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President's Address

Hello ASHRAE Oregon!

As I wrap up my term as your ASHRAE Oregon Chapter President, I simply want to say thank you.

Thank you to our volunteers, committee members, board members, sponsors, and chapter members who gave their time and energy to make this year a success. And a special thank you to the families of our volunteers and chapter members, who support us and allow us to give our time to ASHRAE. (Please make sure you let them know I said thank you, because I am assuming they aren't on this Newsletter mailing list).

Our Chapter hosted well attended technical programs, expanded opportunities for members to connect and learn with other organizations in the built environment, supported students and young professionals with their career growth, and continued building a chapter that reflects the hard-working and welcoming nature of Oregonians.

Looking ahead at our upcoming year, I know the chapter is in great hands with President Cassie Kuwahara and Vice President Devin Abellon. Cassie and her incoming Board are bringing new ideas, fresh energy, and a continued commitment to the ASHRAE Oregon Legacy of serving our members.

This past year has been a reminder that our communities are only as strong as the people who show up, pitch in, and care about making it better. You all rock. It's been an honor to serve, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to have been part of it.

See you at the next meeting!

Upcoming Events / Dates:

June 9, 2026: SMACNA x ASHRAE Commissioning Panel Discussion and SMACNA Facility Tour. Sheet Metal Institute. 2379 NE 178th Ave, Portland. 11:30am

June 20, 2026: ASHRAE Oregon DEI Coffee Meet-up. Hostel Cafe. 1810 NW Gilsan St, Portland. 10:00am

June 30, 2026: ASHRAE Oregon Recap - "Our Story This Year." PAE Living Building, 151 SW 1st Ave, Portland. 5:00pm-8:00pm

Chapter may not act for Society

Madeline Giovagnoli

Maddie "Mad Dog" Giovagnoli
ASHRAE Oregon Chapter President



 Oregon Chapter

2025-26 ASHRAE OREGON LEADERSHIP

Chapter President: Madeline Giovagnoli
Vice President/President-Elect: Cassie Kuwahara
Treasurer: Ryan Pinckard
Secretary: Ryan Pinckard
Board of Governors: Victoria Ericksen, Elsa Harder, Zach Harrison, Devin Abellon

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Sustainability: Tyler Klarkowski
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Newsletter Chair: Devin Abellon

Cascades Section President: Thomas Kelly
Cascades Section Vice President/ President Elect: Kyle Swenson
Cascades Section Secretary: Jack-Ryan Hilton
Cascades Section Treasurer: Eric Tabert

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

ASHRAE is a volunteer organization comprised of volunteer members serving the local chapter, region and Society. Our chapter cannot continue to thrive without our volunteers. Volunteering at the local chapter level is a tremendously rewarding way to give back to our industry and is a great way to network with the professionals in our local market. It also provides a wonderful opportunity to develop leadership and organizational skills! Some members may be hesitant to volunteer because they don't feel they have the time, but there are a lot of positions that only require a minimal number of hours per month. If you are interested in learning more about opportunities to join the team, contact Cassie Kuwahara at: cassiek@acimechsales.com.



2025-26 CALENDAR

Please note that dates/events are subject to change. Calendar will be updated throughout the year.
Please check the chapter website for details and sign up information.

ASHRAE Oregon

June 9, 2026: ASHRAE Oregon x SMACNA - **"The Commissioning Conversation: What We Can Do Better Upstream."** Sheet Metal Institute. 2379 NE 178th Ave, Portland. 11:30am

June 10, 2026: ASHRAE Oregon Board of Governors Meeting. Hybrid. 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

June 20, 2026: ASHRAE Oregon DEI Coffee Meet-Up. Hostel Cafe, 1810 NW Glisan St, Portland. 10:00am.

June 30, 2026: ASHRAE Oregon Technical Meeting: **"Our Story This Year! ASHRAE Oregon Fiscal Year Recap."** PAE Living Building, Portland. 5:00pm-8:00pm.

2026-27 Society Year

July 30, 2026: ASHRAE Oregon Golf Tournament. Stone Creek Golf Club.

ASHRAE Region XI

August 16-19, 2026: Joint Region X/XI Chapters Regional Conference. Honolulu, Hawaii.

ASHRAE Society

June 27-July 1, 2026: 2026 ASHRAE Annual Conference. Austin, Texas.

