

May Newsletter

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Buffalo Chapter

A Message from Our President

As our ASHRAE year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank the executive board and the entire Board of Governors for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. I'd also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our chapter members for their continued support and participation in events, as well as to our generous sponsors.

As my term as president wraps up, I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished together. My goal for this year was to deepen our engagement within the community, echoing National President Dennis Knight's call to address the workplace crisis in our industry. Through the multitude of events we hosted, we've shared our passion for the built industry—and perhaps even inspired future engineers at events held at the Science Museum or Explore & More.

Community has truly been the heart of our chapter this year. We launched our Women in ASHRAE (WIA) group, hosting happy hours and book club discussions to create a safe, empowering space for women and allies. We also formed a new sustainability subcommittee, bringing together like-minded individuals committed to advancing sustainable practices in our industry.

The energy we built this year doesn't end with the ASHRAE calendar. While we pause our monthly educational meetings for the summer, we'll continue hosting community events and WIA book club gatherings. Keep an eye out for invitations via StarChapter email or on our LinkedIn page.

We also strengthened our communications by reviving our monthly newsletter and launching a LinkedIn account to better connect and inform our members. We hope these efforts will continue to boost engagement and attendance.

Our final monthly meeting was a tremendous success—thank you to our amazing panelists: Krista Wayne, Mel Stachowiak, Brian Zintel, Dan Arnold, and Samantha Price. Your insights made moderating the panel a true pleasure.

Our last official event of the year is the annual golf outing at East Aurora Country Club on June 2nd, which sold out in under three hours—a new record! Sponsorships and dinner tickets are still available, and I look forward to celebrating with many of you there.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your chapter president. I'm excited to see what the future holds for our incredible ASHRAE community.

Cheers,

Nicole Smith
President – ASHRAE Buffalo Chapter



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Website:

Check out our website for updated chapter information at www.buffaloashrae.org

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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.

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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
- 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
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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.



Welcome to our New Members:

- Mr. Kevin Kreutzer; EBS
- Mr. Timothy Jakubus; Stark Tech
- Mr. Eduardo Moreno; CPL

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



SPONSORSHIP *Opportunities*

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.



APRIL CHAPTER MEETING RECAP

IMPACT OF STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS ON BUILDING OPTIMIZATION AND HVAC SYSTEMS

presented by: Stark Tech



Thank you to our Sponsor:



The April chapter meeting, the final lunch meeting of the ASHRAE calendar year, was a very well attended overview of how state and federal regulations are impacting how we as engineers are looking at building optimization and the design, operation, and performance of the systems we are specifying. Our presenter, Andy Weidert dove into how current and planned policies are shaping our designs. From stringent energy efficiency and sustainability to decarbonization mandates, attendees gained insight on to navigate these requirements as well as how to educate our customers on available incentive programs. Andy used some practical approaches to understanding and navigating the regulatory world and how to leverage innovative technologies to maximize energy performance. We thank Andy for passing his knowledge on to everyone in attendance. Thanks to all our members who were able spend their lunch with us helping to close our lunch meetings on a high note.

Thank you to our Presenter:

Andrew Weidert – Senior Vice President at Stark Tech



MAY CHAPTER MEETING RECAP

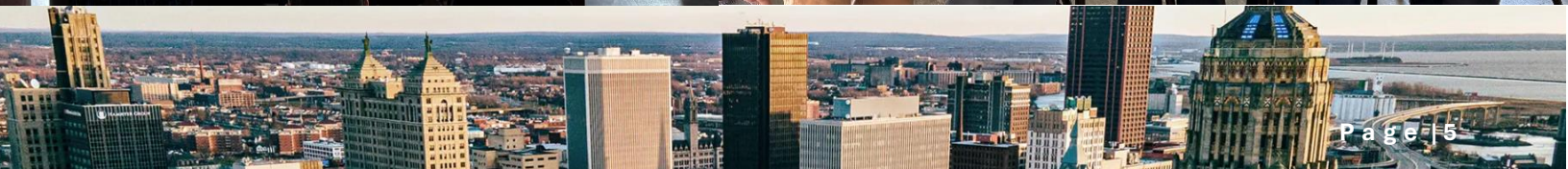
END OF ASHRAE YEAR SUSTAINABILITY PANEL AND NETWORKING DINNER



Thank you to our Panelists:

