

# SASKATOON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



## May 2026 Updates

### May 28<sup>th</sup>

- Moon Lake Golf Tournament

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# BOG 2026 Wrap Up

## **Chapter President - Kyle Harasyn**

As we come to the end of this ASHRAE year, I want to recognize the work of all volunteers involved in keeping Chapter on track. To my eyes this year was a success because members showed up. Without the folks on the board giving time to chapter operations, committees helping organize chapter events, supporting the student branch, and the members that attended meetings we would have no Chapter.

This was a milestone year for the chapter operationally, coming out with an updated set of bylaws and becoming incorporated as a Non-Profit Organization in the province. This might not be as exciting as IEQ, or getting a look at the bleeding edge of HVAC&R research & innovation from the University, but are critical for maintaining a strong, and accountable Chapter.

Coming into the next year there is a strong group ready to carry on with the Chapters goal of connecting the local HVAC industry to each other, and to the global knowledge pool ASHARE has to offer.

## **Chapter Vice-President & Programs Chair - Alex Barnes**

Thank you ASHRAE Saskatoon members for a great year. From site visits to distinguished lecturers, conferences, and presidential visit, we covered a lot of interesting and timely topics.

Unique to the 2025-26 ASHRAE year was the inaugural BuildGreen conference hosted in Regina. A team consisting of members from the ASHRAE Saskatoon and Regina chapters hosted the conference to focus on decarbonization and the built environment. We hope to hold this event every two years, switching between Regina and Saskatoon.

In April, we were thrilled to host ASHRAE Society President, Bill McQuade, for a chapter meeting where he discussed his presidential theme centered around indoor environmental quality. In the same meeting, a fourth-year mechanical engineering team presented their capstone project, which focused on ways to increase the energy efficiency at the Seager Wheeler Hall on the USask campus.

Finally, on May 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the annual ASHRAE Saskatoon golf tournament. The event will be a 'scramble' style tournament at Moon Lake Golf Course and promises good networking and a lot of fun.

We appreciate the support from all that were able to take part in the chapter this past year and look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

## **Secretary & Communications Chair - Cole Litzenberger**

Thank you to all Saskatoon ASHRAE members for your continued support of the chapter and for actively participating in our events throughout the year. We also sincerely appreciate everyone who has taken the time to read and respond to the newsletters, as well as those recognized in this edition for their financial support of our chapter.

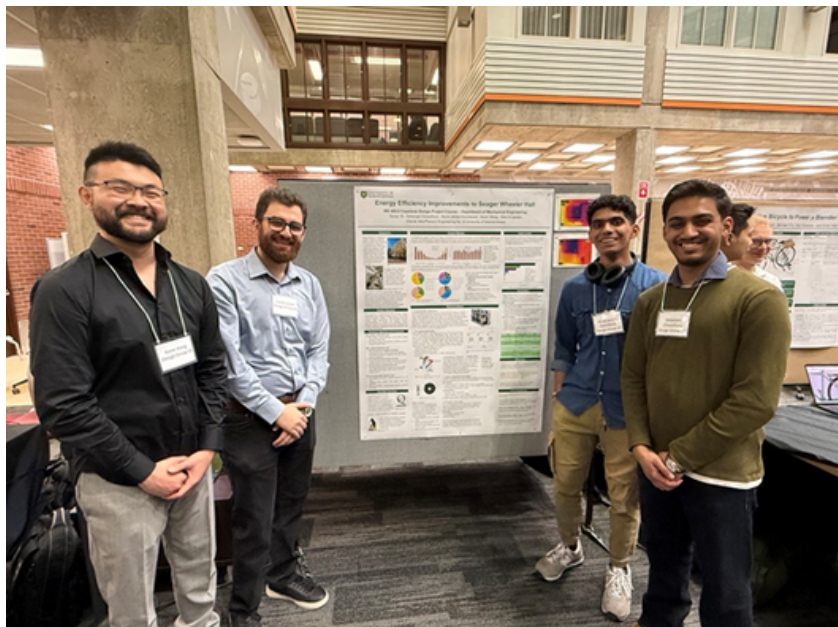
We have many exciting topics and events planned for next year, and we look forward to the same strong support from our members as we move into the new chapter year.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the board again next year and look forward to building on the chapter's continued success.