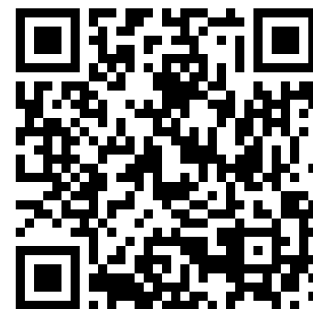


2026 ASHRAE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 27 - JULY 1, 2026 | AUSTIN, TX

Join Us in Austin!
June 27 - July 1, 2026

Expand Your Impact in HVAC&R

Attending an ASHRAE conference is your opportunity to connect with the brightest minds in HVAC&R and building science while gaining insights you can immediately apply to your work. Attendees include engineers, architects, designers, researchers, manufacturers, contractors, and emerging professionals from around the world. Register today to deepen your expertise, grow your career, and expand your professional network.



JUNE PROGRAM

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ASHRAE Oregon x SMACNA - The Commissioning Conversation: What We Can Do Better Upstream

Join us for an insightful, thought-provoking discussion bringing together design, construction, and commissioning professionals to explore best practices in design, drafting, and installation. The goal is to reduce challenges during building commissioning by addressing common issues earlier in the process. We'll also identify recurring project hiccups and discuss how small, proactive adjustments can streamline workflows and minimize on-site headaches.

Registration: 11:30 AM

Panel Discussion: 12:00 PM

SMACNA Facility Tour: 1:00 PM



Mike Vawter
Commissioning Agent
Integra Testing



Aaron VanRheen
Contractor
Arctic



Eric Stotts
Commissioning Agent
Integra Testing

JUNE EVENTS



June 20th: DEI Coffee Meet-Up

Location: Hostel Cafe, 1810 NW Glisan St, Portland

Join the ASHRAE Oregon Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion committee for a casual, no agenda coffee catch-up. Whether you want to talk about upcoming CRC initiatives or just hang out with fellow local professionals, stop by and say hi!

There's no cost to attend, but please register so we can get an accurate headcount. First cup of coffee or tea is on ASHRAE!

Meet-up starts at: 10:00am



JUNE EVENTS



Our Story This Year:

ASHRAE Oregon Fiscal Year Recap

June 30, 2026 | 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: PAE Portland

151 SW 1st Ave, Suite 300, Portland, OR 97204

June 30th: Our Story This Year: ASHRAE Oregon Fiscal Year Recap

Location: PAE Deckony (151 SW 1st Ave, Suite 300, Portland, OR 97204)

Join us for our year-end wrap-up as we reflect on a great year, recognize achievements, and share highlights from recent meetings. We'll also announce our upcoming fiscal year board and committee chairs, along with an exciting look ahead at what's in store for the chapter. Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed, celebrate progress, and get involved in the year ahead!

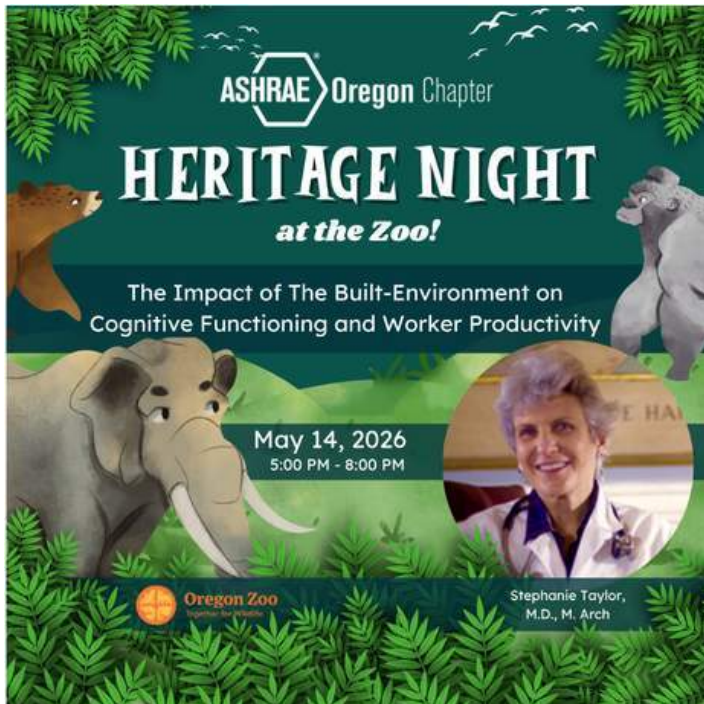
Registration: 4:30PM

Presentation: 5:30PM

We will be providing food & drinks.



