



March Newsletter

President’s Welcome

Central Pennsylvania ASHRAE members,

Last month, we had a fantastic chapter meeting and technical presentation with CLEAResult discussing utility energy efficiency incentives and how they can support engineers, contractors, and owners. The discussion between the presenters and our members was engaging, particularly around how energy is purchased and how our current energy deficit could impact our region.

Additionally, we had a great time at our first indoor golf simulation event at Next Shot. It was a fun way to prepare for our annual golf outing this summer, and if you are like me, the extra practice was definitely needed.

This month brings two great exciting chapter events. On March 18th, join us for our virtual chapter meeting and technical presentation featuring Peter Wolff, who will present on the use of smart pumps in hydronic systems. Then on March 26th, we’ll gather for Past Presidents Night and a special tour of the historic John Wright building. This event will be dedicated to recognizing our local past presents and celebrating the dedication and leadership that have helped shape our chapter into what it is today.

In April, we are excited to hold our Student Night with Penn State and the student chapter. We will also present scholarships to our outstanding student award recipients. The date is still being finalized due to exam schedules, so please keep an eye out for a follow up email with event details.

As always, our chapter is looking for enthusiastic individuals who are eager to learn more about our industry and help advance ASHRAE’s mission. If you’re interested in getting more involved, please reach out to me at president@centralpaashrae.com. We need your input and energy to make 2026 our best year yet.

Thank you,

Matt Faller, PE

Central PA Chapter President

Upcoming Events

March, 18th
March Chapter Meeting — Smart Pumps & Hydronic Optimization

March, 26th
Dinner Meeting—Past President’s Night

April, 15th
April Chapter Meeting—Student’s Night

Details and Registrations can be found at:

www.centralpaashrae.com

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Interested in getting involved?

We are always looking for energized members to join the Board or a Committee.

Reach out to Matt Faller:
president@centralpaashrae.com

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March Meetings Overview

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 18th** from 11:30am-1:00pm for a lunch chapter meeting and technical presentation. This meeting will be held virtually. Peter Wolff will be presenting on *Smart Pumps and Hydronic System Optimization*.



Peter Wolff is the Global Manager, Ecosystems and Performance Upgrades at Armstrong Fluid Technology, where he plays a key role in advancing system-level optimization strategies that improve HVAC performance, energy efficiency, and sustainability outcomes. In this role, Peter supports Armstrong's global customers by aligning equipment, controls, and analytics into integrated solutions that deliver measurable operational and environmental benefits.

With over 40 years of experience in the pump and HVAC industry, Peter has worked extensively with service engineers, mechanical and electrical contractors, consulting engineers, and building owners across multiple regions, including the UK, Middle East, North America, and Canada. His career at Armstrong Fluid Technology spans a wide range of leadership positions, including UK Aftermarket Director, UK Business Development Director, District Sales Manager, and Sales Enablement Specialist, providing him with deep insight into both market needs and real-world system challenges. Armstrong Fluid Technology is represented in Central PA and across the Mid-Atlantic by Chesapeake Systems.

Peter is a frequent industry speaker and educator, delivering presentations and webinars on hydronic system design, pump optimization, and energy-efficient HVAC strategies. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and Applied Sciences from the University of Sussex and is a member of the National Capital Chapter of ASHRAE.

This presentation will be PDH eligible.

Additional Upcoming Meetings

Please join us on **Thursday, March 26th** for a dinner meeting and building tour at the John Wright Restaurant in Wrightsville PA. This meeting is our Past President's Night so come out to support all of the past Central PA ASHRAE Chapter Presidents!

April Meeting:

Please join us for a chapter dinner meeting to be held on **Wednesday, April 15th**.

This meeting is Student's Night so come out to support the local students of ASHRAE! This meeting will feature thesis presentations from Penn State students and will award scholarship winners.

Look for additional details on the meeting in the coming weeks.

Registrations for all these events can be found [here](#).



Society Corner

A new Society year has commenced and the new Society President has taken the helm. Our own Bill McQuade, PE, CDP, FASHRAE, LEED AP has made his Society Year theme "*Healthy Buildings: Designing for Life*".

Our Board and Chapter wish him the best of luck in his new role as Society President!

You can find more information visit [ASHRAE.org](https://www.ashrae.org).

ASHRAE Job Board

"ASHRAE's mission is to serve humanity by advancing the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration and their allied fields. ASHRAE's vision is a healthy and sustainable built environment for all."

Explore the ASHRAE Job Board to access a whole new network that is available to you. If you are in search of a job in the field, or even seeking qualified engineers, the ASHRAE Job Board is the answer. It is a great resource to discover new candidates and career opportunities. You can create an account, manage your resume, and receive alerts for new job listings. On the other side, employers can create corporate accounts to post new job listings, review resumes, and manage recruitment.

Click [here](#) to visit the ASHRAE Jobs Board!

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Recent ASHRAE Event Highlights

President Bill McQuade Visits Penn State ASHRAE Student Chapter

On January 27th, current ASHRAE Society President Bill McQuade made a visit to the Penn State Student Chapter to present his Presidential Theme, "Healthy Buildings: Designed for Life". This was the first Presidential visit to Penn State in 15 years. In his presentation, Bill discussed the importance of indoor environmental quality in the health, safety and productivity of the people they are built to serve. He also discussed the need for a comprehensive approach to building design where energy efficiency and decarbonization is balanced with IEQ. Bill is a resident of Central PA and was the Central PA ASHRAE Chapter President from 2021-2022. The Chapter would like to thank the PSU Student Chapter, Dr. Bill Bahnfleth, and of course President Bill McQuade for making this event happen!



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You can direct your gift to health-related topics or any other ASHRAE program.

ASHRAE needs your support to continue our work to keep HVAC&R safe and healthy for the world.

If you would like to donate online, click [here](#).

Choose ASHRAE Research and indicate that you are a member of the **Central PA Chapter** in the contributor information field.

Thank you!

Central PA February Chapter Meeting: Bethany Carney presents on Utility Energy Efficiency Incentives



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ASHRAE Central PA 2025–2026 Meetings

Date	Meeting Details	Location
Wednesday, March 18th	March Chapter Meeting—Virtual Lunch Meeting	Virtual
Thursday, March 26th	Past President’s Night Dinner and Tour	John Wright Restaurant, Wrightsville PA
Wednesday, April 15th	Dinner Mtg - Student’s Night, Penn State Presentations	TBD
Wednesday, May 20th	May Chapter Meeting—TBD	TBD
May, TBD	Harrisburg Senator's Game	City Island
June, TBD	Annual Golf Outing	TBD

Attention Students!

ASHRAE has made it a focus to reach out to students across the world interested in HVAC&R, each year hosting numerous design competitions and networking events and offering scholarships to students pursuing degrees in related fields. Along with Society scholarships on the national level, the Central Pennsylvania Chapter is proud to offer (2) **\$1,000** scholarships to deserving students in the region.

Information on how to apply for this scholarship can be found in the “2026 Central Pennsylvania Chapter of ASHRAE Scholarship Guidelines” PDF. Some important notes regarding the scholarship:

- Candidates must be full-time students enrolled in an accredited program pursuing a degree in an HVAC&R related field.
- Candidates must submit a completed application, resume, and either a letter of recommendation or a one page essay on “My Interests in HVAC&R and My Goals Upon Graduation”.

All application materials should be submitted no later than **March 27, 2026**.

Please feel free to contact John Pipa by email at john@hassociates.com with any questions or for more information.



Central PA ASHRAE 2026 Application.pdf



2026 Central Pennsylvania Chapter of ASHRAE Scholarship Guidelines.pdf