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The chapter actually began in 1971 as the **Mississippi Valley Heating and Air Conditioning Society**. Several members of this society, previously members of the Illinois-Iowa Chapter of ASHRAE, decided to get a chapter started in the Quad City area. The Quad City area was originally defined as Davenport, Iowa and Rock Island, Moline, and East Moline, Illinois. Today, by most people, Bettendorf, Iowa has replaced East Moline when cities are mentioned. **The Illinois-Iowa Chapter of ASHRAE** was headquartered in **Peoria, Illinois**, but for the last few years had been scheduling meetings alternately in Peoria and Moline. Earlier, Peoria had been granted the charter for the Illinois-Iowa Chapter. This meant at least an hour and a half drive for those attending chapter meetings from the 'other' city. The fact that meetings were being held in Moline was indicative of a growing membership from the Quad City area. The ultimate goal of the Mississippi Valley Heating and Air Conditioning Society was association with ASHRAE, but first the society had to prove itself viable.

The first organizational meeting of the Mississippi Valley Heating and Air Conditioning society was held on **April 19, 1971** at the Holiday Inn in Davenport. 'Founding Fathers' included **William K. 'Bill' Swanson, Robert**

**Lundholm, Dan Murphy, W. John Bowman, and George J. Schaub II.** Charter memberships were offered for "\$10.00 Cash, No Bid Bonds." Officers were elected at a meeting in May, 1971. Dan Murphy, newly elected president, presided over their first general meeting on **September 27, 1971** at The Dock Restaurant in Davenport. The subject of this meeting was Air Pollution and was presented by Marshall Monarch, Director, Regional Air Pollution Control Board, Rock Island, IL.

Membership in this newly formed organization grew rapidly. There were 53 paid members as of the October 25, 1971 meeting; 64 members by November 22; and 82 members by January 24, 1972.

The **1972-73** officers included **George Schaub** - President, **Bill Swanson** - Vice President, **Richard Schebler** - Secretary, and **Gary Miner** - Treasurer.

The 1973-74 year proved to be the last for the Mississippi Valley Heating and Air Conditioning Society. President Bill Swanson led the effort to become a formal chapter of ASHRAE in 1974. Membership had grown to 194 by November 1974.

November, 1974 marked the beginning of the **Mississippi Valley Chapter of ASHRAE**. An inaugural ball was held on November 22 at the Clayton House in Davenport to present the Chapter Charter and celebrate the chapter's acceptance into the Society. Dancing was to the 'Dixie Cats'. The first actual meeting as an ASHRAE chapter was held in September, where Mr. **Ron Caffrey**, Director and Regional Chairman of Region VI, welcomed the group to ASHRAE and explained the purpose, goals, and organizational

structure of the Society.

Officers the first year were: **Bill Swanson - President**, Richard Schebler - Vice President, John Bowman - Secretary, and Samuel C. Wray - Treasurer. All of these gentlemen have since retired, after contributing greatly to the chapter and to the Society.

Becoming an ASHRAE chapter was a great accomplishment, but one major obstacle was present -- membership fell to 23 Society members as of June 30, 1975. The requirement that a chapter member must first become a dues-paying member of the Society was not well-received by the general membership. Several members of the former Mississippi Valley Heating and Air Conditioning Society refused to join ASHRAE as a form of protest.

The chapter was off and running none the less. During the 1975-76 year, under President **John Roth**, the chapter was honored at the Chicago ASHRAE meeting for having achieved the highest PAOE count in the Society. John credits good membership growth and a strong Research Promotion campaign for the success. Engineering legend **Earl Beling** served as RP Chairman under the condition that he could select his own committee members. When John agreed to Earl's condition, he proceeded to name "every chapter member" as a member of the RP committee!

By March of 1977, local membership had increased to 98. The 1976-77 president was **Robert Pagliasotti**, former Region IX Chairman and Director. Bob had moved to Moline in 1974 as branch manager for a controls manufacturer, where he worked with Ron Caffrey, then Region VI Chairman

and Director. Bob worked behind the scenes in helping to receive chapter status in 1974.

