



ASHRAE Region I Newsletter

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EDITOR's Message:

With the start of the ASHRAE Society Year 2024-2025, which began on July 1, we celebrate the success of Past DRC Steven Sill who rolled off as the Region I DRC after 3 years of loyal service to ASHRAE, and the introduction of our new DRC Charles Bertuch, PE, who hails from the Central New York Chapter based in Syracuse, NY. Read Charles's introduction below.

We also just held our Region I Chapters Regional Conference (CRC) conducted in Albany, NY. This conference is the annual Region I premier event and was a huge success as reported on below.

We also recognize our student membership as we report on the Syracuse University Senior Design Project that was sponsored by the ASHRAE Central New York Chapter.

Finally, we want to recognize two ASHRAE members from the Boston Chapter who well earned the Distinguished and Exceptional Service Awards: Robert Persechini & Sarah Maston, PE, respectfully.

Yours in ASHRAE!

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Message from:
Charles Bertuch, PE
Director and Regional Chair (DRC)
Region I

On behalf of ASHRAE Region I, I want to welcome you to the 2024-2025 ASHRAE year. With more than 5,000 members in 15 Chapters throughout 8 states, we are ASHRAE's largest Region. From the first ASHRAE President Curtis Boling (1959-1960) to current Society Treasurer and 2026-2027 President Sarah Maston (2026

1900) to current Society Treasurer and 2020-2027 President Sarah Maston (2020-2027), Region I has contributed greatly to ASHRAE and the HVAC industry.

Current Society President Dennis Knight's Presidential Theme is Workforce Development. Between the growing need for conditioned spaces worldwide and the ever-tightening energy efficiency requirements necessary to combat climate change, our industry faces its greatest challenge in attracting and training the best talent at all levels. From installers to product developers to design engineers, the demand for our expertise cannot be met without concerted efforts at all levels of education and professional development. Throughout the year you will be seeing local programs and initiatives reinforcing this theme. Please contribute to these conversations and do your part at the Chapter level.

As Director and Regional Chair (DRC) of Region I, I have established goals for the Region meant to increase member engagement, reach out to more students, and improve the organizational "health" of all our Chapters. I have asked all Chapter Presidents to incorporate these into their goals and those of Chapter Committee Chairs.

Please join me in making 2024-2025 ASHRAE year a success.

In the words of Society President Dennis Knight: "We've accepted the challenge! Let's take pride in our accomplishments, tell our stories, and grow our workforce! "

Cordially,
Charles Bertuch, PE

Region I Chapters Regional Conference (CRC) - A HUGE Success!

Kudos to the entire ASHRAE Northeast Chapter for putting on a phenomenal CRC in Albany August 15 – 17. This year's event saw more than 110 participants from all 15 Chapters from 11 states.

Highlights of the CRC included a welcome party at the Riverfront Casino in Schenectady, a well-attended companion tour to historic Saratoga, hypnotist and comedian Steve Taubman, workshops, the Regional Caucus, and business meetings.

There were three technical sessions, including one by Society Presidential Member Ginger Scoggins, who presented on Decarbonization 101.

Once again, the Belimo Company generously sponsored the Hospitality Suite. Host John Bycina's only regret was that attendees partied until 2 AM. After over 20 years as hospitality suite host, it looks like John is starting to have trouble keeping up!

We were honored by Society Guests President Dennis Knight, Vice President Wade Conlan, and Staff Director of Publishing and Education Mark Owen. President Knight facilitated a very productive roundtable discussion with several local HVAC

industry leaders. Roundtables like this are helping ASHRAE understand and

respond to the most pressing needs of the HVAC industry.

Special thanks to the Northeast Chapter Host Committee led by co-chairs Rich Vehlow and Joe Lettko. Through 18 months of planning and three days of the conference, more than a dozen other Chapter members put in the time and effort to make this event a success. Each Chair (food and beverage, programs, registration, etc.) came through and any hiccups went unnoticed by the attendees.

The Northeast Chapter host committee did an outstanding job in soliciting sponsors for the CRC. Without the support of our sponsors, the CRC would not have been financially viable.

Below are the sponsors who made it all happen!

Hopefully many will return to help support NEXT YEAR's CRC to be hosted by the Long Island Chapter.

The Northeast Chapter has left big shoes to be filled by the 2025 CRC Host Long Island Chapter.

Please join us there on August 21 – 23, 2025.

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Below - One of several business meetings that took place at the CRC - featuring delegates & alternates from all 15 chapters in Region I, Region I EXCOM members, Mark Owen - ASHRAE Headquarters Staff Director of Publishing and Education and ASHRAE leadership; including President Dennis Knight & Vice President Wade Conlan.



Below - Entertainment that followed the Presidential Dinner was performed by Hypnotist Steve Taubman who successfully hypnotized many volunteers from Region I & Society!





Syracuse University Senior Design Project

This Spring, the Central New York (CNY) Chapter of Region I completed their 6th year sponsoring a Syracuse University (SU) Senior Design Project.

