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SASKATOON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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2025 ASHRAE Saskatoon Meetings:

March: Student Night (April 1st)

April: TBD

May: Annual Golf Tournament - May 29th

April 1st - Student Member Meeting

Several student groups will be presenting their project presentations. The ASHRAE Student Branch will give an update on their year.

We encourage you to come out and show support to the students!

April 1st

Time and Location TBD



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Hello from the BOG

Kyle Harasyn, Chapter President:

Dear Chapter Members,

We've got some important updates and opportunities to share with you—let's dive in!

We're reviewing our chapter Bylaws, and we want you to be part of the process. As a member, you can review the current Bylaws, suggest changes, and vote on the final revisions. The latest version, and proposed changes will be uploaded to the 'Chapter Resources' section of the chapter website, so look and share your thoughts. Your input matters, so don't miss the chance to help shape how we operate!

We're looking for Board of governors Volunteer to be nominated for the positions and Committee chairs including Membership Promotion (MP) and Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA)

If you're interested in getting more involved or know someone who'd be a great fit, let us know!

Planning is underway for a Fall conference to be held this fall in Regina, focusing on decarbonization and improving energy efficiency of all aspects of the built environment. The event will feature a full day of technical seminars and an ongoing trade show. While the planning committee is mostly based in Regina, the saskatoon Chapter is involved. We if you are a vendor looking to set a booth up at the event, please reach out to me at c102@ashrae.net and I can provide more information.

Your involvement is what makes this chapter thrive, so we hope you'll take part in these opportunities. If you have any questions or ideas, don't hesitate to reach out!

Best regards,

Kyle Harasyn, PTech
President
Saskatoon ASHRAE Chapter

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Hello from the BOG

Alex Barnes, Chapter Vice President:

Dear ASHRAE Saskatoon Members,

As we welcome the arrival of spring, we are excited to share some exciting events and opportunities that we have lined up for the coming months. Your continued support and participation are what make our chapter successful.

April Presentation: Geothermal Systems

We are excited to announce that we are working on a presentation on Geothermal Systems for our April meeting. This is a great opportunity to delve into the innovative world of geothermal energy, exploring its applications, benefits, and the latest advancements in the field. Our guest speaker, an Applications Engineer from Trane, will provide valuable insights and answer any questions you may have.

Date: TBD

May Events: EMTF Participation and Annual Golf Tournament

May is shaping up to be an exciting month with two events on our calendar.

Firstly, we will be participating in an event organized by the Saskatoon Energy Management Task Force (EMTF) on next generation refrigerants. After viewing the presentation, attendees will have a better understanding of the drivers behind new regulations and legislation, A2L flammability, and safety requirements for A2L refrigerants in CSA B52. The EMTF event will provide a platform for networking, knowledge sharing, and discussing the latest trends in energy management. We encourage all members to attend and contribute to the dialogue.

Date: May 7, 7-9am

Secondly, we are excited to host our annual ASHRAE Golf Tournament at Moon Lake Golf Course. This event is a great way to enjoy some friendly competition and an excellent opportunity to connect with fellow industry partners.

Date: May 29th

We look forward to seeing you at these events and appreciate your continued involvement in our chapter.

Cheers,

Alex Barnes, Engineer-In-Training
Vice President
Saskatoon ASHRAE Chapter

Hello from the BOG

Jared Larson, Student Activities:

The year is winding up, fast as the post secondary world begins final exams in the next few weeks. There are many exciting updates.

The first item is that our chapter was successful in setting up the **Darren Wingerak Memorial scholarship** fund with the help of Matt Wingerak. Darren had a significant impact to the industry throughout his career. This scholarship will not only pay homage to him and his family, but will also raise awareness of our industry to the Engineering Students. Our goal is to fulfil our commitment in the next 5 years so that it will be fully endowed. Once it is fully endowed, the scholarships will be available to students. ASHRAE scholarship funds are managed by society, but our chapter will administer and select recipients. This means the benefit of the contribution will directly impact our local community! As an added bonus, any contributions made towards the endowment will count towards our RP campaign. Any regular RP donations marked for this scholarship will still be recognized as your RP contribution. I made the first contribution last night to this fund, and encourage everyone to do the same. Donations can be made to the chapter, or directly online (in USD).

<https://www.ashrae.org/about/invest-in-the-rp-campaign>

There will be a drop down where you can select the fund. Until the website is updated, just note the following “Saskatoon Chapter - Darren Wingerak Memorial Scholarship” . Also be sure to select the saskatoon chapter on the following page to ensure it gets tracked properly.

ASHRAE Shaping Tomorrow's Global Built Environment Today

RP: Invest in ASHRAE and Help Shape our Future

I would like to support ASHRAE's mission, programs, and member services with a gift through the RP Campaign. Indicate the amount you wish to contribute in U.S. dollars to any or all resources below.

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Funds

- ASHRAE Research
- ASHRAE Research Canada
- ASHRAE Learning Institute and Education
- Endowed Research Funds
- ASHRAE Society Scholarships
- ASHRAE Chapter Scholarships

Amount

Donation amount

\$25

\$50

\$150

Chapter Scholarships are scholarships administered at the chapter level. Many chapters have scholarships. If you're not sure your chapter has a scholarship, reach out to staff at RP@ashrae.org

Apply to Existing Scholarship Akron-Canton Chapter Scholarship

Write-in (not in list) Saskatoon Chapter - Darren Wingerak Memorial Scholarship

- YEA Programs
- ASHRAE General Fund

Hello from the BOG

Jared Larson, Student Activities (continued):

After several years of efforts, Dave Samayoa and I were able to get the Cree version completed for the ASHRAE children's book. It is available from the bookstore, and I was able to place the first order. Special thanks to the translators and proof readers who deserve all the credit :

- Darian Agecutay of Cowessess First nation
- Danielle Belanger of Ochapowace First Nation
- Irvin Montana of Onion Lake Cree Nation



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Hello from the BOG

Spencer Ollenberger, Government Affairs:

I recently had the opportunity to participate in the ASHRAE leadership academy in Peachtree Corners, GA.

The Chapter Leadership Academy is a 1.5-day crash course designed to simplify the learning curve of all things ASHRAE. We gained a better understanding of how ASHRAE Society functions and obtain useful and practical knowledge essential for honing ASHRAE leadership skills. The program also included sharing tips and best practices that attendees can confidently take back to their Chapters for implementation. A significant part of the program was based on hot topics and ASHRAE-related challenges that attendees have identified they would like to see addressed.

Topics covered include:

- Navigating the ASHRAE organizational structure
- Understanding the tools and resources available to help Chapters and their members succeed
- Delegating to and motivating volunteers toward the ASHRAE mission

This was a great event with people coming from all over the world and I was happy I got to represent the Saskatoon Chapter!

Additionally, we have been in contact with the office of Colleen Young, Minister of Energy and Resources with the goal of reviewing the ASHRAE standards in helping guide local energy codes. More to come on this.

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Saskatoon News & Events

April 24th, 2025: BOMA Day,

May 29th, 2025: ASHRAE Golf Tournament

May 7th, 2025: EMTF Sask Presentation “Refrigerant Transition Update – Impact of Refrigerant Choice on the Design Sustainability”

June 4th, 2025: EMTF Sask Presentation “Proper Design for condensing boilers”

Regina News & Events

October 2025: Building Green Saskatchewan Conference, Regina



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ASHRAE Society News & Events

2025 ASHRAE Annual Conference - Phoenix June 21-25

