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We hope you join us at our *Installation of Officers* event on June 9 at Trillium - Fort Point in Seaport. Register [here!](#)

From everyone at ASHRAE, we hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer. Our chapter meetings will resume in September. See you then!



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BOSTON CHAPTER OFFICERS 2025-2026



President's Message

As I sit down to write my final President's Message of the 2025–2026 ASHRAE year, I find myself reflecting on what a rewarding and memorable journey it has been. This year was defined by engaging technical programs, increased attendance at meetings, more members joining our community, and maybe most importantly, the dedication of volunteers who continue to make our Chapter one of the strongest in Region I and the country.



Lucas Rowe, President

This year we had some amazing highlights, from multiple Distinguished Lecturer presentations, the launch of our new DEI Book Club, various YEA social events, multiple joint meetings, and continued growth of our Chapter. Looking back on all of this, I think it becomes clear that the greatest strength of this Chapter is the members. So thank you for showing up, participating, and supporting the Chapter, because without you we would not be the chapter we are.

This past month, we held our 60th Annual ASHRAE Boston Golf Outing, returning to Pinehills Golf Club in Plymouth for another sold-out year with 288 golfers in attendance. It was a fantastic day on the course, with nice weather and excellent playing conditions. Pinehills once again provided outstanding hospitality, and the committee put together some great gifts and prizes for participants. A special thank you to our event sponsors, as well as Matt Hallock and his team of volunteers, whose hard work made the outing another tremendous success. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

We host our final event of the 2025-2026 year, our Installation of Officers, being held at Trillium Brewing – Fort Point on June 9th at 6 PM, registration is available on the website. All ASHRAE Boston members should have received a link to vote on the 2026-2027 Boston Chapter Executive Board and Board of Governors. If you are a member did not receive this, please reach out to us.

Serving as Boston Chapter President has been an honor, a privilege, and an experience that I will always value and remember. A final thank you to our members, volunteers, and sponsors for your continued support and commitment throughout this year. I am proud of what we accomplished together and excited to see the continued success of the ASHRAE Boston Chapter in the years ahead.

Lucas Rowe

ASHRAE Boston Chapter President





Installation of Officers

June 9, 2026 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Trillium Brewing - Fort Point

50 Thomson Place, Boston, MA 02210

Join the Boston Chapter as we cap off another ASHRAE year. Cost is \$30 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. Register [here](#) before June 5 to secure your spot.

6pm: Cocktail Hour

7:15pm: Installation of Officers



I2SL Is Setting Sail for Boston!

I2SL Annual Conference

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The International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories (I2SL) Annual Conference and Technology Fair is coming to the Encore Hotel in Boston this fall. This is your chance to learn from and network with more than 500 lab owners, operators, green lab managers, designers, engineers, and builders and revolutionize your sustainable lab efforts!

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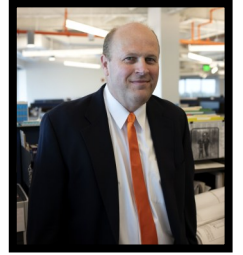
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Historical Special Feature

Eric Edman—Historical Committee Member

Back on April 25th, a small group of us gathered to represent Boston ASHRAE and help pick up trash along the Charles River. This was our part to help on Earth Day. We could use some additional help when this comes around next year so we will ask you to roll up your sleeves and get dirty. We wanted to reflect back on history.



Eric Edman

The very first Earth Day took place on April 22, 1970, marking the beginnings of the environmental movement here in the USA. The first event was organized by Senator Nelson of Wisconsin, who wanted to raise public awareness about environmental issues and mobilize grassroots activism to influence national policy. Inspired by the student anti-war movements at the time and spurred by environmental disasters such as the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill and the repeated fires on the Cuyahoga River in Ohio, Nelson envisioned a nationwide “teach-in” to educate Americans about pollution and ecological threats. On April 22, 1970, somewhere around 15 -20 million Americans participated in rallies, marches, and educational programs across more than 2,000 colleges, 10,000 public schools, and numerous communities. Major urban events included 250,000 people on Fifth Avenue in New York City and thousands gathering in Washington, D.C., while smaller local events involved students cleaning up litter, building environmental displays, and promoting awareness of pollution. The event was coordinated nationally by Denis Hayes, a young activist hired by Nelson, and supported by organizations such as the United Auto Workers, which provided crucial financial and operational assistance.

