



Mississippi Valley Chapter Newsletter

April 2004

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Monthly Newsletter

Event Schedule

- September 18, 2003
ASHRAE 90.1
- October 16, 2003
Duct Construction
- November 20, 2003
Membership Night!
Commissioning - Do We
Pay For It? Do We Get
It?
- December 18 2003
Social Afternoon!
Tour of Local Brew Pub
- January 15, 2004
History Night.
Under-floor Air
Distribution
- February 19, 2004
VAV System Design -
Problems and
Opportunities.
- March 18 2004
Resource Promotion
Night. How to Properly
Control Outside Air
- March 19, 2004
Spring Seminar.
Building Automation
Systems in Today's
World
- April 15, 2004
Contract Law
- April 29-May 1, 2004
CRC Rockford
- May 20, 2004
Design Build and Design
Bid Build in today's
Bidding World
- June 4 2004
Resource Promotion
Golf Outing

"Contract Law"

This month's meeting will be a presentation on Contract Law by Henry Marquard, Corporate Counsel, Stanley Consultants.

Henry Marquard received his BA from De Paul University in 1976 and graduated from De Paul University College of Law in 1979. From 1979 to 1982 he practiced in a Chicago Law firm and from 1982-1991 was a partner in the Waukegan Illinois firm of Snyder, Clarke, Dalziel and Johnson. His practice areas included insurance defense and professional malpractice defense work, general litigation, commercial law and general criminal law. In 1991 he left that practice to join Stanley Consultants as its Corporate Counsel.

In his present position at Stanley Consultants, Henry provides general legal advice to the company, litigation and risk management services, contract review, and negotiation services. He has been involved in establishing several of Stanley Consultants international offices and led the development efforts to establish Braun International LLC, which provides engineering services in China. Henry sits on its Board of Directors. He has written several articles on claims procedures and on wage and hour laws. He has lectured in China and Japan on construction law and economics issues. In 2003, Henry joined the faculty of St. Ambrose University as an Adjunct Professor in its MBA Program.

April 15th Program

Location: Steeplegate Inn
100 W. 76th Street
Davenport, Iowa

Program: "Contract Law."

Agenda: 4:30-5:30 Meeting
5:30-5:45 Q&A
5:45-6:30 Dinner

Menu: TBD

Cost: Members: Free
Others: \$15

RSVP: [Online](#) or call Sean
Farrell @ 563-355-1845
by Tuesday, April 13,
2004.

2003-2004 Officers/Board of Governors

President: Paul Parry
Vice President: Jon Bovenkamp
Treasurer: Gary Lange
Secretary: Sean Farrell
Member at Large: David Bodenschatz
Member at Large: Sherm Sweeney

2003-2004 Committee Chairs

CRC Delegate: Jon Bovenkamp
CRC Alternate: Gary Lange
CRC 2005: John Holbert
Sherm Sweeney
Historian: Sherm Sweeney
Membership: Tracy Van Damme
Programs: Jon Bovenkamp
Resource Promotion: Mike Taube
Seminar: Bruce Davis
Student Activities: Matt Schneider
TEGA: Open
Webmaster: Eric Granzow

Newsletter Update

As you can see our newsletter has been updated. The update will help us better inform our members and provide a more Internet and e-mail friendly format. Please forward any comments on the new look of our newsletter to any of the Board of Governors members.

Rather Receive Email???

We have the ability to forward your newsletter or receive information you would like to include in the newsletter.

To help us better serve you please provide your e-mail address to our chapter secretary, Sean Farrell, or any other member of the board of governors.

Once we have compiled our updated e-mail addresses we will begin the process of automatic e-mail newsletter distribution. This will take some time so we will continue to mail out hard copies of the newsletter for the remainder of the year.

Monthly Meetings

The regular monthly meetings for the Mississippi Valley Chapter of ASHRAE are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month from September to May unless otherwise noted. Meetings are located at the Steeplegate Best Western in Davenport Iowa unless noted otherwise.

Only You Can Help!!!

In order for our chapter to grow and maintain the great membership we have enjoyed we need volunteers to help with the running of the chapter. Volunteers are needed for the following committees:

Membership
Student Activities
Resource Promotion
TEGA
Webmaster
History
Contact any officer or committee chair to Volunteer!

50/50 Drawing

Each meeting there will be a 50/50 drawing with the proceeds going to Resource Promotion. You can purchase 1 ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. Bring your spare change and help support ASHRAE Research!

New Donors for 2003-2004

Bill VanFleet - Gabrilson Heating & Air Conditioning

2004-2005 Officers/Committees

We are looking for people interested in becoming an officer or committee chair/member for the 2004-2005 year. Anyone interested can contact any of the officers or committee chairs for more information. Your involvement is greatly appreciated and helps make our meetings more interesting.

Upcoming Events

CRC- Rockford, Illinois

April 29th 2004-May 1st 2004. At the Clock Tower Inn and Resort.

[Register Online](#)

Spring Seminar

The seminar committee would like to thank all those who attended "Building Automation Controls in Today's World" on March 19th. Your enthusiastic participation helped to make the seminar a significant educational opportunity and a successful event. Without such eager and faithful attendees, our efforts would be in vain. We are open to any comments you may have about past and future ASHRAE educational events.

New Members/Transfers/Upgrades

Mike Taube – Upgraded to Member
Noah Swanson – Upgraded to Member
James Kappeler – Upgraded to Member
Eugene Machael – Upgraded to Member

Comments from a Past Chapter President

"As a past president of the local chapter, I want to make a remark about the seeming lack of enthusiasm of the ASHRAE members to volunteer for anything involved with the chapter operation. I realize that extra time is a rare commodity in the lives of most of the members. But this is a problem for just about everyone. Now if everyone decides that he or she doesn't have the time to help out with the chapter activities, the end of this game will be that there won't be any more ASHRAE chapter.

Let's look at the issue as though everyone wanted to help out in some way - in other words, split each responsibility into very small elements. Suddenly the time required for things to get done is whittled down to a few minutes for each. I realize the main jobs require the greatest commitment - for example President, VP, Programs, Secretary, and Treasurer. But, each of those jobs - and the various committees can be broken down into coordinated cooperative teamwork tasks that reduce the impact on any one person. For an example, consider the seminar - was it worthwhile? Assuming your answer is yes, let me tell you how little it took to put this on. If you were a member of the committee, over the course of one year you would have experienced three lunch-time meetings of 1.5 hours each, about 10 email messages [taking part in the decisions], contacts with either the speaker or the host location, or work on the event details (agenda, announcement, welcome, setup, registrations, results summary). Of course John Holbert likes to do these seminars so much that he did the lion's share of the work with the assist of the KJWW organization. However, even the paperwork part of the task could be handled by a team, as in prior years.

Summarizing this, let me say that you are missing out on great opportunities to improve yourself and others if you are not on the ASHRAE team. On the one hand, an office seeks the candidate, assuming the candidate already owns the knowledge. But on the other hand, the candidate that seeks the responsibility will gain the knowledge from the experience. If you are not seeking the experience, you will not be part of the gaining of the knowledge."

Bruce L Davis, Past President, 1989-90



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