

President's Message



Elvis has left the building. The King is dead... Not really, Jeff will live on as our Past President and will be a great asset as Past President during my term. It will be hard to follow his reign. Jeff has resurrected the Technical Seminar program, started the Winter Golf Tournament and has spearheaded a logo design for our chapter that is almost complete. Please make sure to thank him for the fantastic job he did last year, in his previous positions and in the year to come. Blake Ellis has been working hard on our programs this year and he had most of the slots filled by early spring. It is going to be another exciting year of programs. Our first meeting is coming up soon and it should be a fun one as it is a joint meeting with ASPE on "Variable Speed Pumping" at the Boulevard Brewery.

I just got back from the Region IX Chapters Regional Conference (CRC) in Park City which is a 3 day conference that includes the political side of the region's business as well as training for chapter committee chairs. I acted as Delegate and Kelly Johnson as Alternate in the business sessions where Society level nominations are voted on and regional positions and awards are nominated and voted on as well as governmental motions are made. It is not a very exciting portion of the conference but is essential as we are conducting business and nominating leaders that will impact the future of ASHRAE. In the recent past only the Delegate and Alternate have attended. Thanks to Jeff's involvement he attended as Past President, Blake Ellis as CTTC (Programs) Chair, John Fawcett as Historian and Dwight Davis as ECC (electronic communications) Chair. The committee chairs said they learned a lot in their training sessions that will help in their positions. Even at six attendees we still had lower attendance than the Rocky Mountain, Nebraska and other chapters and encourage all committee chairs to make plans now to attend the 2010 CRC in Springfield, Missouri on August 12 -14.

A part of the CRC is the Awards Luncheon where chapter and individual awards are presented. The Kansas City Chapter was well represented again this year with the following awards:

Award Recipient

- Membership – 2nd Place Kansas City Chapter
- Membership – **Red Ribbon Award** -
Tom Benassi
- Research Promotion – **Goal** - *Stuart Braden*
- Research Promotion – **Full Circle** -
Stuart Braden
- Research Promotion – **Silver Ribbon Award** -
Stuart Braden
- Presidential Award of Excellence –
Honor Roll - *Jeff Ewens*
- PAOE – **Special Citation**- *Jeff Ewens*
- 1st Place – **"Institutional Buildings – Existing"**
category-Oak Ridge High School
Submitted by Rod Oathout of DLR Group
- 1st Place – **"Public Assembly – New Construction"** category – University of Oregon Basketball Arena
Submitted by Eric Taylor of Henderson Engineers
- 1st Place – **"Commercial Buildings – Existing"**
category-Bass Pro Shops, Sportsman Park
Submitted by Phil Nehring of P1 Group, Inc.

Our Research Promotion campaign was successful in spite of the weak economy. We raised \$24,658 which was 101% of our goal even with a few of our top contributors bowing out this year. Kelly Johnson is our Research Promotions chair this year and let's show him your support and start giving now.

As stated before we have a great slate of programs this year including Gordon Holness, the 2009-2010 Society president, and topics such as underfloor air distribution, data center design, commissioning, IBC code changes and a tour of the new St. Luke's central plant and patient tower currently under construction. Gordon's theme this year is "Sustaining our Future by Rebuilding our Past" concerning energy efficiency in existing buildings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have this year or any suggestions to make your association with ASHRAE and our chapter more productive. My e-mail address is sbraden@wlc-kc.net. Looking forward to a great year and hope to see you at our first meeting on September 14th at Boulevard Brewery. Like the band AC/DC says "Have a drink on me".

Stuart Braden
Chapter President