- Melanie Stachowiak, ME Engineering
- Krista Wayne, CannonDesign
- Brian Zintel, Buffalo Engineering
- Dan Arnold, JW Swanson
- Samantha Price, National Grid
- Nicole Smith, CannonDesign

The chapter closed our meeting slate for the year with a thought-provoking panel discussion on sustainability, after a brief happy hour. The panelists, named to the left, come from all corners of our industry and brought different lenses to the discussion. The discussion centered around how each panelist implements sustainability into their work. Questions ranged from how to effectively promote sustainability goals to Owners, to different approaches to implementing goals, and how to offset costs associated with these goals. With ever evolving government goals and regulations, panelists offered their insight into applying these sustainability goals how they can benefit their projects and their Owners. The chapter thanks these panelists donating their time and thoughts to the group. Thanks to all our members who were able spend their evening with us helping to close this successful ASHRAE year.



UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING				
Date	Location	Topic and Speaker	Event Sponsor	Cost*
Thanks for all members for making this a truly successful ASHRAE year! See you all in the Fall.				

* 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*
We are currently planning a tour of the Bills Stadium. Space will be limited, so register early!				

* 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.

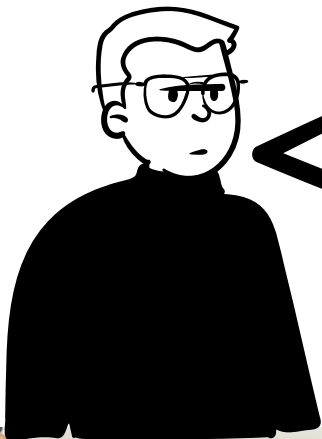
UPCOMING WIA EVENT				
Date and Time	Location	Women in ASHRAE Book Club	Book Discussion	Cost
TBD be on the lookout for an email invite in June!	TBD	Please join us for book discussion, networking, and beverages. WIA events are open to all chapter members, women and allies, interested in discussing the group's objectives.	Invisible Women by Caroline Criado Perez	Free

PAOE SUMMARY			
Category	Minimum Points	Par Points	Total Points
Chapter Operations	600	1500	550
Chapter Technology Transfer	550	1500	900
Communications	300	700	560
Government Affairs	500	1250	0
Historical	100	500	129
Membership Promotion	1000	1600	775
Research and Promotion	800	1050	350
Student Activities	500	800	0
Young Engineers in ASHRAE	300	900	925

* Point summary current as of 05/06/2025.



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 20, 2025 5:00 – 7:00 PM	End of Year ASHRAE Sustainability Panel and Networking Dinner
January 14, 2025 12:00 – 1:00 PM	Electric Air Cleaners Arrive Under ASHRAE Standard 241	June 2, 2025 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Annual Golf Outing East Aurora Country Club Lunch: 11:00 – 12:00 PM Shotgun Start: 12:00 PM Dinner Served: 5:00 PM



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.



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

When:

June 02, 2025
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
[Add to Calendar](#)

Where:

East Aurora Country Club
300 Gridle Road
East Aurora, NY 14052
[Directions](#)

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Event Itinerary:

- 11:00 AM: Event registration opens and practice areas are open for warming up
Mulligans will be purchased at registration, \$10 a mulligan and max 4 mulligans per foursome.
- 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM: Cheeseburgers, hotdogs, Italian sausage, and veggie burgers upon arrival
- 12:00 PM: All foursomes will head to their holes for the shotgun start
- 12:00 AM - 4:00 PM: At the turn there will be the putt-putt competition (\$5 per putt or \$20 for 5 putts)
*There will be two fully stocked beverage carts serving drinks throughout the day
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Dinner
- 5:00 PM: Dinner only guests may arrive.

Cost:

- ~~\$200.00~~ Lunch, drinks on course, dinner and golf (per guest) - **SOLD OUT**
- \$50.00 Dinner only (per guest)

* All golf tickets need to be purchased in foursomes, you may mix and match golf and food options within your foursome. No individual golf purchases.