MAY PROGRAM RECAP

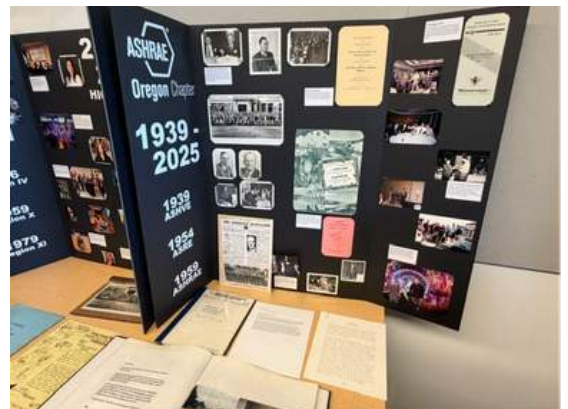


ASHRAE Oregon Heritage Night at the Zoo

The ASHRAE Oregon Chapter celebrated ASHRAE Heritage Night (formerly Past Presidents Night) this past week with a family-friendly event at the Oregon Zoo. Attendees were treated to a presentation on "The History of the Oregon Chapter" by Keith Yelton, a fun Wine Survivor Game for Research Promotion hosted by Elsa Harder, and an engaging technical seminar on "The Impact of the Built Environment on Cognitive Functioning and Worker Productivity," presented by ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Stephanie Taylor, MD. If you missed the presentation, or want to review what Dr. Taylor presented, the materials can be found here:



MAY PROGRAM RECAP



GOLF TOURNAMENT



ASHRAE Oregon Golf Tournament - July 30th

Hello Oregon Chapter! Please join us and help us reach our fundraising goal for ASHRAE Research, student scholarships and chapter operations. Your support makes a huge difference!

Schedule of events:

7:30 AM Registration, Breakfast, Cocktail Bar Opens

9:00 AM Shotgun Start

2:30 PM (approx) Awards Reception and Raffle Drawings

Lunch provided by food truck located at the turn and after during the awards ceremony.



CLAY SHOOTING COMPETITION



Happy
Birthday!

June Birthdays

Loren H Dern
Joshua R Ortega
Grant S Bowers
Daniel Forest Tedrow
Cassie Aiko Kuwahara
Gregory N Langdon
Phillip Alexander
Raymond D Bottenberg
Bryan T McCann
K Gilbert Stahl
Kelly Thomas
Brian D Dupont
Zachary Flowers
Justin Lang Fuszek

Alexi Miller
Stanley Yee
Michael Addison Lovejoy
Stephen T Orchard
Jeremy Wenger
Thomas Kelly
Robert W Schnare
Joseph M Chapin
Jerald W Hansen
Matthew A Peairs
Rick A Hartung
Thomas Ng
L Leroy Coppedge
Dale F Johnson

Bryan Gregory
Nicholas Stahl
Neil Sutherland
Richard F Flanigan
Keagan Oleary
David E Burton
Zarina Y Zhukokova
Larry M Carson
Solomon Crown
Gavin A Kaleta
Brett W. Stinson
Alison G Kwok
Royce Fujii
Emily Hickel

REGION XI NEWS

Joint ASHRAE Region X/XI Chapters Regional Conference set for August 16-20 in Honolulu, Hawaii

For the first time since 2005, Regions X and XI will come together for a joint Chapters Regional Conference at the Sheraton Waikiki Beach Resort. This is the can't-miss event of the summer as chapter leaders from California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and Western Canada come together to celebrate the past year and plan for next year with meetings, workshops, and a packed schedule of exciting events!

There are a lot of great opportunities to sponsor this great event:

To Our Prospective Sponsors,

We are excited to share a valuable sponsorship opportunity with you for an upcoming regional ASHRAE Conference in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

The Hawai'i ASHRAE Chapter is proud to host the 2026 Chapters Regional Conference (CRC) for Regions X and XI. This event will bring together over 250 industry professionals -- end-users, engineers, manufacturers, and students -- from Arizona, California, Hawai'i, Nevada, Alaska, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Manitoba, Northern & Southern Alberta, Saskatchewan, Saskatoon and Vancouver Island to connect, learn and shape the future of our field.

