



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COK Chapter Meeting: ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 55

Speakers: Christian Taber

January 7, 2025

@Chicken N Pickle | OKC

11:30am to 1:00pm

[Click here to register.](#)

BOG Meeting

January 21, 2025

@Chicken N Pickle | OKC

11:30am to 1:00pm



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Will Thompson

Christmas is oftentimes portrayed as a time for warmth, joy, and togetherness. Christmas lights, Christmas trees, and holiday decorations fill homes, offices, retail stores, restaurants, and other spaces. For some, Christmas is a time of joy spent listening to familiar Christmas songs, watching their favorite Christmas movie, or spending time enjoying their favorite Christmas traditions. For others, Christmas is not an easy or happy season. Behind the decorations and traditions can lie stress, sadness, and loneliness.

Christmas reminds us the best presents aren't the ones placed under the tree. They are found in kind words, shared moments, or doing something that brings happiness. Whatever bucket you fall in, I challenge you to reflect on not only what you are celebrating, but also what you are thankful for.



President Will Thompson

Thankfulness shifts our focus from what we don't have to what we do have. It helps us recognize the people and organizations that support us, recognizes our growth from various challenges, and helps us remember the small blessings in our lives we potentially overlook. Practicing gratitude makes the world a better place, and creates a place for joy during the holiday season. Whether you like Christmas or not, I challenge you to slow down and reflect and be thankful for what you do have, not what you don't have. Let's be thankful for family, friends, and/or colleagues. Talk to a stranger, hold the door for someone, smile, or create any opportunity to give or receive kindness, and hope that will carry you into the new year. You never know, it might just make someone else's Christmas, or even yours as well.

I hope everyone can take some time off and spend time with friends and family, and take on 2026 completely refreshed! I know I am thankful for the ASHRAE community and the relationships I have with each one of you. Merry Christmas, and see you all next year!

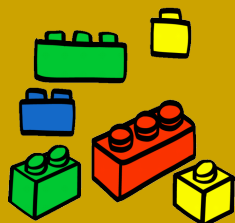
Healthy Buildings: Designing for Life

The theme for the ASHRAE 2025-26 Society Year is "Healthy Buildings: Designing For Life." This theme emphasizes the critical role of indoor environmental quality (IEQ) in creating healthier and more resilient communities, focusing on factors such as air quality, thermal comfort, and access to safe water.

Click the Icons Below to Stay Connected

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STUDENT EVENTS K-I2

Payton Parker



A huge thank you to our chapter leadership for supporting the LEGO events! Special shoutout to our President, Will Thompson, who shows up time and time again. Meaningful STEM time with the next generation makes a bigger impact than we think—and we can't wait to do even more this year. Join us at our next LEGO event!

Books & LEGOs @ Woodson Park

- Tuesday, February 24th
- Engineers Week! 🎉
- 4:30pm – 5:30pm

All volunteers are welcome! If you'd like to participate or have any questions, please reach out to Payton at payton@crtifac.com.



COK 2025 Lego Event

UNIVERSITY STUDENT EVENTS

Michael Akins



Hey Everyone!

Thanks to everyone who submitted applications for the scholarship. Scholarship recipients will be announced next month. So, stay tuned!



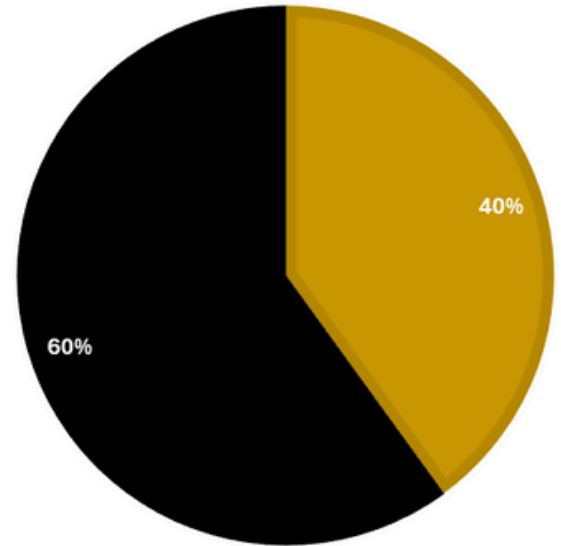
RESEARCH AND PROMOTIONS

Matthew Akins

Hello ASHRAE Central OK!

We have a very successful year going. We have contributed 40% of our target contributions to Research Promotion! We would like to thank all of our current and previous donors for their generosity towards this cause.

