



Thin Air Bulletin

January 2017

January Meeting Announcement

Join us for our next chapter meeting of the 2016-2017 year. The topic is "Controls Forum: Insights from Controls Experts" by a panel of controls contractors and owners.

Date: Tuesday, Jan 17

Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

Location: [Pappadeaux Kitchen](#)

Cost: \$25 (members) / \$30 (guests)

[Click here for more info or to register online.](#)
(Cash and credit cards also accepted at door)

Message from the President

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I wish you a healthy, happy and prosperous 2017! The ASHRAE year flew by! The BOG has 5 more programs scheduled for this year. We look forward to seeing you at all the programs. Please make sure to check the newsletter for an updated schedule.

Make plans to attend the 2017 ASHRAE Winter Meeting in Las Vegas on Jan 28 - Feb 1. This is looking to be the largest AHR Expo outside of Chicago and possibly the largest ASHRAE meeting EVER! The AHR Expo is

Winter Meeting 2017

ASHRAE Winter Meeting and AHRI Expo

January 30th through February 1st

Las Vegas, NV

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The 2017 AHR Expo app is available for iOS and Android.

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free to attend with advanced registration, so make sure to register early! For more information, please click [here](#).

Region IX (which the New Mexico Chapter is part of) will be holding a regional dinner during the Winter Conference in Las Vegas. This event is an awesome way to meet with many other ASHRAE members from our region and get to know some of the regional officers. Sunday, January 29, 2015 at 7:30pm, Carmine's Las Vegas, The Forum Shops at Caesars. To RSVP, email Blake at blakeashrae@gmail.com. The cost is \$25 for members and is free for students.

And finally, just a reminder about the new program we are introducing. The chapter would like to pay for the cost of future chapter leaders to attend this event. The Spring 2017 YEA Leadership Weekend will be held in Denver, CO from March 3-5, 2017. Registration includes hotel accommodations for Friday and Saturday, meals during the event (dinner on Friday, all meals on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday), and all necessary materials and resources. Airfare and any ground transportation costs are not included. If you (or one of your employees) are interested in attending, please send me interested candidates!

<http://www.ashrae.org/membership--conferences/young-engineers-in-ashrae/yea-leadership-weekend>

Feel free to e-mail me at stephen.fornier@trane.com with your thoughts and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Stephen Fornier
NM ASHRAE President
2016-2017

Earn PDHs/CEUs: ASHRAE Offers Courses at the Convention Center

ASHRAE will be offering [17 half-day and full-day paid courses](#) at the Convention Center that earn 3 PDHs/LUs or .3 CEUs. They will also hold [four sessions on residential best-practices](#) for credit that are free to all attendees. Sessions begin Sunday afternoon and run through Tuesday.

Grassroots Government Advocacy

This month I have some great articles relating to our local government and the energy industry. Governor Susana Martinez has appointed Ken McQueen as the cabinet secretary of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department last Tuesday. He has 35 years of industry experience and most recently worked as a VP for WPX Energy, a company that explores, develops and produces natural gas. He will be replacing David Martin. Find the link to the article [here](#) to learn more.

Also, in September, the Albuquerque City Council approved a goal to power city buildings with 25% solar energy by 2025. New Mexico ranked 15th out of all USA states for installed solar generation capacity in 2015 and plans to meet this future goal for 2025 without the help of Governor Susana Martinez, who did not renew a state tax credit for solar development that expired this year. Find more [here](#).

The Albuquerque Business First website is an excellent source for local news related to the Energy industry, as well as 18 other industries including Government & Regulations, Technology, Manufacturing, etc.

I hope everyone has an amazing holiday season!

Trevor Keegan

Grassroots Government Advocacy Chair

Upcoming Events

Jan17 Chapter Meeting

Controls Forum
11:30am - 1:00pm
Pappadeux Kitchen

Feb 3 YEA Social

Main Event
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Main Event Albuquerque

Feb 12 Chapter Meeting

Joint Meeting with NMAEE - High
Performance Buildings 2
11:30am - 1:00pm
The Pit

[Click here for more info on our upcoming events](#)

2016-2017 Board of Governors

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Student Activities.....Douglas Brown

Grassroots Government....Trevor Keegan

Awards.....Rex Stockwell

Golf Tournament.....Allen Anaya

Membership Committee.....Ariel Nephew

Thank you to all our officers for volunteering their time and leadership for our chapter! Visit our website for their contact info.

In Other News...

Membership

Exciting news for the membership committee this month. Ariel Nephew of QA Engineering has graciously donated her time to serve as the Retention Chair for membership. Ariel is a recent graduate from the UNM mechanical engineering program. She learned about our industry by taking the HVAC class (ME365) and has been able to quickly find a job after graduating, and through the donations that the ASHRAE membership made in supplying text

From the History Books

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books to the students was interested in working with the chapter now that she has begun her professional career. Please welcome Ariel to her new position and to our industry when you have an opportunity to meet her. Thank you for volunteering Ariel, we are all happy to have you on board.

Please remember if you have any colleagues and friends in the industry that are not currently part of the chapter, invite them to a meeting and introduce them around, there are many benefits to ASHRAE membership and we are always looking to add to the roster. Thank you all for your dedication to making the New Mexico chapter successful.

Contact Ryan Shaffer (ryan.shaffer@jci.com) for more details.

[Learn more about membership](#)

This month's speaker was Jeff Miller of ABB. He spoke about general application issues and solutions for variable frequency drives. He also discussed IEEE 519, 1992, FCC Part 15, and new technologies.

Young Engineers in ASHRAE

Look for the YEA Leadership Weekend and social activities announcement later this spring!

Student Activities

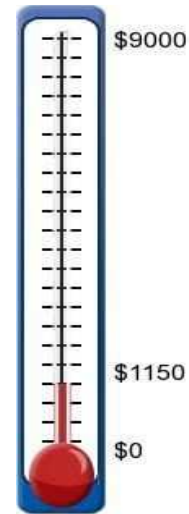
Look for the spring 2017 STEM day announcement!

Research Promotion Update

Major Donors \$250 - \$2,499
Yearout Mechanical & Engineering

Honor Roll \$100 - \$249

Allen Anaya
Stacey Chan
Michael Dexter
Andrew Farrish
Stephen Forner
Gary Grange
Joe Higham
Jerry Hine



Other Contributions
Scoggins Mechanical

Our goal for this year is \$9,000. I'm confident that our outstanding contributors can help us reach and surpass this goal. The cutoff for the 2016-2017 year is June 30, 2017, so there is still plenty of time to get your name on our list, or move your name up.

Full Circle is awarded to chapters where all officers contribute at least \$100 to Research Promotion. New Mexico received the Full Circle award for 2015-2016 and all officers have already made their contribution for 2016-2017.

Society News and Opportunities

[Registration Open for 2017 Winter Conference in Las Vegas](#)
[Registration Open for Leadership U](#)
More news at ashrae.org/news

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