Event Details

The Sheraton Waikiki Beach Resort
August 16 - 20, 2026

On the following pages, you'll find details on sponsorship levels, ranging from \$100 to \$15,000, with options tailored to maximize exposure and engagement with key industry stakeholders.

We're also accepting non-monetary donations for use during the conference - whether to enhance the attendee experience or to be raffled or given away as prizes. If you have gift cards, merchandise, promotional items, local products, services or other unique items you'd be willing to donate, we'd love to hear from you!

For more information about the event, please contact
Joshua McDonough, CRC General Chair, at: joshua.mcdonough@wsp.com

Secure your sponsorship early to enjoy additional recognition opportunities as we promote this exciting conference over the next 11 months!

Thank you for your consideration,



2026 CRC Planning Committee

REGION XI NEWS

A'a (Sirius)

Title Sponsor
Starting at \$15,000

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The brightest star in the Hawaiian night sky is Sirius (the Dog Star), in Hawai'i it has many names, but commonly called A'a. Sirius passes directly over Tahiti and Polynesian navigators used it to find their way back from Hawai'i.

Sponsorship Benefits:

- Verbal Recognition at Events/Meetings and Prominent Signage throughout Conference
- High visibility on Event App
- Company logo on every Attendee's nametag
- One (1) booth at Tradeshow/Vendor Product Showcase PLUS 1st choice on booth location
- All Access Networking Pass including:
 - Four (4) tickets to the Welcome Party
 - Four (4) tickets to the Presidential Lunch
 - Four (4) tickets to the Awards Banquet
 - Four (4) tickets to the Technical Lunch

Hōku-pa'a (Polaris)

Platinum Sponsor
Starting at \$10,000

Polaris (the North or Pole Star) is called Hoku-pa'a. It is located close to the north celestial pole and it disappeared over the horizon when the navigators crossed below the Equator. When sailing from Hawai'i, they kept this fixed star directly astern, and when it disappeared, they used Newe, the Southern Cross to navigate the rest of the way to Tahiti.

Sponsorship Benefits:

- Verbal Recognition at Events/Meetings and Prominent Signage throughout Conference
- High visibility on Event App
- One (1) booth at Tradeshow/Vendor Product Showcase
- All Access Networking Pass including:
 - Three (3) tickets to the Welcome Party
 - Three (3) tickets to the Presidential Lunch
 - Three (3) tickets to the Awards Banquet
 - Three (3) tickets to the Technical Lunch

Hōkūle'a (Arcturus)

Gold Sponsor
Starting at \$7,500

Hōkūle'a is the name of Hawai'i's first voyaging canoe, which translates to "star of gladness." It's also Hawai'i's zenith star, which means that when Hōkūle'a is at its highest point in the night sky, the top of its arc, it is right over Hawai'i. This is how voyagers can find Hawai'i.

Sponsorship Benefits:

- Verbal Recognition at Events/Meetings and Signage throughout Conference
- Visibility on Event App
- One (1) booth at Tradeshow/Vendor Product Showcase
- All Access Networking Pass including:
 - Two (2) tickets to the Welcome Party
 - Two (2) tickets to the Presidential Lunch
 - Two (2) tickets to the Awards Banquet
 - Two (2) tickets to the Technical Lunch

Newe (The Southern Cross)

Silver Sponsor
Starting at \$5,000

Newe (The Southern Cross) is a group of four stars that appear near the southern horizon. When traveling from Tahiti north to Hawai'i, this constellation will get lower and lower to the horizon the farther north you go. At the latitude of Hawai'i the distance from the top star to the bottom star is the same distance from the bottom star to the horizon. This configuration only occurs at the latitude of Hawai'i.

Sponsorship Benefits:

- Signage throughout Conference
- Visibility on Event App
- One (1) booth at Tradeshow/Vendor Product Showcase
- All Access Networking Pass including:
 - Two (2) tickets to the Welcome Party
 - Two (2) tickets to the Presidential Lunch
 - Two (2) tickets to the Awards Banquet
 - Two (2) tickets to the Technical Lunch

REGION XI NEWS

Lehua-kōna (Antares)

Bronze Sponsor
Starting at \$2,500

Antares is the brightest star in the constellation Scorpius and easily distinguished by its red color. It is known as the heart of the scorpion and can be found just above the curve of the tail. The constellation Scorpius is known in Hawaiian legend as Maui's Fishhook. The legend tells of the demigod, Maui, who pulled the islands up from the bottom of the sea with this fishhook.

