



# Mississippi Valley Chapter Newsletter

April 2008

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Monthly Newsletter

## Event Schedule

- **September 20, 2007**  
Hydraulics – Back to Basics
- **October 23, 2007**  
The Path to Sustainability Using Renewable Energy
- **November 15, 2007**  
Closed Loop Water Treatment
- **December 14, 2007**  
Social Night - Penguin's Comedy Club
- **January 17, 2008**  
Ammonia Refrigeration
- **February 21, 2008**  
Managing Your Energy- A Sustainable Activity
- **March 27, 2008**  
Distinguished Lecturer  
"What's My Carbon Footprint"
- **March 28, 2008**  
Distinguished Lecturer  
ASHRAE Standards 189P and 105
- **April 24, 2008**  
Business Meeting
- **May 29, 2008**  
To Be Determined
- **June 6, 2008**  
Golf Outing

## Mississippi Valley Chapter Business Meeting:

This month we will be hosting a social hour and business meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for next year's Board of Governors and to solicit input on the following topics:

How do we improve attendance at the monthly meetings?

How do we increase participation by younger members?

How do we get more than one person on each 'committee'?

There are many different committees that need help next year and we would like to see three members on each committee. The committees include membership, student activities, programs, history, research promotion, chapter technology transfer, and newsletter. Please consider taking part in one of these committees next year.

As part of this meeting, try to get one additional person to attend, bring someone new, call someone you haven't seen in awhile

## Americans Prefer Energy Fix to Health Research, Says Poll:

FAIRFAX, Va.—Americans would prefer more money be invested in technology to solve U.S. energy problems than to cure cancer or other diseases, according to a recent national poll. About 37% of respondents said they would rank spending to raise energy efficiency and develop alternative fuel technology a top priority for future

### April 24, 2008 Program

**Location:** The SteepleGate Inn  
100 W 76th St  
Davenport, IA

**Program:** Business Meeting

**Agenda:** 4:30-5:30 Program  
5:30-5:45 Meeting  
5:45-6:45 Dinner

**Menu:** Napoleon Chicken  
Caesar Salad  
Seasonal Vegetable  
Dessert Special

**Cost:** Members: Free  
Others: \$15

**RSVP:** [Online](#) or call Simon Possin at 309-793-3568 by Wednesday, April 23, 2008.

investment. About 30% ranked more funding for medical research as most important. The Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) conducted the poll. It also conducted a parallel poll in the UK. Respondents there ranked health-care research as the top priority, over fuel efficiency and alternative fuels.

### **Lessons Learned in Sustainable Design:**

Lessons learned in sustainable design can be seen in a free online video. The video is a recording of a special roundtable, *High-Performance Buildings: Lessons From the Leaders*, presented at the 2008 ASHRAE Winter Meeting in New York. The panelists discuss owner motivations, technical challenges, design choices and trade-offs, costs for these projects, and share perspectives about whether the expectations set early in the design process have been met once the buildings are occupied. The panelists include representatives of New York's better-known owner/developer firms and engineers.

### **Research Shows Growing Interest in Energy**

#### **Efficiency:**

MILWAUKEE—Concerns about energy security, rising energy costs and climate change are mounting, generating more interest about energy efficiency, a new survey released Monday shows. But that buzz does not always translate into increased investment in energy efficiency. The survey was commissioned by Johnson Controls. Members of the International Facility Management Association and the American Society of Healthcare Engineering were included as survey respondents. Four out of five executives and facility managers responsible for energy decisions forecast energy prices to rise in the coming year, with a consensus that prices will rise by nearly 14%.

### **2007/2008 Research Promotion:**

We have had a good start for this year but if we are going to be able to reach our goal we need to step up our individual donation efforts. I am asking all members to donate at the \$100.00 level and give those checks to me. Remember all Trane employees that a fifty dollar donation by you would get you on the \$100.00 honor roll with the Corporate match. Johnson Controls has implemented the same matching program as Trane's. All checks need to be made out to ASHRAE Research. I may not be in our area anymore but will still be finishing out the year and continue to hound you on making an investment in RP.

### **2008 Elections:**

April is election month once again this year. The office of Secretary will be vacant and we are looking for someone to step into that role. Please let any officer know if you are willing to take on this responsibility.

**2008 Scholarship:**

The deadline for scholarship application has passed. The Student Activities Committee is currently reviewing the applications that have been received. The applicant that is selected will be contacted prior to the May meeting and will be presented his/her award at the meeting.

**2008 Golf Outing:**

The 2008 ASHRAE Research Golf Outing will be held Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> at Golfmohr Golf Course in Hampton Illinois. Please mark your calendars and get your group put together. Due to last year's rain out there will be more prizes than past years and maybe a few new wrinkles as well.

**2006-2007 Officers/Board of Governors**

President: Jim Nonnenmann  
Vice President: Andrew Price  
Treasurer: Pat Igou  
Secretary: Simon Possin  
Past President: Bruce Britson  
Member at Large: Eric Granzow  
Member at Large: Brian Hodgins

**2006-2007 Committee Chairs**

CRC Delegate: Andrew Price  
CRC Alternate: Patrick Igou  
Historian: Sherm Sweeney  
Membership: Tracy Van Damme  
Programs: Patrick Igou  
Resource Promotion: Bruce Britson  
Seminar: Bruce Davis  
Student Activities: Matt Schneider  
CTTC: Jon Bovenkamp  
Webmaster: John Schaub

**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	CTTC
Student Activities	History
Resource Promotion	

**Contact any officer or committee chair to Volunteer!**

**Check-out the Updated Chapter Website at:**

[www.mississippivalleyashrae.org](http://www.mississippivalleyashrae.org)



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