The first Earth Day had a profound impact, leading to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) later that year and the passage of landmark environmental legislation, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Endangered Species Act. It also helped establish a political climate that prioritized environmental protection and inspired future global Earth Day celebrations, which began in 1990 and now involve over a billion people worldwide.

The first Earth Day is remembered not only for its massive participation but also for its role in launching the modern environmental movement, demonstrating the power of grassroots activism to influence policy and public consciousness about the planet’s health.

All the best

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>1058</u>	<u>1475</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>2750</u>	<u>5000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>1080</u>	<u>1400</u>

April Meeting Recap

Thank you to all the ASHRAE Boston members who were able to attend our final meeting of the ASHRAE calendar year at the DoubleTree Boston/Cambridge on April 14th. It was a fantastic closing event and another full house. We hope you enjoyed our programming this year—if you have any suggestions for future programs, please don't hesitate to reach out. We will begin planning for next year in the coming months.



We began the evening with an excellent technical presentation on Variable Speed Pumping Design Fundamentals, presented by Michal Licastro of Bell & Gossett. It was an informative session that did a great job exploring pump curves and system optimization. A big thank you to Michal for making the trip to Boston to present on this topic.

For our main program, we were fortunate to host our fourth ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer, Krishnan Gowri, Ph.D. His presentation on AI in the HVAC industry provided valuable insight into a rapidly evolving space that many of us are working to better understand. Another thank you to Dr. Gowri for traveling from Seattle to share his expertise.

Finally, thank you to the entire ASHRAE Boston community for your engagement throughout the year. We hope you've had the opportunity to learn something new and make meaningful connections. We look forward to seeing you at one of our remaining social events this spring, or at a meeting in the fall.



Membership Battle Results

Congratulations to CannonDesign for winning the 2025-2026 Membership Battle.

ASHRAE Boston was happy to celebrate with members of CannonDesign at the April Meeting.



Welcome New ASHRAE Boston Members

We welcome those that joined our chapter over the last two months!

- Kuoting Huang
- Sang Won Kang
- Daniel Grivakis
- Timothy Russell
- Bamidele Akinwolemiwa
- Vinyas Reddy Mansanpally
- Milton Pinto de Mendonca Neto
- Akeo Maifeld-Carucci
- Kevin Cutler
- Elliott Miller
- Derek Day
- Arya Sheth
- Jonathen Maher
- Rebecca DiPlacido
- Gerard Walraven
- Eddie Cardinal
- Simon Clarke
- Spencer Yergeau
- Kara Mullaney
- Brooke Carlson
- Lindoll Trimmingham
- Paul Banks
- Thomas Kennedy
- Peter Leslie
- Jack Liacos
- Mark Stanieich

ASHRAE DEI Book Club Recap

The ASHRAE Boston Chapter hosted our second DEI Book Club meeting on March 26th. We had both chapter members and non-members join at CMTA's Boston office to discuss the book, *Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do*, written by Jennifer Eberhardt. We had great conversations about the book and how it made us more aware of the unconscious biases we all have and what we can work on as individuals and as part of the HVAC community to reduce the impact those biases have on our thoughts and actions.

In the book, Jennifer Eberhardt explains The Other-Race. The Other-Race Effect explains that people recognize and remember faces of their own race better than faces of people from other races. This is especially true for people or groups of people who do not often spend time with or interact with people outside their own race.

The book explained that some people "whiten" their resumes when applying for jobs even when their experiences may be relevant for the positions they are applying for. For example, applicants might remove that they served as the president of a Black society or that they received a prestigious scholarship that is typically given to a Black recipient. Studies have shown that people who read resumes do demonstrate biases based on race (and gender and age).