**Dave Pearson** led the charge in 1977-78 as president of the chapter. Membership continued to climb, and with it, attendance at monthly meetings increased. Under Dave's leadership, plans were initiated for an annual ASHRAE Basics Seminar, which continues to this day. The membership qualification (being a Society member first) continued to be a problem. Some individuals and companies preferred to not support ASHRAE financially.

Under president **Rick Lee** and "our strong executive board and committees" the chapter's local Energy Awards program was implemented. Winners could then be submitted to the regional competition. Membership in 1978-79 was now at 105. **John Freund** was candidate for the Quad City Engineering and Science Council Senior Engineer of the Year, and **Keith O'Higgins** was candidate for Junior Engineer at the annual Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council banquet.

1979-80 continued the momentum with **Jim Thompson** as president. The Basics Seminar program produced a successful seminar on Steam Basics, held at Blackhawk Junior College in Moline. Planning for the 1983 CRC began, with Keith O'Higgins as General Chairman. The PAOE award was attained as in each previous year.

**Keith O'Higgins** followed as president in 1980-81, requesting that all officers and committee chairs prepare MBOs. This helped in continuing our performance as a chapter in that we again received the PAOE and Star

awards. The CRC'83 committee was formulated and official planning for the 1983 CRC was started, with a solid financial basis established. Keith and Bill Swanson worked to receive 'Premier Chapter' status at the CRC in the spring of 1981, in recognition of attaining the POAE Award every year of the chapter existence. A chapter membership roster was initiated during the year, headed by **Gary Freeman**.

Highlights of 1981-82 under the leadership of **Larry Pithan** included membership growth and maintaining Premier Chapter status; Larry received a second place award for his entry in the Regional Energy Awards competition; Keith O'Higgins was elected to the position of Regional Vice Chairman of Research Promotion; membership now totaled 144; CRC planning continued.

A Past-Presidents committee was established in 1982-83, and took over responsibility for hosting the 1983 CRC in Davenport. As then president **Gary Freeman** stated, "The chapter functioned well during this action-packed year due to the formation of the Past-Presidents Committee. The chapter officers were free to continue to maintain normal chapter operations and had enough time to carry out the many tasks required to earn the Presidential Award of Excellence." The education committee, under chairman **Warren Lloyd**, put together an extraordinary seminar on Fire and Smoke Control, featuring two members of the nationally known 'Smokey Trio', **Brooks Semple** and **William Schmidt**. 95 members and guests attended the seminar, including local fire department officials. Ironically, on the morning of the seminar, December 2, 1983, a local family in Clinton, Iowa died from smoke inhalation from a house fire. News reports indicated the battery had been removed from a smoke detector near a fireplace, possibly due to nuisance alarms.

The Region VI Chapter's Regional Conference was hosted by the Mississippi Valley Chapter and was held at the Blackhawk Hotel in Davenport on April 28-30, 1983. The following Society officers and staff were in attendance: **Richard Perry**, President-Elect; **Robert McDonald**, Vice President; **Andrew Boggs**, Executive Vice President; **J. Richard Wright**, Director of Technology; **F. L. Brown**, Nominating Committee Delegate; **Ted Pannoke**, Nominating Committee Alternate; and **Lou Flagg**, Director at Large. The Society Government Affairs Committee held a quarterly meeting during the CRC, and attended many of the CRC functions.

The CRC committees were headed by the following members & spouses:

General Chairman	Keith O'Higgins
Finance Committee	Larry Pithan
Technical Programs	Dave Pearson
Registration/Reception	Doug Darby
Accommodations/Hotel	Bill Swanson
Committee Workshops	Jim Thompson
Social Activities	John Roth
Spouse Activities	Celeste Roth, Denni Swanson

The CRC was successful in every way, and enabled the chapter to set up a financial account to be used towards the next CRC in 1994.

