



ASHRAE Region I Newsletter

October 2023 Newsletter

This ASHRAE Region I Newsletter is published to bring you timely information about ASHRAE and Region I in order to keep you fully informed.

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EDITOR's Message:

This is our first newsletter since the big Region I CRC held back in August at Foxwoods Resort in Connecticut. I attended this major Region I event myself, and can report that the CRC was a huge success - It was very well attended, much business done, committee training completed and many members recognized for their service at the Awards Lunch. Plus the opportunity of ASHRAE Society Leadership, Region I Leadership and the leaders from the 15 Chapters in Region I to spend three quality days with each other at a great venue!

Please scroll down to see the special message from Jason Urso, CRC General Chair - for his report on the CRC.

Yours in ASHRAE!

Spencer Morasch

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**Message from:
Steven Sill
Director and Regional Chair (DRC)
Region I**

I am Steven Sill, the Director, and Regional Chair (DRC) for Region I of ASHRAE. Region I is the oldest Region in ASHRAE. It has 15 Chapters and over 5,200 members encompassing all the Northeast.

The Region I ExCom and myself have started our official visits to all 15 Chapters of the Region. I have visited the Connecticut and Maine Chapters with tremendous turnouts. I visited the New York City Chapter on October 25, and the Champlain Valley on November 1st.

If you would like me to visit your firm or Student Branch, please reach out to me to schedule this and I hope to see you at the meetings.

Region I members, I am glad to see that many Chapters are using the Distinguished Lecturer program that ASHRAE has developed. If you're thinking of using this highly valued program, please contact Regional Vice Chair (RVC) for CTTC Frank Rivera. He will submit the necessary paperwork to Society so that the speaker's expenses are covered.

Lastly, Region I's membership has been negatable so far for this Society year. If you have not paid your dues yet I encourage you to do so. Also, it is the changing of Chapter's Board of Governors, start of Chapter meetings and I encourage you to contact your local Chapter to find out how you can participate.

Cordially,
Steve Sill



**A Special message from
Jason Urso**

CRC 2023 General Chair

2023 Region I

**Chapters Regional Conference
(CRC)**

August 17-19, 2023

**Held at Foxwoods Resort & Casino,
Ledyard, Connecticut**

Hosted by the Connecticut Chapter

The Chapters Regional Conference is an annual event held by every Region across ASHRAE, giving Chapters an opportunity to meet, collaborate, and socialize on a Regional level. This year's CRC was hosted by the Connecticut Chapter at Foxwoods Casino!

The conference offers workshops and training for incoming Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs, technical sessions and tours, business meetings, and addresses by Society Officers and Staff. This year's technical tour included touring the Foxwoods Casino cogeneration plant tour.

A new event added to the conference this year included an Industry Roundtable discussion led by ASHRAE Society Vice President Billy Austin,

where local industry leaders provided their feedback on the value of ASHRAE's existing products, services, and gaps in the market.

Industry Roundtable Photo



CRCs are not all about meetings and training, we have a lot of fun too! The CRC started off with a bang with a Welcome Party at the High Rollers Luxury Lanes & Sports Lounge at Foxwoods! Participants enjoyed luxury bowling, great food, great friends, and a great time the first night of the conference.

High Rollers Bowling Event Photo



Other exciting events included a YEA bar crawl and a performance by Jon Stetson, “America’s Master Mentalist”, where he captivated the audience with his mind reading abilities.

The CRC is not only for Chapter volunteers, but families as well! While our members were busy conducting business during the day, families and companions took a day trip to Mystic Aquarium, home to thousands of species of marine life and to Mystic Seaport Museum and the many shops that Downtown has to offer.

The conference concluded with an awards luncheon where dozens of awards were presented to many deserving, hardworking Chapter volunteers.

It was our pleasure to have Society special guests Dennis Knight (President Elect), Billy Austin (Vice President), Eileen Jensen (DRC, Region XI), and Alice Yates (ASHRAE Staff) join us in Connecticut for our big event.

I would like to thank the following Connecticut Chapter volunteers for their hard work and dedication for making this event possible,

Eric Fontain – Vice Chair

Hank Cullinane – Treasurer

Michael Davis – Sponsorship

Secretary – Ashley Keller

Registration – Ryan Martin

Family Events – Brittany Lydon & Matt Andel

Foxwoods Central Plant Tour – Matt Andel

Entertainment Chair – Erik Shubert

Utility Players - Eli Wirtes, Ashlyn Lower, & Kevin Wixom

YEA Bar Crawl – Ashlyn Lower & Chris Gallagher

Honorary Chair – Joe Furman

John Bycina - Hospitality

A special thanks to Steve Sill (DRC), Chris Phelan (ARC), and Spencer Morasch (Regional Representative) for their leadership and guidance through the CRC planning process.