Eberhardt explains how biases impact the real estate market. Studies have shown that realtors are more likely to show prospective buyers listings in areas where people of the same race live even when the prospective buyers express desires for listings that don't fit those neighborhoods. Additionally, it has been found that some mortgage lenders have given higher interest rates to Black and non-white applicants compared to identical white applicants. We plan to have another book club sometime in the fall and are open to book suggestions. Please reach out if you have questions or suggestions.

Thank you!

Allison Guttadauro & Bailey Estes



August is nearly here, bringing the highly anticipated 2026 ASHRAE Region I Chapters Regional Conference (CRC) and our chapter's biennial Product Show to the Westin Boston Seaport District from **August 20–22**.

This year is especially significant for our chapter. We are honored to host fellow Boston Chapter member **Sarah Maston** as she begins her term as Society President. She will be joined by **Trent Hunt** (Society Vice-President), **Maggie Moninski** (Region VI Director), **Dan Russel** (Region IX Director), and our very own Director and Regional Chair, **Charlie Bertuch**. The event will give attendees a valuable opportunity to connect, exchange ideas, and celebrate local leadership on a global stage.

An event of this scale would not be possible without the strong support of our industry partners. A huge thank you to the vendors who have signed up for the trade show, your partnership is what helps move our industry forward

We have an exciting agenda planned, with leading technical sessions and a busy exhibition floor. The full technical session schedule and exhibitor floor plan are available on the following pages of this newsletter and on the chapter website. Whether you join us for the technical program, the product show, or the chance to reconnect and build new relationships, this event will offer meaningful insights and valuable connections.

Please register on the chapter website at your earliest convenience to help us better plan the event and join us in showcasing the energy and leadership of the Boston Chapter to Region I and the larger society.

Vineet Nair
Special Events Chair



FREE TO ATTEND
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

PRODUCT SHOW TECHNICAL SESSIONS

\$5 fee applies to attend technical sessions

1:00-2:00 PM	<p>Using Heat Recovery to Decarbonize Urban Buildings Through Efficient Electrification Corey Letcher (Trane) and Gregg Fischer (Fischer Energy Partners)</p>
1:00-2:00 PM	<p>Chiller Replacement Case Study: From Cooling-Only to Cold-Climate Hybrid Heat Pump Jason Begley (IMEG), Elena Proakis Ellis (City of Melrose) and Jon Zuber (HTS Group)</p>
3:45-4:45 PM	<p>Qualitative Perspectives of Air to Water Heat Pumps in Multifamily Buildings Greg Sine and Prathamesh Patil (Eversource)</p>
3:45-4:45 PM	<p>Resilient Design for Facilities, Communities and Climate Jess Farber, Ben Kleine-Kracht and Josephine Wendroth (CMTA)</p>
6:30-7:30 PM	<p>ASHRAE Boston Chapter's Fireside Chat Society President Sarah Maston and ASHRAE fellow life members Gordon Sharp and Dr. Joseph Lstiburek</p>

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Location	Event Information
September 9	Federal Reserve Bank, Boston, MA	<u>21st Century Operations & Maintenance</u>
October 14	Embassy Suites Waltham, MA	<u>ASHRAE Standard 15 & 15.2 Review</u> (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	<u>Beyond MEP: Holistic Strategies to Enhance Building Performance (ASPE Joint Meeting)</u>
January 13	DoubleTree Cambridge, MA	Unlocking the Power of Indoor Air to Support our Health
February 10	Embassy Suites Waltham, MA	Space Pressurization: Concept and Practice
March 5	Cheeky Monkey, Boston, MA	YEA Event
March 10	Embassy Suites Waltham, MA	181 Mercer (AEE Joint Meeting)
April 14	DoubleTree Cambridge, MA	AI in HVAC Industry: Past, Present, and Future
May 11	Pinehills Golf Club Plymouth, MA	ASHRAE Golf Outing
June 9	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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