Sponsorship Benefits:

- Signage throughout Conference
- Visibility on Event App
- All Access Networking Pass including:
 - One (1) tickets to the Welcome Party
 - One (1) tickets to the Presidential Lunch
 - One (1) tickets to the Awards Banquet
 - One (1) tickets to the Technical Lunch

The Akamai Sponsorship

Starting at \$1,000

In Hawaiian, **Akamai** means wisdom, skill and ingenuity – qualities that drive progress and spark innovation. The **Akamai Sponsorship** embodies this spirit by supporting the **Trade Show/Vendor Product Showcase** held during the Welcome Party on the first day of CRC.

This vibrant, high-energy event gives vendors the opportunity to **showcase cutting-edge products, share expertise, and connect directly with attendees**. Each vendor will receive a **6-foot display table and booth area**, along with **drink tickets** to encourage engagement and interaction with guests – because great conversations often start over a shared moment.

As an **Akamai Sponsor**, your brand will be at the forefront of this celebration of technology, innovation and community with:

- **Branding throughout the Welcome Party and Vendor Showcase**
- **Two (2) tickets** to the Welcome Party
- **Recognition during the event**, highlighting your commitment to knowledge-sharing and industry advancement
- A powerful opportunity to position your organization as a leader in **skill, creativity and forward-thinking solutions**
- Event will have approximately 250 guests in attendance

The Akamai Sponsorship is more than just a booth – it's your chance to **educate, inspire and connect** with professionals ready to explore what's next.

The Ho'okipa Sponsorship

Starting at \$5,000

In Hawaiian, **kīpa** means to visit or spend time together. When we say **ho'okīpa**, we speak of something deeper – **hospitality, generosity, and the art of hosting with intention and warmth**. It's about making others feel welcome, respected and valued.

The **Ho'okīpa Sponsorship** supports one of the most distinguished moments of CRC; the **Presidential Lunch**, held on the second day of the conference. This special event features a keynote presentation from the current **ASHRAE Society President** or their official representative – offering insights into the Society's vision, progress, and future.

As a **Ho'okīpa Sponsor**, you help set the stage for this prestigious gathering, where guests are not only nourished by food, but also by leadership, connection, and purpose.

Sponsorship recognition includes:

- **Branding throughout the Presidential Lunch**, from signage to event materials
- **Four (4) tickets** to the Presidential Lunch
- **Acknowledgement during the event**, highlighting your support of leadership and community
- The opportunity to be aligned with **hospitality, respect, and high-level thought leadership**
- Event will have approximately 200 guests in attendance

By sponsoring the Presidential Lunch, you are embracing the true meaning of **Ho'okīpa** – creating space for meaningful dialogue, shared vision, and professional unity at the highest level.

The Kumu Sponsorship

Starting at \$5,000

In Hawaiian, **Kumu** means teacher – but it also signifies a **source**, a foundation of wisdom, inspiration, and guidance. Kumu are not only educators; they are mentors who challenge, support and shape the minds of those around them, empowering others to grow and solve real-world problems.

The **Kumu Sponsorship** supports the **Technical Lunch** on the final day of CRC – an event that brings attendees together to learn from an **ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer**, a true kumu in their own right. This speaker will share valuable insights on a relevant HVAC/R topic, offering both **technical depth and inspirational perspective** to industry professionals.

As a **Kumu Sponsor**, you'll play a vital role in advancing the professional growth of attendees while receiving meaningful recognition, including:

- **Branding and visibility throughout the Technical Lunch** – showcasing your commitment to education and excellence
- **Four (4) tickets** to the Technical Lunch
- **Recognition during the event**, highlighting your support of knowledge-sharing and community advancement
- Association with the values of **mentorship, leadership and lifelong learning**
- Event will have approximately 200 guests in attendance

The **Kumu Sponsorship** is more than just support for a meal – it's an investment in ideas, growth and the future of the industry. Just like a kumu, your sponsorship helps light the path forward.

