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November Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Student Appreciation Night

Meeting Topic:

Chilled Water Systems for YEA Members

Where:

Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Higgins Laboratory-HL 218 Discovery Rm
Parking (Permit Provided): WPI Parking Garage
(151 Salisbury St, Worcester, MA 01609)

Schedule of Events:

5:30 Technical Session

6:30 Dinner

7:00 Main Program

Cost:

Members—\$50

Non Members—\$75

Student Members with RSVP—Free

Register [here!](#)



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BOSTON CHAPTER OFFICERS 2025-2026



President's Message

We are off to a strong start of the ASHRAE year – but we still have a busy schedule ahead! After two highly attended first events, it's great to see our members engaging, learning, and trying to make a difference in our industry. We hope to continue this momentum and see you at one of our various upcoming events!

In October, we hosted our Past President's night at our chapter meeting, and it was great to see some of the past leaders of the chapter interact with new members of the chapter! Past President Steve Tafone kicked off our evening providing an always engaging Refrigeration technical session. For our main meeting presentation, Lennart Stahl gave a fantastic overview and insight into the current refrigeration market and ASHRAE standards.

This November, our DEI Chair & Co-Chair, Allison Guttadauro & Bailey Estes, are hosting the chapter's first ASHRAE DEI Book Club. The book that we will be discussing is 'Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men' by Caroline Criado Perez. The book relates to our industry and how our unperceived biases can have an impact on design decisions. This event is open to everyone, but registration does close November 4th! We hope to see you there!

Later this month we are being graciously hosted by Worcester Polytech Institute, as part of our Student Appreciation night. WPI Professor, Kedar Prashant Shété, reached out to the chapter this past spring asking for us to be judges of a student competition for his class, and we look forward to recognizing the winners of that competition here students at this meeting. We also have a ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer, Mick Swindler, coming to town to present 'Chilled Water Systems for YEA Members: What the Baby Boomers and Gen Xers Have Done Wrong!!!', which should make for a great event!

As always, a big thank you to our corporate Sponsors, we could not provide these events without your support! Tickets for our Sponsor Appreciation Holiday Party go on sale this month, please be sure to [register](#) with your coupon! If you are a sponsor and did not receive an email from Kellie with a coupon, please reach out to me or Kellie to assist.

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall season, and I hope to see you at an event this month!

Lucas Rowe

Boston Chapter President



Lucas Rowe, President



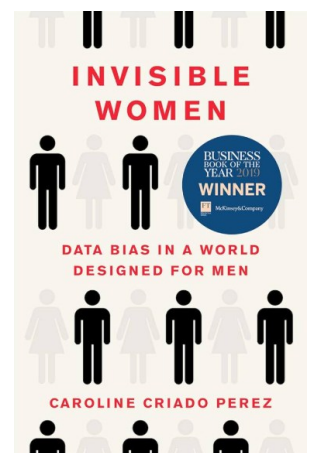
DIA Book Club on 11/6!

Hello everyone!

Just a quick reminder that on Thursday November 6th at 75 State Street at 6:00 pm, ASHRAE Boston's Diversity in ASHRAE group is hosting a book club. We are discussing Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men written by Caroline Criado Perez. You can access the Audiobook or digital copy for free through the Boston Public Library [here](#) or consider buying a copy from a local book store and share it with coworkers after the event!

Event info and registration can be found [here](#). Please register by November 4th at 5p.

Please reach out if you have any questions,
Thank you!
Allison Guttadauro



■ Chilled Water Systems for YEA Members: What the Baby Boomers and Gen Xers Have Done Wrong!!!

Mistakes lead to “experience” – that is, knowing what you never want to have happen to you again. It’s a lot less painful to learn from other people’s “experience.”

This seminar, originally presented at an ASHRAE annual conference, covers common chilled water system mistakes; and more importantly how to avoid or mitigate them. Chilled water systems covered include new, retrofit, conversion/addition, and replacement. In addition, control options are also discussed. Whether novice or experienced, come shake your head, laugh a bit, and learn together.

Recommended audience: Students, consulting engineers, contractors, facilities managers, and anybody else who wants to learn from others’ mistakes!

EVENT INFO

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Meet Our Speaker Mick Schwedler



Jennifer and Mick Schwedler founded Strategic HVACR Associates LLC in 2025. The firm offers strategic services in energy efficiency, environmental (including emissions reductions via building decarbonization), hydronic system optimization and advocacy. As 2021-2022 ASHRAE President, Mick encouraged 54,000 global Members to “Feed the Roots,” of our next generation, to fulfill ASHRAE’s Mission: “To serve humanity by advancing the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, refrigeration and their allied fields.” Mick is an ASHRAE Fellow, and recipient of ASHRAE’s Exceptional Service, Distinguished Service, and Standards Achievement Awards.

Historical Special Feature

Eric Edman—Historical Committee Member



Eric Edman

A recent trip to the grocery store made me think of the article for this month. As I was headed out to my truck with the bags, another shopper had a bag rip and the contents scatter on the pavement. The Boy Scout in me took over, and I helped the man pick up a few things. I noticed he had an artificial leg. On closer look he had an Iraqi Freedom veteran hat on and as he thanked me-I thanked him. We got to talking, and it was an IED that took out his leg while in Fallujah with the USMC.

So, what in blazes does this have to do with HVAC you might ask...?

I did want to take a moment of your time and make all of you think of a few things.

