



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COK Chapter Meeting
 May 6, 2025
 @Chicken N Pickle | OKC
 11:30am to 1:00pm
[Click here to register.](#)



BOG Meeting
 May 20, 2025
 @Chicken N Pickle | OKC
 11:30am to 1:00pm





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Will Thompson

Happy May, All,

As this remarkable ASHRAE year draws to a close, I'd like to take some time to reflect on the progress and collaboration we made as a chapter. This year has been nothing short of exceptional. Through technical innovation, knowledge sharing, and a strong sense of community, the Central OK ASHRAE Chapter continued to advance our mission of shaping a more sustainable and resilient built environment.



President Will Thompson

From engaging chapter meetings and insightful presentations to impactful projects and meaningful connections, every moment has contributed to an outstanding chapter year.

None of this would have been possible without you.

Your participation, whether through attending events, contributing expertise, volunteering your time, or simply staying engaged, made a difference this year. Central OK's commitment and passion bring our small commercial HVAC community to life and push our industry forward.

I am especially grateful to those who stepped into leadership roles, organized events, mentored peers, and supported initiatives behind the scenes. Your dedication has strengthened not only our chapter but also the broader ASHRAE community.

As we close out this year, we celebrate what we've accomplished together and look ahead with excitement for what's to come. The momentum we've built sets a strong foundation for continued growth, innovation, and impact in the year ahead.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey. I look forward to seeing you in the coming year as we continue to learn, lead, and make a difference, and look forward to Kale and his CIQ to bringing our chapter to new heights.

That's a wrap,
Will Thompson



RESEARCH AND PROMOTIONS

Matthew Akins



Hello ASHRAE Central OK!

We have a very successful year going. Central OK has contributed over \$20,000 to Research Promotion! We would like to thank all of our current and previous donors for their generosity towards this cause.

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>

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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



ASHRAE volunteers Kale Harper, Michael Akins, and Payton Parker spent an afternoon with high school students at the Memorial Park Boys & Girls Club. The team presented a range of HVAC career pathways, highlighting opportunities within the industry and the impact of the built environment on everyday life. The visit concluded with a hands-on activity in which students assembled LEGO kits while interacting with the volunteers. Overall it was a great event!



It has been a great year, with our chapter making an impact across OKC and reaching students throughout the community. A huge thank you to all the chapter leadership who contributed to making our events a success!

President: Will Thompson

President Elect: Kale Harper

Vice President: Michael Halcomb

Treasurer: Stephanie Thompson

Secretary: Michael Akins



SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE



Michele Lefebvre & Ashley Hayden

Congratulations to George Christensen and Jon Wilmore for winning first-place! Second-place winners were Ross Myles and Jesse Gentling as well as Glenn Johnson and Jaxson Meadors for third. We would like to thank all our sponsors; without you we can't host fun events like this!

Tournament Sponsors:

Sponsors – MSM, Federal Thermal, ABS, Trane, Addison, Air Technologies, EEI, Lieber Mechanical, Midwest Machinery, Olsson, RB Akins Company, Saker Mechanical, Streets

Vendors Tables – Addison, Dynamic AQS, Mitsubishi, Onicon, Waterfurnce



2026 Cornhole Tournament Winners

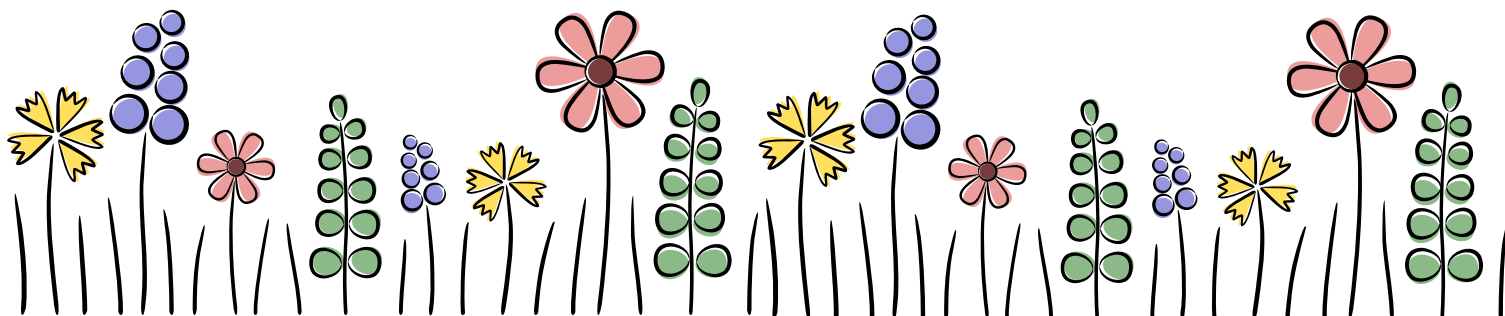
UPCOMING EVENTS

Clay Shoot – May 8, 2026

@ Silverleaf Shotgun Sports

To register, contact Michele or Ashley!

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 ahayden@rbakins.com



YEA UPDATE

Ty Klakulak



It's Baseball Season! And what better way to celebrate than joining YEA for an OKC Comets game!

OKC Comets Game

Thursday, May 7, 2026 @ 6:35PM

Sign up will be sent out next week. Please look out for a YEA announcement sent to your emails.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me:

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HONORS & AWARDS

John Harrod

We are accepting applications for chapter technology awards! Appy [HERE](#).

Below is a link to fill out a Chapter Technology Award Submission. The project should be occupied for at least one year for society submission. No requirement for regional submission. Download, populate, and submit [ASHRAE Technology Award Form](#) to john.l.harrod@gmail.com. Provide a system schematic/diagram not larger than 11" x 17" in size. In addition, attach a brief narrative (maximum of 4 pages). The narrative should include the gross and net building areas applicable to the project, a description of the major building areas (Ex. operating rooms, laboratories, computer rooms, industrial processes, offices, warehouses) and a brief discussion regarding the following five criteria (if a criterion is not applicable, state accordingly).

- ENERGY EFFICIENCY
- OPERATION & MAINTENANCE
- INDOOR AIR QUALITY
- COST EFFECTIVENESS
- INNOVATION
- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



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JUNE 17, 2026
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