1983-84 got off to a shaky start with the resignations of president **Tom Krueger** in November, and RP chairman **Bob Depratt** in December, both due

to job transfers. **Doug Darby**, President-Elect, moved up earlier than expected but continued the excellent tradition of the chapter. The Past-Presidents Committee took on the task of the Research Promotion Committee. The chapter maintained its Premier status. The Energy Management Committee held the sixth annual Energy Awards Contest. A little bit more emphasis was placed on ASHRAE history, with the requirement for submission of chapter histories at the 1984 CRC. Historian **Mark Nagan** put together the first chapter history. This was to become an annual requirement of chapter historians to promote good record keeping at the chapter level. Four types of history submissions were established: Chapter, Person, Company, and System; however, no PAOE points were associated with this effort.

**Doug Darby** continued in his originally-planned slot as 1984-85 chapter president, and continued the chapter's performance as a Premier Chapter. The Program Committee, under the leadership of **Carl Loweth**, initiated the idea of having product display tables available for manufacturers/suppliers to display their products prior to chapter meetings. A donation of \$25 was requested for ASHRAE Research to participate in this program. The idea was well accepted. The poor economy in the Quad City area continued to make the jobs of Membership and Research Promotion very difficult. Doug Darby is elected Region VI Vice Chairman of Energy Management.

After almost two years as chapter president (and he recommends it), Doug turns the reigns over to **Gary Karr** for the 1985-86 year. Gary kept the chapter moving forward and once again achieved the PAOE award. The CRC in Des Moines was well attended by our chapter, earning the CRC

'Hornblower' award.

**Carl Loweth** grabbed the wheel in 1986-87. Mini-tech seminars were added prior to the chapter meeting activities, for member education. Normally, a topic related to the meeting topic is given by the guest speaker to provide additional technical information to our members and guests. **Sam Wray** was named Engineer of the Year by the Quad City Engineering and Science Council at their annual meeting at Jumer's Castle Lodge in Bettendorf. President-Elect **Warren Lloyd** was in charge of arrangements for this dinner/dance, including guest speaker **Lt. General James A. Abrahamson USAF** who discussed the Strategic Defense Initiative, or 'Star Wars' program. Approximately 300 attended. Premier status was maintained for another year. Our chapter again wins the CRC 'Hornblower' award for attendance at Chicago, based on the infamous formula presented by **Bill Chapman**. Carl, in his display of cool confidence, had forgotten to bring the horn anyway!

**Warren Lloyd** became president for the 1987-88 year. After several years in the committee ranks, Warren handled the chapter during tough economic times in the Quad City area. A very successful Education Seminar was held in April 1988, entitled 'A User's View of Control Systems', with 78 paid attendees, making it one of our best ever. The ASHRAE-Earl Beling Memorial Scholarship of \$300 is awarded in May. Monthly meeting attendance averages over 50. Research Promotion donations exceed \$5000 for the year. Although we ran a close second to Central Illinois for the CRC Hornblower award, the chapter earns PAOE and maintains Premier status.

As 1988-89 approaches, President-Elect **Duane Hotchkiss** resigns due to a job change. **Warren Lloyd** volunteers to stay on as president for another term, to maintain continuity and enable other officers to continue the natural progression up the chain. Another successful Education Seminar is held, 'Demand Control Strategies & Opportunities'. The membership committee, under **Jeff Newcomb**, earns special recognition for attaining zero delinquents by CRC. Good results continue for the chapter, and in his Presidential report, Warren credits his Board of Governors and committee chairs for their help and effort.

**Bruce Davis** was next in line to serve as President for 1989-90. Bruce stressed careful planning as a key to chapter success. His years in the committee chairs gave him the needed experience. Bruce worked to update the chapter by-laws, which will be required every five years. **Roy Conrad** was awarded Life Member status at the annual Social Night at the Velie Mansion, where local newspaper publisher **Rob Small** spoke on the Strategic Plan for Area Education. Long-time member **John Freund** was nominated and accepted as Fellow of the Society, and gave an entertaining account of his years on the energy committee. The annual golf outing was restructured to be a function of the RP Committee. Golf Chairman Jim **Kappeler** moved the event from a private to a public course, lowering the cost and improving attendance, and \$430 was raised for Research. The chapter membership directory was expanded into a product & services guide for the first time. The first Refrigeration mini-seminar was held in June of 1990, with 35 in attendance. The annual scholarship is increased to \$500. PAOE and Premier Status continue for another year.