REGION XI NEWS

The Laulima Sponsorship

Starting at \$3,000

In Hawaiian culture, **Laulima** means cooperation, joint action, and the power of a community working together towards a common goal. It's the spirit of **unity, strength and mutual support** - values that align perfectly with the mission of **Women in ASHRAE (WIA)**.

The **Laulima Sponsorship** is a unique opportunity to support the **Women in ASHRAE Breakfast** on the second day of the CRC event - an empowering gathering designed to **elevate, inspire, and lead** women in the HVAC/R industry. This is where **professional development meets community**. It's a time to recharge, grow, and build meaningful connections with other women striving to make a difference in the industry.

As a **Laulima Sponsor**, your support will be recognized throughout the breakfast event, with benefits including:

- **Branding and visibility throughout the breakfast** - from banners to signage, highlighting your commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion
- **Four (4) tickets** to the Women in ASHRAE Breakfast
- **Special recognition at the event**, celebrating your role in empowering women and contributing to the advancement of the industry
- The chance to be associated with **growth, mentorship, and leadership** as we work to build a stronger, more inclusive community
- Event will have approximately 45 guests in attendance

The **Laulima Sponsorship** is about much more than just a breakfast; it's about being part of a transformative movement to **empower women, promote diversity and create lasting change** in the HVAC/R field. It's your chance to make a meaningful impact while building connections that will last a lifetime.

The Pā'ina Sponsorship

Starting at \$2,500

In Hawaiian culture, **Pā'ina** refers to a gathering centered around sharing food, celebrating, and building community. It's more than just a meal - it's about **connection, joy and togetherness**.

The **Pā'ina Sponsorship** invites you to sponsor the **Welcome Party Bar** on the first night of the CRC event, a time when old friends reconnect, new relationships blossom, and we all come together to celebrate the start of an exciting year ahead.

As a **Pā'ina Sponsor**, you'll help create an unforgettable experience where guests can unwind, share stories, and savor every moment. Your support will be recognized throughout the Welcome Party with:

- **Branding throughout the evening** - from banners to signage at the bar
- **One (1) ticket** to the Welcome Party/Trade Show/Vendor Product Showcase
- **Special recognition** during the event, highlighting your role in making the event memorable
- A chance to be associated with the **spirit of hospitality, community and celebration**
- Event will have approximately 300 guests in attendance

With the **Pā'ina Sponsorship**, you're not just sponsoring a bar - you're helping set the tone for the entire event, offering a space where the **celebration of the year ahead** begins in style.

The Pau Hana Sponsorship

Starting at \$7,500

In Hawaiian culture, **Pau Hana** means "finished work" - but it's more than just clocking out. It's that special time to **unwind, connect and celebrate** with friends and community after a day's effort. It's where laughter flows as easily as conversation, and where lasting connections are made.

The **Pau Hana Sponsorship** embodies this spirit by supporting the **Hospitality Suite** - the social heart of the event. As a Pau Hana Sponsor, you'll help create a warm, welcoming space where guests can relax, recharge, and reflect.

Sponsorship Benefits Include:

- **Prominent branding** throughout the hospitality suite (banners, signage, and more)
- **Custom branded cocktail napkins**
- **A signature cocktail** named in your honor - a fun and flavorful tribute guests will toast to all evening

Whether you're an individual or a company, the Pau Hana Sponsorship is your opportunity to be associated with **connection, celebration, and community** - the very best parts of any event.

The 'Ohana Sponsorship

Starting at \$100

In Hawaiian culture, **'Ohana** means family - but not just in the traditional sense. It's a deep-rooted belief in **community, connection, and shared responsibility**. The **'Ohana Sponsorship** honors that spirit.

This sponsorship is for those who may not need a seat at the event but still want to stand with us. It's for individuals, organizations, and companies who believe in **supporting a greater cause, uplifting others, and building something meaningful together**.

The **'Ohana Sponsorship** doesn't include ticketed entry, because it's not about being in the room - it's about being part of the movement.

When you become an **'Ohana Sponsor**, you're saying "I believe in this mission. I support this community. I choose to stand with you."

Together, as one **'Ohana**, we **grow strong, go further, and create lasting impact**.

YEA NEWS

Join us at the 2026 ASHRAE Annual Conference in Austin!