Last, but certainly not least, a BIG THANK YOU to our sponsors for making this even possible! Please visit CT's CRC page to see a list of all sponsors,

https://ctashrae.org/CRC_2023.

Want to get involved in ASHRAE and not miss out on all of the fun and excitement? Speak to your Chapter leadership team at your next Chapter meeting.

Thank you,

Jason Urso, PE

CRC General Chair

The CRC is a gathering of Region I's EXCOM & chapter members; where chapter officers, committee chairs and Board of Governor members are invited to attend.





Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA)

By Elizabeth Jedrlinic
Regional Vice Chair - YEA
Region I

The 2023-2024 ASHRAE Chapter Year is off to a busy start. The YEA committee is as busy as ever and there are many opportunities for Region I YEA members to get involved!

2023 Decarbonization Challenge

ASHRAE President Ginger Scoggins, P.E. has announced her '23-'24 Society theme, Challenge Accepted: Tackling the Climate Crisis. Her plan includes a Decarbonization Challenge Fund, a year-long competitive grant (\$1,000 - \$10,000) program to implement decarbonization projects within local chapters.

This program is implemented through the YEA Committee with grassroots outreach through the YEA chairs/committees at each chapter and open to all ASHRAE members and chapters.

Challenge Timeline

The intent of the program is to receive, review, award, and implement the funded projects within a single society year. Applicants are expected to meet the schedule below, and incorporate the schedule into their proposed projects:

November 30th, 2023: Applications due

January 2024: Awards made with funds going to local chapter for use on the project

January 2024: Winning applicants in attendance at the 2024 Winter Conference in Chicago to be recognized by ASHRAE President Ginger Scoggins at President's Lunch

January 2024 and June 2024: Projects will be completed

Spring of 2024: Project Teams will be requested to submit a mid-project update with a short narrative and photos

June 2024: Project Teams will be invited to participate in a panel at the 2024 Annual Conference in Indianapolis to discuss the implementation of their Project

Further details can be found here:

<https://www.ashrae.org/communities/young-engineers-in-ashrae-yea/yea-decarb-initiative>

Region I Participation in ASHRAE Society Programs

YEA Leadership Weekend 1.0 – Chicago

Region I has one participant signed up for the first YLW of the year. As a reminder, we have regional scholarships available. Reach out to the RVC for application details.

HVAC Design Essentials Training Scholarship

Congratulations to the winners of the HVAC Design Essentials Scholarship. This scholarship covers the full cost of registration to attend this Training. There were over 50 applicants for the most recent program. Region I had four applicants. Although we were not awarded one of the five slots, we had a great amount of interest. The next round of applications opens in January and previous applicants are encouraged to apply again.

Current Winners:

First Name

Last Name

ASHRAE Chapter:

ASHRAE Region:

Krishna

Ajith

ASHRAE Falcon

RAL

Melvin

Garrett

Atlanta

IV

Carlos

Carmona Caceres

Colombia

XII

Javier

Navar Payan

Minnesota

VI

Collin

Boeskool

Chapter Leadership Academy

Region I also provides financial support to attend Chapter Leadership Academy. Reach out to the DRC and YRC if interested.

Chapter Leadership Academy is a 1.5-day crash course designed to simplify the learning curve of all things ASHRAE. Attendees will gain a better understanding of how ASHRAE Society functions and obtain useful and practical knowledge essential for honing ASHRAE leadership skills. The program also will include sharing tips and best practices that attendees can confidently take back to their Chapters for implementation.

Region I YEA Membership

We continue to work on growing our YEA Membership in Region I.

Current Region I YEA Members

Chapter Name

End of Q1

BOSTON 201

RHODE ISLAND 15

CONNECTICUT 51

LONG ISLAND 50

NEW JERSEY 62

NEW YORK CITY 224

NORTHEAST 63

CENTRAL NEW YORK 28

ROCHESTER 63

BUFFALO 44

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY 15

MAINE 35

TWIN TIERS 17

BI-STATE 30

GRANITE STATE 19



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