The 1990-91 year began with another handicap, namely the resignation of President-Elect and Programs Chair **Mary Ann Rose**. Incoming president **Sherman Sweeney** received immense help from past-president **Bruce Davis**, who agreed to take over Programs. **Ron Shewman** was elected to take over for Mary Ann. Ron was able to serve as the chapter Alternate Delegate at the previous CRC in Green Bay, and it was felt that this would help him to make the quick transition to President-Elect. The area economy had improved, and interest in ASHRAE appeared to be on a rise. Area assigned members reached 162 during the year, with 130 chapter members. Good programs and good promotion (calling tree) raised average meeting attendance from 44 to 51. A fall seminar was held in conjunction with the local utility company to review Demand-Side Management programs mandated by the Iowa state government. A special December meeting of 81 people was arranged by ETA chairman **Mark Nagan**, featuring nationally known lecturer **Ralph L. Lewis Jr.** This was a joint meeting with our friends at the **Central Illinois Chapter**. Ten of fifteen past-presidents of Mississippi Valley were able to attend. Mr. Lewis gave an excellent talk on '**The Global Struggle for Energy, Food, and Minerals**' at a time when the Persian Gulf Conflict was beginning. The program was videotaped, and is available from the chapter. A very successful Education Seminar was arranged by Chairman **Bruce Davis**, on 'Air Systems Design for the 90's'. Proceeds went to the scholarship fund, and a special account was established to finance future scholarships. RP Chairman **Tim Wray** had exceeded Research PAOE by CRC, and ended the year with a 'High Five' award. Social Night featured dinner and a cruise on The President Riverboat Casino in Davenport, where 50 attended. Member **Thomas Sleeper** is recognized at a chapter meeting as our first '50-year' society

member. Due to strong efforts by everyone, PAOE was exceeded by 50% for a Special Citation Award at CRC, making a total of seventeen consecutive PAOE years.

**Ron Shewman** has taken the 'fast track' to the presidency in 1991-92, and is admittedly relying on the Board and committee chairs to help carry the load. The chapter continues to do the right things, as evidenced by approximately 2500 PAOE points by CRC. Another successful seminar was put on by the EA committee, 'Designing for Indoor Air Quality', for another contribution to the scholarship fund. The Board of Governors has ear-marked more than \$6000 for the scholarship fund, and voted to increase the award to \$600 annually. Ron has coordinated with Regional Director **Scott Fisher** and **Gary Lange** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa in their effort to establish a new ASHRAE chapter in the area. Mississippi Valley agreed to give up some territory (mainly Iowa City) to help the Cedar Valley Chapter form. President **Ron Shewman**, Historian **Mark Nagan**, and RP Chairman **Sherm Sweeney** attended the chartering ceremony in Cedar Rapids on April 13, 1992, conducted by Society President-Elect **Neil Patterson**. Mississippi Valley offered assistance to Gary and his fellow officers in planning and procedures. Four Cedar Valley members attended our golf outing June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1992 at Indian Bluff in Coal Valley, which has now been set up as a fund-raiser for Research Promotion.

The 1992-93 campaign is directed by president **Lou Sonnevile**, who incidentally also served as local AIPE president the same year (which he regrets). A popular program that year was the tour of The Mark, the Quad Cities new convention center/arena. A CRC Planning Committee is formed for the 1994 CRC in Davenport. This committee consists of the active past

presidents residing in the area. The golf outing is successful again, raising nearly \$1,000 for ASHRAE Research. Premiere status is maintained by earning the PAOE award for the 19th time.

**Jeffrey Newcomb** succeeds as president for 1993-94. Through his leadership and hard work, the chapter earns the PAOE Award for the twentieth year. Technical programs for the year include an update on refrigerants, and a panel discussion on preventive maintenance.