## **Student Activities Chair & Student Branch Advisor - Jared Larson**

We have wrapped up another year of student activities. Thank you again for the industry support this year. The following are a few highlights of the year:

- This year the student branch applied and were accepted for club re-ratification through USask's Graduate Student Association (GSA).
- The Student Branch Set up a booth at USask's 49th annual C.J. Mackenzie Gala, where we spread awareness of our group to industry professionals and students. They printed two unique poster designs to promote branch goals, events, and activities, and as a result welcomed seven new members
- The Student Branch hosted a computational fluid dynamics (CFD) tutorial for branch members, led by a professional engineer from industry
- Promoted ASHRAE scholarships to branch members, offering support for applications
- Chase Hall will be attending the ASHRAE Annual Conference this summer as a presenting author for his paper "Simulation-Based Assessment of Residential Air-Source Heat Pump Adoption on Saskatchewan's Electrical Grid".
- One of the Capstone Projects (Wed Al-qaseer, Kevin Wang, Debanjan Chowdhury, Kevin James Koonikkara, were to provide an energy audit of the Seager Wheeler Facility. The group completed this and submitted it to ASHRAE's building EQ student competition. Their photo is shown below from their poster presentation.



- With the help of Sergiy from USASK ICT, Jared organized a building tour of the Spinks 404 construction site and another centre in operation in Health Sciences.



- Guest lectures for ME 491. Several industry members have had the chance to present to the 4<sup>th</sup> year class. The list is included below of the presentations. Thank you for all who helped out with these.
  - NECB Energy Modeling [Kelly Winder, Crosier Kilgour]
  - Trends in HVAC Systems [Jared Larson, MacPherson Engineering Inc.]
  - Zoned Rooftop Systems and Controls [Alex Barnes & Cole Litzenberger, Trane]
  - Passive House & HPs [Steffen Bertelsen, Airtight Engineering Inc.]
  - HVAC and Sustainability Initiatives at the City of Saskatoon [Kathryn Theede, City of Saskatoon]
  - Process Simulation (Cryogenics and Data Centres) [Chris Regier, Nortek Air Solutions]
  - Heat Pumps in Cold Climates [Siddhartha Gollamudi, USask PhD student]
  - Data Centre Operations - Lecture [Jared Larson, ASHRAE Student Activities]

- This year Carey Simonson was recognized at the ASHRAE winter conference in Las Vegas with the 2026 EK Campbell Award of Merit. I received a student Branch Advisor of the Year award at the same conference. We are shown below posing for a quick photo together.



The current executive officers are:

**President:** Chase Hall [Email: [President.ASHRAE@usask.ca](mailto:President.ASHRAE@usask.ca)]

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**Student Affairs:** Sahas Mittal [Email: [StudentAffairs.ASHRAE@usask.ca](mailto:StudentAffairs.ASHRAE@usask.ca)]

**Student branch advisors:** Carey Simonson and Jared Larson.

Elections for next years officers will occur in fall of 2026.

### **Government Affairs - Spencer Ollenberger**

Wrapping up the 2026 ASHRAE year, we are proud of several exciting initiatives and accomplishments from the Saskatoon Chapter.

One of the highlights this year was engaging with the City of Saskatoon regarding their commissioning standards and providing guidance on relevant ASHRAE standards.

The City has indicated they plan to review their existing standards and implement ASHRAE standards where applicable.

We also published a Q&A with SaskEnergy focused on “Sustainable Energy Solutions,” which is available in our newsletter archives.

Looking ahead, we plan to continue strengthening relationships with local and provincial government authorities and collaborating wherever possible to support energy efficiency and sustainable building practices across Saskatchewan.

Overall, it was a very strong year for the ASHRAE Saskatoon Chapter, and we look forward to carrying this positive momentum into 2027.

### **Chapter Technology Transfer Chair - Grant Henneberg**

This was a transition year for the CTTC. We were unsuccessful in submitting any projects for the ASHRAE Region tech awards. The ASHRAE board will be proactive next year seeking out submissions to the regional tech awards.

### **Membership Promotion - Conor Kerlake**

To the ASHRAE Saskatoon Membership,

Thanks for your support over the last year. Our industry and membership are growing which is always an exciting time. Your support allows our local branch to organize events and learning opportunities, as well as local charity efforts. At the society level your support allows ASHRAE to continue advancing the HVACR industry.

If you have any people in your respective office that you think would benefit from joining our chapter, please have them contact me or register through the [ashrae.org](http://ashrae.org) website. Each year we strive to offer bigger and better things to our members locally, and next year will be no exception!



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## Programs and Upcoming Events



We are excited to share our program calendar for the last half of the ASHRAE Society year. While venues are still being finalized, we are pleased to confirm our lineup of speakers and dates to the end of the chapter year.

### May 28<sup>th</sup>

- Moon Lake Golf Tournament
- See attached Flyer for event details and pricing
- **Raffle prize sponsorship. Please reach out to [communications@ashraesaskatoon.ca](mailto:communications@ashraesaskatoon.ca) if you are interested.**

## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BOARD?

Volunteering with ASHRAE is a great opportunity that lets you develop leadership skills, network with those in the industry, and offers opportunity to travel around North America!

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