The two-semester project takes a group of 4th year mechanical engineering students through a complete HVAC design: codes; ventilation calculations; load calculations; energy simulations; system selection; equipment selection; ductwork and piping design; and temperature controls.

Seven CNY Chapter members, each with professional expertise in their particular area, worked with the students weekly over nine months. The project was based on a proposed library in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

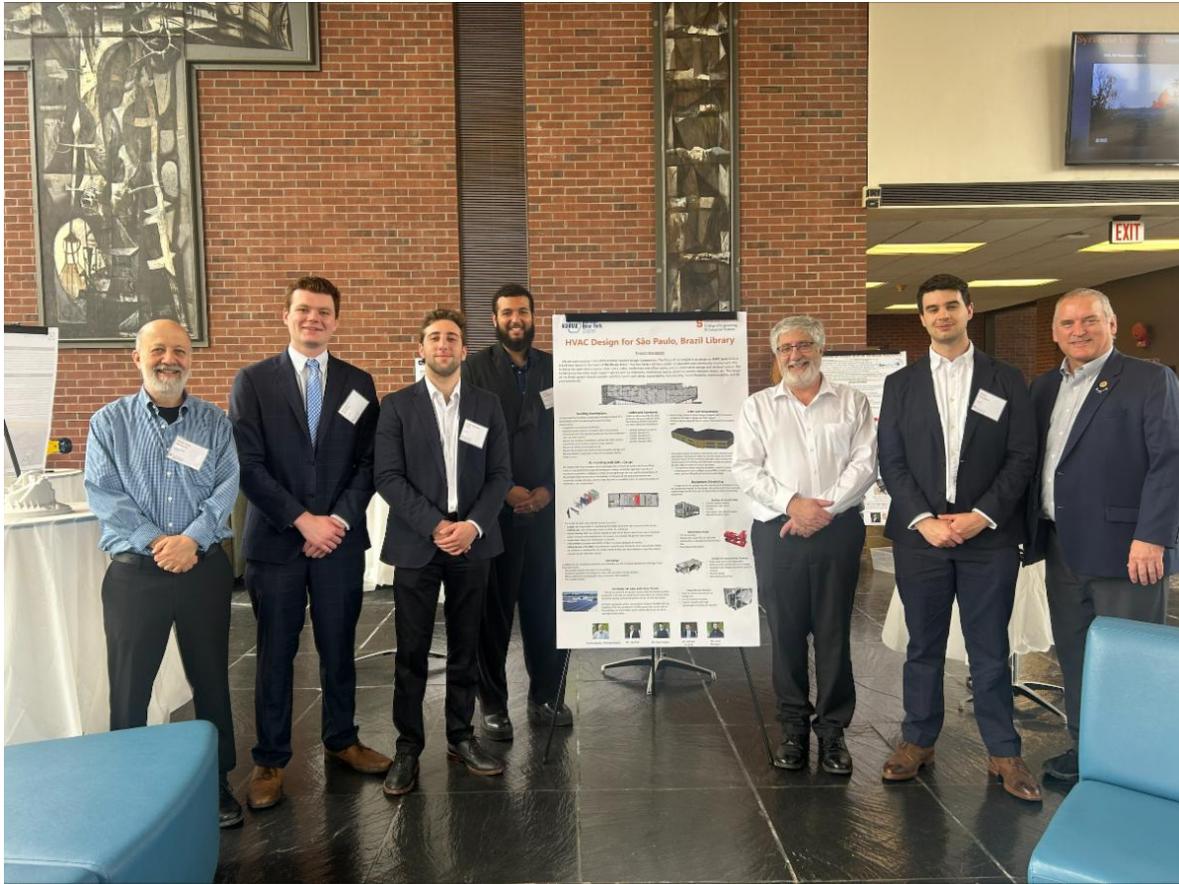
This year alone, ASHRAE volunteers dedicated more than 300 hours working with the students.

As a final deliverable the students prepared a full set of CAD drawings, including ductwork, piping, control schematics, and equipment schedules.

The real success of this project is that one of the four students has since taken a position with an HVAC consultant in New York City.

Chapters interested in providing a similar Introduction to HVAC Design program are welcome to contact Charlie Bertuch at cbertuch@bergmannpc.com.

Below Photo Left to Right:
Ian Shapiro – SU Faculty Advisor;
Mike McElroy;
Luke Fink;
Jared Rodriguez;
Charlie Bertuch – CNY Chapter Coordinator;
Evan Insogna;
ASHRAE Presidential Member Bill Bahnfleth



Distinguished & Exceptional Service Awards Presented

The Distinguished (DSA) and Exceptional (ESA) Service Awards recognize ASHRAE members who donate many years of their time and efforts to ASHRAE. These high level awards were presented at the Plenary Session during the ASHRAE Annual Conference, held in Indianapolis this past June.

Both members hail from the Boston Chapter!
Robert Persechini - Past President, Boston Chapter - DSA
Sarah Maston, PE - ASHRAE Treasurer - ESA





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