Sponsors:

- \$400.00 Lunch Sponsor
- \$500.00 Dinner Sponsor
- \$400.00 Beverage Cart Sponsor
- \$250.00 Men's and Women's Longest Drive Sponsor
- \$250.00 Men's and Women's Most Accurate Drive Sponsor
- \$250.00(x2) Men's and Women's Closest for the Pin Sponsor
- \$150.00 Hole Sponsor (per hole)

Prizes:

- First Place: \$125.00 per player in foursome
- Second Place: \$100.00 per player in foursome
- Third Place: \$75.00 per player in foursome
- \$75.00 per winner
- \$75.00 per winner
- \$75.00 per winner (one front 9, one back nine)
- Putt-putt Winner: Custom Pro V1 golf balls

* All winnings will be for use in EACC pro shop.

Any questions please contact Nicole Smith (nsmith@cannondesign.com) or Scott Converse (sconverse@hvgroup.us)





A LESSON IN HISTORY

John R McClive - A Great Contributor

Mr. John McClive was, among many other ASHRAE positions, a former Chapter Historian. When I was looking for histories of our Chapter, I found him among the Life Members. He gave a presentation on the Niagara Frontier's contributions to the development of HVAC technologies and equipment in the early days of the "V, A, and C" parts. While he was Chapter President for our 50th anniversary era and delivered the above work for our 75th, he was still around and available for me to find for our 100th anniversary.

I was hoping to come up with a Power Point article we could loop for the CRC when it was held here. I contacted John and we collaborated on a combination of his presentation and my articles to come up with the 'Early Developments of Air Conditioning and Heat Transfer in the Vicinity of Buffalo NY'. These highlighted advancements on heating with American Standard, Buffalo Forge, Jewitt Refrigeration, Cox Co., Pierce Arrow, and Harrison Radiators, Aerofin Coils, Fedders A/C, and of course all the Developments, Inventions and Innovations of Willis Carrier. I submitted it to Society and have since had many requests for copies from other Chapters wishing to highlight our chapter's contributions to the industry.

Subsequently, John also did a Historical Leadership Interview which may have been a first for our Chapter.

He was such a help that I tried to get him to be a co-chair for Historian but he preferred to stay in the background. His Leadership Interview turned out to be his final Chapter contribution.

After COVID I tried to reconnect with John but found that he had passed a few months before my attempts to reconnect. He was a great help and better friend. Below is one of his Interview answers and a short Bio:

Why ASHRAE: in 1960- because I was involved with HVAC products. Today-because ASHRAE integrates the engineering disciplines of thermodynamics for the refrigeration and heating cycle, heat transfer for cooling coils in air handling units and other heating and cooling heat exchangers, fluid flow for fans and pumps, Electronics for control systems, and now the new sciences of geothermal heating and cooling heat sinks while incorporating solar collectors for generating electricity in buildings.

ASHRAE Positions: Formerly Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Pres, President Elect and President in 1969, following year on the Board of Governors. Multiple years as Chairperson for various Program Committees, Chairperson of large Committee that compiled history of all companies that belong to our chapter. This was presented by J. Barrie Graham, Manager of Research at Buffalo Forge, at 50th Anniversary meeting, October 6, 1969. Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee after obtaining 501c3 for Education Foundation. Finally, Chapter Historian and Member of the National History Committee under Bernard Nagengast.

Published paper in 1986 ASHRAE Transactions: Early Developments on Air Conditioning and Heat Transfer.

Future ASHRAE Involvement: Support: Will help when asked.

He is missed.

Rick Robinson Chapter Historian



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 Joe Daham a little bit better. Joe is currently the Principal at Buffalo Engineering. Joe has been with Buffalo Engineering for 19 years. Joe has proudly been an ASHRAE member since 2008.

Q: What aspect of your job do you find most rewarding?

A: I find a lot of meaning in projects that breathe new life into historic buildings or repurposing existing buildings with rich histories—transformations that respect the past while serving the present and future needs of our community.

Q: What do you love most about your job?

A: Every day brings a new challenge. Whether it's working through a complex design constraint on a historic structure or collaborating with architects and contractors to solve problems in real time, I love the creativity and teamwork involved in our work.

Q: What do you like most about being an ASHRAE member?

A: ASHRAE has always been a great source of knowledge, support, and professional connection. It's a place where you can learn from others and stay at the forefront of the HVAC industry—all while giving back to the profession....and the annual golf outing!