This simple picture (below) is a reprint of course from years ago in Iraq. The significance here is that this complex machine saves lives. On board- what you do not see- is the countless inventions that have come together to save lives. The ability to provide a sterile surgical field that was heated, cooled, filtered and de humidified has in part saved a lot of lives. Thank you, HVAC engineers. This Humvee could travel with the troops and in 3 minutes inflate into a mobile fully operational Surgical Tent. A stricken soldier (or civilian) could expect expert medical care within minutes of stepping on an IED. This fellow was one such example and within hours he was enroute to Germany for further treatment. HVAC was once again just an integral part of the whole equation, and nobody paid any attention to it until it did not work. How quickly mankind has adopted this technology into our very being.



All of us in the HVAC field have directly and indirectly had a helping hand in the built environment. Think about that the next time you pass a person with a Veterans hat on- and one leg missing.

As we approach the significance of Nov 11 (Veterans Day), I'd like to thank all of you who are veterans, have helped veterans, or maybe connected to supporting our veterans. What they have done for all of us is something I am grateful for.

We always look forward to seeing each of you at our monthly meetings. Take a friend to the next meeting. ASHRAE is always more fun with friends.

We will also wish a wonderful Thanksgiving to each of you and your families.

Eric

Presidential Award of Excellence



Boston Chapter - 2025-2026

Chapter Members	Membership Promotion Points	Student Activities Points	Research Promotion Points	History Points	Chapter Operations Points	Chapter Technology Transfer Points	Government Affairs Points	Electronic Communications Points	YEA Points
<u>982</u>	<u>640</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>805</u>	<u>1750</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>1200</u>

2025 September Meeting Recap

We hosted our second 2025-2026 ASHRAE Boston Chapter meeting October 14th at one of our long standing meeting locations, Embassy Suites in Waltham. At this meeting we celebrated our chapter’s Past Presidents, which was a great way for some old and new members to connect. We did reach our registration capacity prior to the event, so thank you everyone for registering early and making the event such a success!

We started the evening with a Refrigeration Tech Session, presented by our own Boston Chapter Past President, Steve Tafone. An always entertaining and engaging presentation by Steve is a great way to start any meeting! Thank you to Steve for his continued support and engagement with the chapter!

Our refrigeration theme for the night continued into our main meeting topic, which was presented by Lennart Stahl. Lennart presented on Designing VRF systems with A2L refrigerants, and discussed ASHRAE Standards 15.1 & 15.2 at length. We thank Lennart for providing us a very engaging topic that our audience found a lot of value from. A copy of his presentation can be found on the Boston Chapter website.

Our next meeting is November 18th at WPI in Worcester. We hope you can join us!



Past Presidents Night



EMPLOYMENT ADS FOR SALE!

Is your company hiring? Your employment ad could be here next month! Purchase an employment ad through the Boston ASHRAE Chapter and get your ad seen by all of our readers and members. Reach out to Newsletter Editor, Josephine Wendroth, jwendroth@cmta.com, if you have questions or want to purchase an employment ad, starting at \$250 for one month. We can advertise within the newsletter, on our website, on LinkedIn, or send out an email blast to over 1000 subscribers. If you are a sponsor of our chapter, check out your sponsorship level because this perk may already be included at no extra cost to you!



Sponsor Appreciation Holiday Party

SAM ADAMS BOSTON TAP ROOM
60 STATE ST, BOSTON, MA 02109

DECEMBER 2ND, 2025
6PM - 9PM



Boston Chapter

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN
RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING
GENEROSITY OF OUR CORPORATE
SPONSORS FOR A NIGHT OF NETWORKING
AND CELEBRATION

MEMBERS \$50 / NON-MEMBERS \$75
FOOD & (2) DRINK TICKETS INCLUDED WITH A TICKET

Welcome New ASHRAE Boston Members

We welcome those that joined our chapter over the last month!

- Sakeena Ghandour
- Graham Ballantyne
- Ryan Flynn
- Channy Chhim
- Joe Saba
- Jeffrey Groth
- Anthony Bedard
- Riley Constantine
- Edward Dalton
- Mark Miles
- Andrew Blair
- Mohamed Mahmoud
- Sebastian Murzyn
- Isaac Ajari
- Shawn Hoskins
- Lixiang Li
- Cara Roberts
- Alexandra Joseph
- Nadya Avanesova
- Cemre sonmez
- Giovanni Marraccino
- Alexander Hodge



ANNOUNCING:



2025-26

BOSTON CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP BATTLE

BATTLE RULES:

When: September 12, 2025 - April 1, 2026

Who wins: The firm/company/organization **with the most new-member registrations.** (If there is a tie for first place, the winner will be chosen randomly.)

The prize: Recognition at April meeting, (2) Red Sox tickets, and potential bonus prizes.

**JOIN
ASHRAE
TODAY**

Congrats to
BR+A for
winning the 24-
25 Membership
Battle!

<https://join.ashrae.org>



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Location	Event Information
September 9	Federal Reserve Bank, Boston, MA	21st Century Operations & Maintenance
October 14	Embassy Suites Waltham, MA	ASHRAE Standard 15 & 15.2 Review (Past President's Night)
October TBD	TBD	YEA Event
November 18	WPI	Chilled Water Systems for YEA Members (Student Night)
December 2	Sam Adams Boston Tap Room (State St)	Sponsor Appreciation Holiday Party
December 9	Hilton - Boston/Woburn	Beyond MEP: Holistic Strategies to Enhance Building Performance (ASPE Joint Meeting)
January 13	DoubleTree Cambridge, MA	Unlocking the Power of Indoor Air to Support our Health
February 10	DoubleTree Cambridge, MA	TBD
March 10	Embassy Suites Waltham, MA	181 Mercer (AEE Joint Meeting)
April 14	DoubleTree Cambridge, MA	TBD
May 11	Pinehills Golf Club Plymouth, MA	ASHRAE Golf Outing
June TBD	TBD	Installation Of Officers

*The calendar is subject to changes, please see the [ASHRAE Boston Chapter website](#) for the most up to date information!

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