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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Matt Simmons

Welcome to the start of our 2023-2024 NEOK ASHRAE season. Our Chapter has a rich history of promoting the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers here in Tulsa and Northeastern Oklahoma, and this year marks our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since our chapter was chartered back on October 4<sup>th</sup> 1948. I would like to thank the countless members over the years that have worked hard making our chapter successful and who have helped develop some of the traditions we still practice today. I am also honored to have the opportunity to participate as a small part along with this chapters Officers, Committee Chairs, and Board of Governors to continue the advancement of our chapter. Of course, it would all mean nothing without the support and participation of our chapter members who I hope will continue to gain value from what this chapter does both directly with our chapter meetings, events, and even more importantly how our chapter contributes back to ASHRAE society and the advancement of the science of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration and their allied fields. I would also like to encourage all members to stay involved and to get the most out of our organization as you can. We would love to hear your ideas and see how you could help continue the success of this chapter for years to come.

This season we have a lot to look forward to. We will be kicking off the season with our fall Golf Tournament on September 11<sup>th</sup> at LaFortune park. This event is coming up quick, so if you have not already done so get your team registered. Our first Chapter lunch meeting will be October 4<sup>th</sup> at Tulsa Country Club. We are excited to be working with ASPE to host the 2023 Oklahoma HVAC and Plumbing Expo on October 11<sup>th</sup> here in Tulsa at the Cox Convention Center. We are also working on a special 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in November, more details to come. This is just the first part of our season and we have numerous events, tours, and meetings being planned. So, visit our newly redesigned web site at <https://www.ashrae-neok.org> to register or receive more details on these events and keep checking back and read our newsletters for other upcoming events.

I would also like to mention, during the 2024-2025 season, our chapter will be hosting our Regional CRC Conference here in Tulsa. This will be an opportunity to not only show how great our chapter is, but also what Tulsa has to offer to our fellow Region VIII chapters and society. Our CRC committee is already working hard planning this event, but more help is always welcome. If you are interested in possibly helping with our 2025 CRC conference in Tulsa, feel free to reach out to me and I can either see what opportunities we have or put you in touch with the appropriate person. Also, this seasons 2024 CRC Conference will be not too far away, in Arlington, Texas, on April 25-28 and I would encourage everyone who can attend to provide a good showing ahead of our year to host. You can visit <https://www.r8crc.com> to register and book your rooms for the 2024 Arlington CRC. Book early because rooms near the conference are limited. I look forward to seeing everyone at our first event.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sept 11th**  
Golf Tournament  
LaFortune Park  
5501 S. Yale Ave  
Tulsa, OK 74135
- **Oct 4th**  
Chapter Meeting  
Tulsa Country Club  
701 N Union Ave,  
Tulsa, OK 74127

*Matt Simmons*

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HONORS & AWARDS

By Mike Beda

It is the start of the 2023-2024 year for new President Matt Simmons, his executive committee and the Chapter Chairs. We are preparing another successful year starting with the September Golf Tournament at La Fortune Park. Please plan to attend.

As your Honors & Awards Chairman, I will be looking for the past active members that are eligible for Chapter, Regional and Society awards. If you have served as a chapter committee chair, officer, BOG member or Society appointed or volunteer member, please give me a call to review your activities and help you update your bio.



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TREASURER REPORT

By Eric Mulliniks

Our chapter's current net worth as of March 2023 is as follows.

BOK- General checking:	\$16,548.12
BOK-Investments-CRC-Training:	\$35,284.69
<u>Jack Tumilty Scholarship Fund:</u>	<u>\$26,564.47</u>
<b>Total assets:</b>	<b>\$78,397.28</b>



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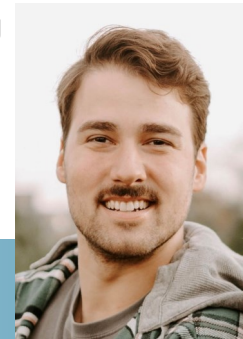
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**CHAPTER TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER/PROGRAMS**

By Michael Floyd

The new ASHRAE year is finally here! I'd like to remind everyone that our first NEOK ASHRAE chapter meeting will be here before you know it, so RSVP! The chapter's lunch meeting will be held (in person) on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at the Tulsa Country Club (701 N. Union Ave). The presentation for this meeting will be by one of ASHRAE's Distinguished Lecturers', Mark Fly P.E., who will be presenting on "Inside the Box – Fan Characteristics and Applications." Mark has over 40 years of experience as a Researcher, Consulting Engineer, Contractor, and Manufacturer in the HVAC Industry. He is currently the Executive Director of the Norman Asbjornson Innovation Center at AAON, Inc. in Tulsa, Oklahoma having served as Director of Engineering of AAON for 11 years prior to taking that position. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics from Missouri State University and is a Licensed Professional Engineer in two states. Mark has also served on numerous Technical Committees and Councils in ASHRAE.



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**RESEARCH PROMOTION**

By Chad Marazas

We are kicking off the Research Promotion (RP) campaign and are looking forward to another great year. We will be reaching out to past donors in the coming weeks to thank you for your support. We finished 5th last year in the region and raised \$21,600 for RP. This exceeded our goal by 4%, but we want to do more. We are looking for a Tulsa manufacturer that can help us get to #1 in the region. If you have any ideas or know of anyone that might be interested in partnering with our local chapter, please let me know.