Concurrent with the year's efforts, the CRC 94 committee completed planning for the CRC at the Blackhawk Hotel in Davenport, May 5-7 1994. The attendance is very good, with 193 registrants. CRC Finance chairman **Larry Pithan** returns over \$4,000 net proceeds to the chapter. The 1994 CRC was well received by all in attendance. Entertainment at the banquet on Friday included a fine barbershop quartet, including our own **Andy Sauder** singing baritone. CRC committee members are as follows:

General Chairman	Warren Lloyd
Co-Chairman, Secretary	Sherman Sweeney
Finances	Larry Pithan
Hotel Arrangements	Bill Swanson, John Roth, Gary Karr
Social/Entertainment	Sam Wray, Lou Sonnevile
Registration	Carl Loweth
Workshops/Logistics	Jim Thompson
Tech. Program	Bruce Davis
Director & RVC	Doug Darby

We had the honor of having both Society President **Neil Patterson** and Vice-

President **Jim Hill** in attendance for the CRC, as well as Presidential Members **Lou Flagg** and **Bill Chapman**. Mr. Hill rated the CRC as excellent, with special praise for the companion activities coordinated by Hilde Wray and Melissa Guthrie (Oelke).

**G. John Schaub, III** serves as president for 1994-95. The year starts off on shaky ground, as President Elect/Program Chairman **Jim Carmichael** resigns due to a job transfer. Jim comments that his wife is moving to Arizona, and he thought it would be a good idea to move with her. **Tim Wray** is chosen to fill-in for Jim, and helps arrange the year's programs. Later, vice president **Dean Heibert** resigns due to a transfer. John demonstrates his leadership by enlisting the help of his board members. The chapter bylaws are reviewed, and changes are recommended by the board of governors. The membership votes to make the changes, and the proposal is sent on to Society. The most notable change is the elimination of one office by combining President Elect/Vice President. This is an effort to make voting easier by reason of a smaller quorum, and an attempt to keep consistent officer progression by speeding up the route to president.

Due to sound finances, the board approves the award of two \$600 scholarships for 1994-95, and these are awarded at the April chapter meeting. The chapter participates in Expo-Tech at The Mark of the Quad Cities, which proves to be rewarding. The chapter is well on its way to earning the PAOE award for the 21st consecutive year.

**Tim Wray** is set to continue as President for 1995-96. During this year, **John Roth** receives Life Member status. Long-time member **Sam Wray** retires, but

maintains ASHRAE-related activity by serving on Illinois Governor Jim Edgar's Task Force of State Building Requirements. A \$1200 scholarship was awarded to Mr. **Corey L. Koberg** of Davenport Central High School. Corey plans to attend the University of Illinois college of engineering. The highlight of the year's programs was the Thoms-Proestler tour. This is a refrigerated warehouse using ammonia cooling systems. Thoms-Proestler is a family-owned \$60 million dollar-a-year business in Rock Island, IL providing wholesale food distribution to restaurants throughout the Midwest. **Craig Sorensen** is awarded the Mississippi Valley Chapter Energy and Technology Award for his design and implementation of a closed-loop cooling system at Davenport's Genesis East Medical Center, used to reduce water and sewer charges by \$27,000 per year. Several members traveled to Madison for CRC in May, where a very interesting tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Monona Terrace Convention Center was conducted. The annual June golf outing for ASHRAE Research was a great success, with 90 golfers enjoying 'preferred ball' at Indian Bluff Golf Course. The chapter suffers a blow: Premier status is lost due to low PAOE point reporting this year.