To start every year, we encourage our ASHRAE members to donate a gift to our chapter's RP fund. If you would like to make a donation you can visit the ASHRAE website or use this URL:<https://www.ashrae.org/about/invest-in-the-rp-campaign>



SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Michele Lefebvre & Ashley Hayden

UPCOMING EVENTS

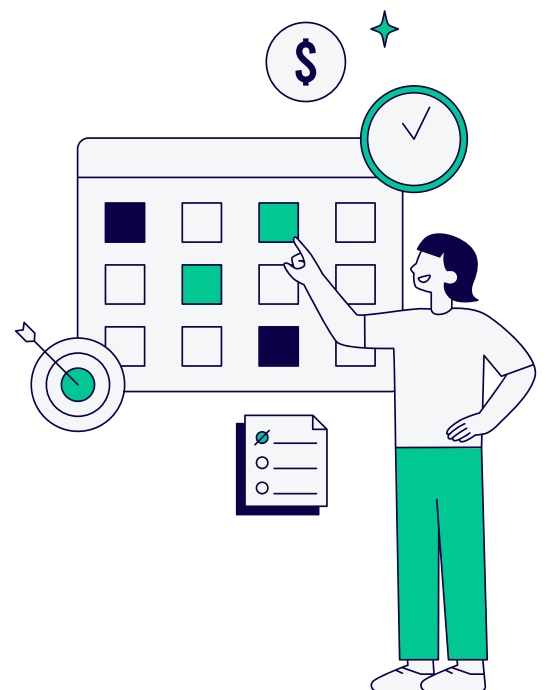
4th Annual Cornhole Tournament – Friday, March 27, 2026

- @ Chicken N Pickle | OKC

Clay Shoot – May 8, 2026

- @ Silverleaf Shotgun Sports

Thank you for allowing us to serve you again this 2025-2026 year. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me at mlefebvre@rbakins.com or Ashley Hayden at ashley.hayden@trane.com



DECEMBER BOG MEETING NOTES

Michael Akins

Attendees: Will T, Gavin S, Dusty S, Kale H, Shima S, Rebecca C, John H, Zach S, Payton P, Michael, & Stephanie T

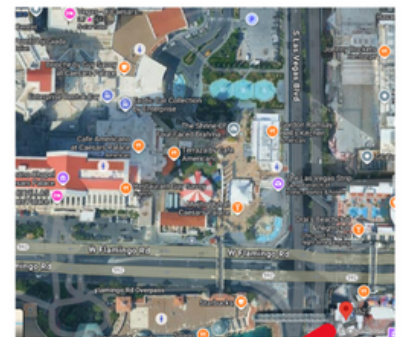
- **Treasurer's Report** was approved at meeting; Will first and Gavin Second
- **CTTC** is still looking for a speaker in May, possibly a panel discussion: Possible joint meeting with AGCOK on February 11th - potential 100+ attendee meeting
- **Historians Report:** History almost complete; We will be the only chapter up to date on history when complete; Include what was done last month in newsletter articles in addition to future events to help with reporting
- **Government Report:** Day on the Hill coming the first week of March, TBD
- **Membership:** Down 4 members
- **Student Activities:** Need officers at event on February 24th; Let Payton know if you are coming
- **YEA:** Need more scheduled YEA events
- **Refrigeration:** Need to finalize event date and location
- **Sustainability:** Possible joint meeting with local sustainability group and/or Edmond Schools Partnership
- **Newsletter:** Need newsletter articles before the holidays please!
- **Scholarship:** One awarded to a Graduate student, and one awarded to Undergraduate; We have selected the recipients, but it is not public knowledge yet; Need to find information on the ASHRAE Foundation fund since we hit the target.
- **Honors & Awards:** Going to submit an article this month; Still looking for Fellow candidates.
- **No Reports From:** Vice President, President Elect, ECC/Social Media, and Research Promotion

DID YOU KNOW?



You Can Join the REGION VIII HAPPY HOUR

Monday, February 2, 2026
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Ole Red Las Vegas
3627 South Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV, 89109
Email reihl@swbell.net to RSVP



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Caleb Deck

ASHRAE, OUBCC, AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUPS

The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission is the body that is responsible for establishing minimum statewide codes affecting or relating to the built environment for the protection of life and property, to be utilized throughout the state, assuring public health, safety, and welfare.

This group was developed by the state legislature in 2009 to help bring standardization to our code system throughout the state and has since completed 3 full code adoptions, in addition to several other rounds of technical updates, modifications, and individual code reviews. In fact, the



Caleb Deck

OUBCC has recently completed the technical review of the 2021 and 2024 versions of the International Building Code, International Existing Building Code, International Fire Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical Code, and International Plumbing Code.

