF Peck	716-276-8933	<a href="mailto:cgrochowiak@rfpeck.com">cgrochowiak@rfpeck.com</a>
<b>Sustainability</b>	Krista Wayne	Cannon Design	716-774-3459	<a href="mailto:kwayne@cannondesign.com">kwayne@cannondesign.com</a>
<b>Woman in ASHRAE</b>	Nicole Smith Elizabeth Hagerty	Cannon Design	716-774-3256 716-774-3381	<a href="mailto:nsmith@cannondesign.com">nsmith@cannondesign.com</a> <a href="mailto:ehagerty@cannondesign.com">ehagerty@cannondesign.com</a>
<b>Diversity, Equity and Inclusion</b>	Nicole Smith	Cannon Design	716-774-3256	<a href="mailto:nsmith@cannondesign.com">nsmith@cannondesign.com</a>



**BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES**

When: Wednesday April 2, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

Attendees: Nicole Smith  
Eben Piazza  
Elizabeth Hagerty  
Rick Robinson  
Chris Fecio  
Charlie Grochowiak  
Dan Arnold  
Steve Sill (remote)

Location: Big Ditch Brewery

[ASHRAE 2024-25 PAOE Guide, Dennis Knight](#)

Minutes: [ASHRAE Buffalo Chapter BOG Meeting Minutes](#)

Next Meeting: May 7, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

