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## SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Atlanta Chapter Member,

We had our first virtual event related to COVID-19 and indoor air quality (IAQ) that was well received by attendees and will be posted on the Chapter Events web page for access on-demand.

We plan to have 2020 events virtually and hope to return to in-person events in 2021. Events will be formalized and announced once conditions are clear to move forward.

We are planning to update our Chapter web page interface to make it more engaging for Chapter users. Be sure to send us any comments or requests to [presidentelect@ashraeatlanta.org](mailto:presidentelect@ashraeatlanta.org). We welcome comments and suggestions aimed to increase membership value.

That's it for now – please be safe in your work and travels. If you are working from home be sure to get fresh air and sunlight every now and then as it really helps to keep going. With that in mind I leave you till October, thanks!

- Pedro Pacheco, PE, LEEP-AP, CSI-CDT

Atlanta Chapter President 2020 - 2021

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### CHAPTER MEETINGS

## Upcoming Chapter Meeting: BACnet SC

**When:** Tuesday, October 13th at 12 - 1:30 PM EST

**Where:** Virtual - [Register Here](#)

### Technical Program Description

This presentation will provide an introduction to BACnet SC as described by addendum bj to ASHRAE Standard 135-2016 published in 2019. This addendum describes how to securely implement a BACnet network using current standards accepted by today's IT community.

Learning Objectives:

- What is the future of BACnet connectivity and BACnet IP?
- What is BACnet Secure Connect (BACnet SC)?
- Why do you need BACnet SC?
- How to implement BACnet SC in existing and new installations?

Target Audience: HVAC designers, HVAC consulting engineers, controls contractors, commissioning agents, building owners, facilities management & staff

#### SPEAKERS

Ken Gilbert



Ken Gilbert is a Regional Technical Consultant for Automated Logic, supporting design engineers and consultants in the Atlanta area. Ken brings significant industry experience to ALC having served with The Trane Company and Honeywell International in a variety of sales, engineering, and consultative

roles. Ken graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management. Ken is a LEED AP and holds a state of Georgia general contracting license. Ken and his family live in the Atlanta area.

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## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) organizes ASHRAE members to educate local, state, and national government bodies and officials about issues relating to the HVAC&R industry and promotes effective cooperation between ASHRAE members and government. Check out ASHRAE's advocacy resources: <https://www.ashrae.org/about/government-affairs/public-policy-resources>

## ASHRAE Continues to Provide Resources to Address COVID-19 Concerns

The ASHRAE COVID-19 Preparedness Resources webpage, [ashrae.org/COVID19](https://www.ashrae.org/COVID19), provides easily accessible resources from ASHRAE to building industry professionals.

## Georgia Voter Information

Important dates for this November's General Election:

- **October 5** – deadline to register to vote
- October 12 – first day of Advanced In Person (Early) Voting
- November 3, 2020 – Election Day

The many elections on the ballot include two of the five seats of Georgia's Public Service Commission, which ensures that consumers receive safe, reliable, and reasonably priced telecom, electric, and natural gas services. Check your voter registration, preview your ballot, and find polling locations and hours at the Georgia My Voter Page. <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

ASHRAE members are encouraged to share the Epidemic Task Force's guidance for COVID-19 risk mitigation in [Polling Places](#) with local election offices.

## Call for Volunteers: Join ASHRAE Atlanta's Government Affairs Task Force

ASHRAE Atlanta members are invited to join our Chapter's Government Affairs Task Force. This group will have short virtual meetings every 1-2 months to discuss local advocacy opportunities related to the [Public Policy Priorities](#) for Society Year 2020-21:

- Support sustainable building practices to mitigate climate change;
- Promote healthy buildings and reduce indoor environmental risks;
- Advance design and construction of resilient buildings and communities;
- Ensure the orderly and safe phasedown of high-GWP HFC refrigerants;
- Support adoption of the latest edition of ASHRAE's energy standards into building codes; and
- Strengthen the HVACR workforce.

No previous advocacy experience required! Contact GAC Chair [Meghan McNulty](#) to join.

## The State of COVID-19 in Atlanta: Webinar with DeKalb and Fulton County Boards of Health

On Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 11 am, hear from Dr. Ford at the DeKalb Board of Health and Lisa Goodin at the Fulton County Board of Health about the current state of the COVID-19 virus in metro Atlanta. They will share what's working now, their concerns, and what they need organizations, agencies and community groups to help with and as we head into the fall and flu season. [Register here.](#)




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## MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

Welcome to all our NEW Atlanta Chapter members, who have joined between July 1 ~ Aug 31, 2020!

Robert A Gunter, Brandon K Peoples, Adam Soyah, Henrey M Grage Jr., Kristopher Ryan Geyson, Michael Kicher, Kaiqing Gao, Vinay Shekar, Chris G Woods, Harry F Crow, Joseph Russell, George Meyer, Ronald Dean Griggs, Roderick L Rayner, Nicholas Hunter Henderson, James Logan McKenzie, Michelle R Murdock, Mohammad Tehranian, David Rowell

Snapshot summary of our chapter membership: aka “MP By the Numbers”

- YTD Total chapter membership is 965.
- Welcomed 19 new members from July 1 ~ August 31, 2020.
- Currently 105 chapter members with memberships past due ranging from 1 to 6 months delinquent.

(keep in mind at the end of 6 months, those past due memberships are “cancelled” by ASHRAE society and the member will no longer receive electronic communications from society)

- Please keep your membership dues and contact information current at ASHRAE.org

## **FUN TRIVIA**

Mr. Willis H. Carrier is credited with creating the Psychrometric chart used by HVAC engineers around the world today. Did you know there were several additional psychrometric pioneers, prior to Mr. Carrier’s contribution and dating back to the mid 1800’s having identified nine psychrometric properties (tables) that were used by meteorologist for weather forecasting. In what year did Willis Carrier first “graph” the psychrometric data tables, creating the “hygrometric chart” we know and refer to as a psychrometric chart today?

Trivia input thanks to our very own, Mr. Don Gatley, P.E. whose November 2004 article “Psychrometric Chart Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” was recently republished in the ASHRAE electronic HVAC&R Industry News.

We are working out kinks in the process to present a trivia question as part of our future virtual chapter meetings. First correct answer submitted wins a \$\$ gift card mailed to your home address. Stay tuned in October!

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