**Brian Sinnott** moves into the president's slot for 1996-97. The chapter visits the new Guardian Glass manufacturing plant in Dewitt, Iowa, for a very interesting tour. A Social Night is held at the historic renovated Freight House Restaurant in Davenport. A special December meeting is held jointly with SMACNA, with **Robert Wasilewski** covering fire-stopping methods. The chapter again participates in Quad City Expo Tech, with member **Melissa Guthrie (Oelke)** serving as general chairperson. Several members attend the Engineer's Week banquet at the Blackhawk Hotel, featuring guest speaker **David Heil**, host of PBS television's award-winning **Newton's Apple**. The

annual Mississippi Valley scholarship is awarded to Moline High School senior **David Franing**, who will attend the University of Illinois. **Russ Meier** receives the chapter Energy and Technology Award for his presentation of the renovation of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University. A special seminar is held with the local IES chapter in conjunction with the April chapter meeting, featuring **Douglas Mahone** speaking on the Iowa Energy Code, adopting ASHRAE 90.1. CRC is held in Des Moines, with our chapter winning the Hornblower Award again. **John Schaub** accepts the horn from **Randy Sikkema**, substituting for **Bill Chapman**.

**Gene Machael** takes over as President for 1997-98. Social Night is an evening on the Lady Luck Casino in Bettendorf, Iowa. **Jeff Pratt** conducts a tour of the new John Deere Healthcare Office at John Deere Commons, Moline. **Jim Quandt** organizes a tour of H.C. Duke Company, manufacturer of soft-serve ice cream machines. A joint meeting is held with the local AIA chapters to discuss Design Build vs. Plan & Spec Construction. **Jim Thompson** discusses Preventive Maintenance at Rock Island Arsenal. **Sherm Sweeney** receives the Chapter Energy and Technology Award for an economic analysis of a residential furnace replacement. The annual golf outing organized by **Mike Taube** and **John Holbert** proves to be bigger and better than ever. More than \$4,000 is raised for ASHRAE Research. A scholarship is award in May to \_\_\_\_\_. CRC is held in Milwaukee; the chapter gives up the Hornblower Award. Sidebar: The actual horn won in 1997 was lost or discarded from Gene Machael's office when he changed jobs in early 1998. Gene picked up a similar replacement brass horn at a local Davenport pawn shop, complete with case, in order to carry on the tradition.

**Brian Stone** is next in line as President for 1998-99. **Joe Gartner** of Davenport Assumption H.S. is awarded the \$600 ASHRAE scholarship for 1999. **Sherm Sweeney, Steve Rhodes,** and **Jim Kill & Stu Primrose** present Energy & Technology projects at Awards Night. Sherm Sweeney repeats as winner with a presentation on a high-efficiency boiler room retrofit at Christian Buehler Memorial Home in Peoria. CRC is held in Peoria, where the Chapter is awarded a 25 Year Anniversary plaque.

**William (Bill) Ward** takes on the presidency for 1999-2000 after several years in the bullpen. The chapter has another successful year. Thanks in part to the Annual Golf Outing again managed by Mike Taube and John Holbert, the chapter raises a record \$7,000 for Research Promotion. CRC is held in Green Bay. The annual MVC Scholarship is awarded to Melissa Sweeney of Alleman High School in Rock Island. Melissa plans to attend Milwaukee School of Engineering.

**John Fleming** succeeds Bill as President for the 2000-2001 year. Highlights of the year include a chapter visit from Society President **Jim Wolf**. The chapter goes "Back to Basics" for the programs this year. Program chair **Dave Bodenschatz** puts together a line-up of programs on Controls Basics, Diffuser Basics, Fan Basics, and Pump Basics. The programs are well-received. Secretary **Paul Parry** initiates the *Newsletter by e-mail* for those who prefer on-line communication. **Warren Lloyd** presents the chapter TEGA award, featuring Burlington Great River Medical Center Lake-Coupled Geothermal System. CRC is Held in Minneapolis. The annual Mississippi Valley ASHRAE Scholarship is awarded to **Rob MacKenzie** of Bettendorf High School. Rob plans to attend Iowa State University.