Q: What is your favorite part about living in Western New York?

A: The community. There's a strong sense of pride here and people genuinely care about each other. And, of course, the Buffalo Bills.

Q: How do you spend your free time?

A: I enjoy spending time outdoors, golfing, and working with my hands fixing and building things in our old house.

Q: What is your biggest professional achievement?

A: Taking over the role of President and managing partner at Buffalo Engineering, P.C. from my father in 2023 has been the most meaningful professional milestone of my career. After working alongside him for 17 years, stepping into a leadership role allows me to carry forward his legacy while guiding the firm into the future, while remaining committed to improving the spaces where our community lives and works.

Q: What are some future goals and aspirations for your career?

A: I hope to grow Buffalo Engineering in a way that deepens our impact in the Western New York region—particularly through projects that support sustainability, adaptive reuse, and revitalization of older structures. I also want to continue building a strong, collaborative team culture and mentor the next generation of engineers who care about community-driven design.

Q: If you could have any superpower what would it be?

A: To read my Wife's mind.

Q: Any words of wisdom for our members?

A: Stay curious and keep learning. Our field is constantly evolving, and the best engineers are the ones who never stop asking questions.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES INVOLVEMENT

Explore & More Children's Museum for Architecture, Construction, and Engineering (ACE) Weekend was held on Saturday May 3rd and Sunday May 4th. The two-day event was all about sparking curiosity in little ones through fun, hands-on activities focused on Architecture, Construction, and Engineering. It was a great chance to inspire the next generation. Thanks to all of the chapter volunteers who assisted the Museum with this exciting event.



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

The chapter is held its most recent Sustainability committee meeting on Tuesday May 8th at Tappo Restaurant in Buffalo. There was again a great turnout which led to lively discussion on how the chapter can promote sustainability within our community. This meeting served as a follow-up to our initial happy hour where members continued to develop and expand our sustainability initiatives. Thanks for everyone who was able to attend and contribute to our committee.



SAVE THE DATE

The chapter will be assisting Habitat for Humanity in constructing homes for under privileged family. Our build day is scheduled for Thursday July 31st, starting at 8:30 a.m. Please contact Krista Wayne @ kwayne@cannondesign.com for more information.





2025-26 Mechanical Engineering Senior Design Project Solicitation

The Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (MAE) Department invites companies, industry professionals, and community members to submit project proposals for our Senior Design Program. This capstone experience engages student teams in solving real-world engineering challenges, often in collaboration with industry partners and provides students with hands-on experience in design, prototyping, and testing. This is an excellent opportunity to engage with talented engineering students and benefit from innovative solutions to practical problems.

Objectives:

1) Support Industry and Community Needs:

Provide industry partners and community members with access to dedicated engineering resources to help address their technical challenges, while fostering the development of future engineers for potential recruitment.

2) Offer Expert Design Insight:

Deliver additional perspectives and recommendations on modern engineering designs, tools, and methodologies to enhance innovation and efficiency.

3) Expose Students to Real-World Projects:

Engage students in industry-sponsored, real-world projects that encourage problem-solving, simulate professional engineering practices, and involve all stages of product development using an industrial approach.

4) Enhance Student Career Readiness:

Give students valuable experience working in practical engineering environments, increase their exposure to advanced tools and facilities, and connect them with potential employers aligned with their interests.

Types of senior design project proposals:

- 1) Technical Development and Improvement Projects
- 2) Intellectual Property (IP) Development Projects
- 3) Professional Workforce Development Projects
- 4) Entrepreneurial and Startup Projects
- 5) Other Specialized or Mission-Driven Projects

For all relevant project information including project requirements and the proposal process please visit the link below:

<https://forms.gle/yY4DWxiYSUyKXKv28>

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(716) 645-6064





Employment Opportunities

Mechanical Engineer

Trautman Associates

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.

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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 (HBDP) Certification

The HBDP 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?

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES

When: Wednesday May 7, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

Attendees: Nicole Smith
Eben Piazza
Elizabeth Hagerty
Dan Arnold
Rick Robinson
Krista Wayne
Charlie Grochowiak
Stacia Valik

Location: Big Ditch Brewery.

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

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

Next Meeting: None Scheduled.