One code that is particularly relevant to the ASHRAE group which is to begin review shortly is the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). The IECC helps establish minimum requirements for modern, energy-efficient buildings and encourages design decisions that require less energy usage and overall cost. ASHRAE standards are often referenced in the IECC, including Standards 90.1, 55, 62.1, 140, 183, and several of the handbooks. The knowledge that has been developed and curated by ASHRAE is being applied in these codes.

Currently, the OUBCC is accepting applications for the Technical Advisory Group to review the IECC. This group will consist of a mix of professional designers and contractors from a variety of construction disciplines. It is critical that we have advisory group members who are experts in the ASHRAE standards and handbooks, and there is no better place to find those experts than through the ASHRAE newsletter! If you have any interest in applying to serve as a Technical Advisor in reviewing the IECC, feel free to reach out to me at caleb.deck@haskell.com or directly apply at the link [HERE](#).



HISTORIAN'S UPDATE

Dusty Stoarbs

YEAR IN REVIEW: 2022-23

2022-23 was defined by President Jon Wilmore's determination to make ASHRAE fun, break free from the normal routine, and leave the COVID years behind. Stepping into the role with one less year of chair experience than normal, Jon approached the year with a fearless willingness to try new ideas and inject fresh energy into the chapter calendar.

His creativity drove some of the largest and most successful events in chapter history—from launching the inaugural Oklahoma HVAC & Plumbing Expo that brought in \$40,000, to the inaugural cornhole tournament that had over 200 people attend, to even the playful



Jon Wilmore, Chapter President 2022-23

“Take It Out on the Reps” golf-range fundraiser. Jon's instinct that the chapter needed excitement, novelty, and a renewed sense of community, as well as a spend-money-to-make-money attitude, proved exactly right for this year. Under his leadership, supported by strong committee chairs across the board, the chapter not only grew in participation and membership but also rediscovered enthusiasm and momentum, leaving behind the lingering stagnation of the COVID era. To read the full year-in-review report, visit the Central Oklahoma Chapter's History webpage, or click on this direct link [HERE](#).



2022 Oklahoma HVAC and Plumbing Expo at the Oklahoma City Convention Center

YEA UPDATE

Ty Klakulak

Hey everyone!

Thank you to everyone for attending YEA events this last year! We have had a great time so far. For the coming months, we are planning to go to the Cat Café a late January afternoon, so please look out for an upcoming announcement on that!

For future events for YEA, we will be sending out more information soon, but please feel free to reach out to Ty Klakulak (tklakulak@eei-ok.com) if you have any ideas or activities that you would like to try out with the group.

If you have any questions about YEA or upcoming events, please feel free to reach out!



HONORS & AWARDS

John Harrod

Recognition of our individual accomplishments by our peers is something we all treasure. In ASHRAE, we have several opportunities to be recognized for our professionalism, technical expertise, and contributions to our local communities. Within the ASHRAE Fellow is a membership grade recognizing an individual's contribution to the HVACR industry through research or application of a technology in a unique manner. The Fellow grade is not dependent upon the members involvement within the ASHRAE organization but rather recognizes a member's unique contribution through letters of recommendations from Employers, educators and other associates familiar with the candidate's professional accomplishments and contributions to the industry.

Our ASHRAE Chapters is asking for all our Chapter members to help us identify potential candidates for elevation to Fellow grade membership. There are no additional fees for application or the membership grade. If you think you know a member who has made unique contributions, please contact chapter leadership.

The Fellow designation differs from other ASHRAE awards designed to recognize an individual members involvement directly within ASHRAE through either the organizational structure or technical structure of ASHRAE. Generally, this recognition is for leadership of ASHRAE chapters, regional, or national technical committees. These awards will be discussed in later articles.

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COK ASHRAE CALENDAR 2025-2026



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

JANUARY 7, 2026
CHAPTER MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM

JANUARY 21, 2026
BOG MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM

FEBRUARY 11, 2026
CHAPTER MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM

FEBRUARY 18, 2026
BOG MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM

MARCH 4, 2026
CHAPTER MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM

MARCH 18, 2026
BOG MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM

MARCH 27, 2026
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
CHICKEN N PICKLE
TBD

APRIL 1, 2026
CHAPTER MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM

APRIL 15, 2026
BOG MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM

APRIL 23-25, 2026
ASHRAE CRC
LITTLE ROCK, AR

MAY 6, 2026
CHAPTER MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM

MAY 20, 2026
CHAPTER MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM

JUNE 17, 2026
BOG MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM

“THE CHAPTER DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO ACT FOR, OR IN THE NAME OF, SOCIETY.”