We hope to see you in June 2026 at the [2026 ASHRAE Annual Conference in Austin, TX!](#) In between your sessions and meetings, be sure to stop by the YEA Hospitality Suite scheduled for **Sunday, June 28th, 2026 from 4-6pm**. There will be appetizers, a cash bar, and lots of networking! Be sure to check the conference app or program for location details. We hope to see you there!

Join Us in Austin!
June 27 - July 1, 2026



LeadershipU Program - 2027 Winter Conference in Chicago!

Are you active in your ASHRAE Chapter and looking to get more involved? Make sure to apply for Leadership U! This program allows YEA members to shadow an ASHRAE Vice President at an ASHRAE Conference to get an in-depth look at the ins and outs of ASHRAE. Applications for the Leadership U program at the 2027 Winter Conference in Chicago will be opening on July 1, 2026. Please make sure you visit the Leadership U page for more information.

YEA Endowment - Power the Future of YEA Leadership

With over 1,200 attendees, YEA has been shaping the next generation of industry leaders through Leadership Weekends for the past 17 years. These programs are consistently celebrated as “life changing experiences” that fosters confidence, growth, and lasting professional connections.

We believe every YEA member deserves access to these incredible opportunities. That’s why YEA proudly established a dedicated endowment fund through the ASHRAE Foundation, ensuring scholarships are available to support members for years to come.

Now, we’re rallying support to reach our \$30,000 fundraising goal for this endowment created by YEA, for YEA! If every YEA member donated \$10, we would reach our fundraising goal! It truly shows how powerful our community can be when we act together.

This isn’t just a fundraiser, it’s a long term investment in the future of our members and our industry. Your contribution, no matter the size, helps open doors, elevate careers, and empower tomorrow’s leaders. Together, we can make leadership development accessible, inclusive, and sustainable.

Ready to make an impact?

Simply scan the QR code here to donate directly to the newly endowed YEA fund. Thank you for your passion for ASHRAE, your commitment to YEA, and your belief in the power of leadership. Let’s make a difference, starting today!

**FOR YEA
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**DONATE \$10 TODAY!
A SMALL GIFT FOR A
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**LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
STARTING TODAY!**

SOCIETY NEWS



2026 ASHRAE Building Decarbonization Conference

September 23-25, 2026 | Seattle, WA

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The 2026 ASHRAE Building Decarbonization Conference is where vision meets execution. Designed as a dynamic exchange of ideas, insights, and real-world solutions, this premier event brings together leaders across the built environment to tackle the most pressing challenges in energy efficiency, occupant health and comfort, and greenhouse gas reduction—across both new and existing buildings.

Now in its 6th year, the conference places a strong spotlight on what actually works, moving decisively from policy to projects to performance. Attendees will dive into proven strategies, case studies, and scalable solutions across a broad mix of building types, including data centers, municipalities, airports and transportation hubs, hospitals, laboratories, higher education campuses, and K-12 school districts.

This conference uniquely convenes HVAC engineers, technical solution providers, building owners, utility program managers, local governments, and financial services leaders—professionals who are under growing pressure to meet aggressive decarbonization mandates without sacrificing performance or profitability. If you're looking for practical, cost-effective pathways to comply with evolving regulations while delivering measurable results, this is the room you need to be in.

The call for presentations is now OPEN. Deadline for proposals is February 27th!

ASHRAE's 6th building decarbonization conference will be an information and idea exchange between stakeholders in the built environment industry concerning the improvement of energy efficiency, health, comfort, and reduction of GHG emissions in new and existing buildings and systems. The scope of the conference covers a range of building types and includes topics on data centers, municipalities, airports/transportation, hospitals, laboratories, higher education and school districts. This year's theme is: "Decarbonization That Delivers: From Policy to Projects to Performance".

You are invited to submit proposals for panel and seminar sessions (60 or 90 min). This conference is only accepting abstracts for full sessions.

- Panel: 3-4 industry experts, including one moderator, on a current topic of interest or team case study.
- Seminar: 2-4 speakers to present on one of the conference topics, and a session Chair.



Sponsorship Opportunities!

The conference organizers are pleased to offer several sponsorship opportunities to engage industry participation. All sponsors will have their company logo and name on the event flyer, the conference web site and recognition during the conference. A summary of the specific benefits of each sponsorship level is included. If you have questions or are interesting in being a sponsor, please contact Staci Loeffler sloeffler@ashrae.org.

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