**2000-2001 Board of Governors:**

<b>President</b>	<b>John Fleming</b>
<b>Vice President/President-Elect</b>	<b>Dave Bodenschatz</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Nila Comly</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Paul Parry</b>
<b>Member at Large</b>	<b>Lou Sonneville</b>
<b>Member at Large</b>	<b>Sherm Sweeney</b>

**Dave Bodenschatz** becomes President for 2001-2002. **Jon Bovenkamp** is elected Secretary and joins the Board of Governors. Under Dave's direction, the chapter makes plans to create its first **Web Page** to enhance member communications. The chapter registers the needed domain name ***www.mississippivalleyashrae.org*** for web-based communication. Highlight of the year included the tour of the Thompson, IL maximum security prison. This \$140 Million facility is sitting empty because the great leaders of Illinois forgot to fund it in congress! **Doug Johnson** submits digital photos of the tour, which are currently posted on the chapter History web page. The annual scholarship was awarded in May to Mr. **Brian P. Crow** who plans to attend Bradley University in the fall. The June golf outing for ASHRAE Research boasts 144 golfers and raised more than \$4,000. "Hats off" to members **Mike Taube** and **John Holbert** for another fine job.

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<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Jon Bovenkamp</b>
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**Member at Large**  
**Past President**

**Bill Ward**  
**John Fleming**

**Dave Bodenschatz** continues as President for 2002-2003 due to the resignation of the President-Elect. The board pulls together to salvage the year, and create renewed interest in the Chapter. An experimental dues policy is established, whereby local dues payment of \$65 (was \$30) includes paid meals at all meetings. Meeting format is revised to a brief 4:30 business meeting followed by the speaker and then dinner at 5:30 in an effort to avoid impacting on evening family time of members. Average attendance increases by about 10%. Member **Jay Richter** spearheads a fall educational series on Basic Electricity for HVAC Engineers. The session is well attended, and will continue. A committee is formed to resurrect the former annual seminar. **John Holbert, Bruce Davis, Gene Machael, Dave Pearson, and Jay Richter** put together a very good seminar *Green Buildings—Boom or Bust*. Attendance exceeds expectations, with 75 members and guests at the 8-hour seminar. Later, a local up-start energy-related firm cites the seminar in a newspaper article as an inspiration in formation of the company. A fun educational tour was conducted in October by member **Jim Thompson** at Stern Beverage refrigerated storage warehouse in Milan, IL. A committee is formed for CRC planning for 2005. **John Holbert** and **Sherman Sweeney** agreed to serve as co-chairs for the event, planned for April 28-30, 2005. The Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau assists in reviewing proposed sites. The Radisson on John Deere Commons/The Mark of the Quad Cities in Moline is chosen as host site. The annual scholarship award is made in May, and the golf outing for ASHRAE Research is cut short by rain, but again is financially successful.

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**Paul Parry serves** as President for 2003-2004. Paul provides good leadership and planning, and requires formal monthly Board of Governors meetings be held, with reports from each committee. His theme is providing more for our active membership. An excellent set of programs and speakers is arranged by Programs chairman **Jon Bovenkamp**. Meetings are moved from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. These factors, along with a regularly-updated newsletter e-mail listing by Membership chairman **Tracy VanDamme**, help to boost average meeting attendance from 25 to 35, even though Society area-assigned membership fell from 134 to 117 over the last two years, probably due to economic conditions. Society Presidential Member **Bill Coad** is a guest speaker in February. A tour of Bent River Brewing Company in Moline revealed the thermodynamic aspects of brewing and storing beer. The member educational series continues, with **Jay Richter** organizing an 8-week series of 3-hour classes on the *Principles of Thermodynamics and Psychrometrics*, with 12 members participating. **John Holbert** chairs another successful educational seminar on *Building Automation Controls in Today's World* featuring Distinguished Lecturer **Frank Shadpour**, with 85 attending. Proceeds are ear-marked for CRC 2005 speaker fund. Chapter Webmaster **Eric Granzow** helped expand the use of the chapter website [www.mississippivalleyashrae.org](http://www.mississippivalleyashrae.org), posting several

historical articles, chapter history, and photos on the History page. CRC 2005 Planning is heating up under direction from co-chairs **Holbert** and **Sweeney**. Promotional materials are gathered to hand out at the Rockford CRC this spring. The annual scholarship award is slated for May, and the June golf outing is filling up fast.

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