Please help us support ASHRAE research by making your donation today! Donations may be made in person, by mail, or online

<https://xp20.ashrae.org/secure/researchpromotion/rp.html>



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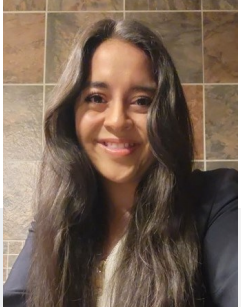
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**STUDENT ACTIVITY**

By Sam Arain

Hey everyone! SA is gearing up for another exciting year! We kicked off the year with the activities fair at TU, and have more events in the works.

This year, we also hope to get more involved with K-12 activities and look forward to building relationships with local schools!



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**MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION**

By Colin Bjostad

MP – If anyone you know is interested in joining ASHRAE, you can send them a personalized message using Connect-A-Colleague. It is very simple: Enter your name and email, your colleague’s name and email, and press send. This pre-written invitation will be sent on your behalf, and includes options to reference an ASHRAE technical committee section, and to add a custom message. New members are much more likely to join if they know a friend or colleague that’s already an ASHRAE member, so please take advantage of this tool. Just make sure you check the box that says “I’m not a robot”.

[http://web.ashrae.org/connect\\_a\\_colleague/](http://web.ashrae.org/connect_a_colleague/)

If you prefer to simply share a link with a friend they can join ASHRAE using the below:

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## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

By Chad Smith

I'm excited to get back involved with Government affairs at the chapter level. Having the opportunity to participate in government affairs at the regional level as well as Society has given me an appreciation for how involved the NEOK chapter has been in local and state levels in recent history. This year, I hope to increase awareness among our chapter members on different ways to get involved in GAC. Many folks think this is strictly going to the state capitol and talking with elected officials about ASHRAE and the HVAC industry. However, if we want to make an impact, we have to expand our focus.

GAC includes communicating and informing public entities on the municipal level, as well as local school boards and other entities involved in policy making and enforcement. It includes sharing information and your thoughts with your local elected officials at municipal and state levels and making yourself available to answer their questions. These folks are always looking for sources of information, and they are ecstatic when one of their constituents can be that source.

But the biggest resource you have is the Society Government Affairs Committee. ASHRAE has staff at the ASHRAE office in Washington DC, and they are there to help provide you with information, legislation updates and facts, prepare letters advising what ASHRAE's position is on certain issues, etc. Over the course of the coming year, I hope to present more opportunities for chapter members to get involved because every member who has participated in government affairs at some level has enjoyed it and felt the excitement of making an impact in our industry. Don't forget to visit the ASHRAE GAC website at <https://ashrae.org/about/government-affairs>. On this page, you will find the Member Advocacy Toolkit that has several presentations, flyers, info sheets that assist you in your meetings as well as several advocacy guides. You will also find the site with ASHRAE's Public Policy Information Briefs. These are information briefs on current issues impacting our industry and gives you what ASHRAE's position is on it. These are very good resources to share with public officials.

It's good to be back home again and I'm looking forward to having more people involved in GAC for their first time!



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## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

By Sara Fazel

Welcome back everyone! Hope your summer was filled with pool days, a little relaxation, and A LOT of air-conditioning! The Communications team kept busy this summer giving the [NEOK website](#) a face lift! Be sure to check the updated website out and keep an eye on the photos section to see if you can find yourself.

In the spirit of face lifts, the email list has also been updated. If someone you know is not getting our emails, please encourage them to update their email in their bio on the ASHRAE website. If you have any questions, please reach out to [sara.fazel@airetechcorp.com](mailto:sara.fazel@airetechcorp.com).

Do you know someone in the NEOK ASHRAE Chapter that has gone above and beyond? Find a cool HVAC joke or picture? Maybe you are part of another organization having an event and would like some ASHRAE participation? No matter what, if you would like anything posted on the website or our social media sites, please fill out this [form](#) and we will get it posted!



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## YEA

YEA has our first event of the year coming up! Be on the lookout for an invite because this is one you aren't going to want to miss.

We had a great year and turnout last year with our YEA events and are looking forward to meeting many more Young Engineers this year.



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## HISTORY

By Gene Redford

As we get new members, I feel we should remind them about some of our chapter's history, as follows. I remember our chapter decided to change the editor for the Oil Capital Aire and assign that duty to the Vice President, each year. This has been working fine, as we have one of the best newsletters in our region. Each chapter is graded on different committees, such as membership research, student activities, etc. I'm sure most of you have heard about the PAOE points, which stands for Presidents Award of Excellence. Our chapter is one of two chapters in our region to continually score in all committees every year. In 1999-00 year, our chapter was the only chapter in ASHRAE to achieve the maximum allowed points in all committees.

The following chapter presidents have received the Golden Gavel Award for his year as chapter president.

- 1993-94 Ron Huntley, 1996-97 Mark Hixon, 1998-99 Gene Redford, 1999-00 Keith Browne, 2001-2002 Bill Hanlon, 2005-2006 Joel Karstetter, 2007-08 Nancy Mack, 2015-16 LeAnna Reynolds

Mary Bowers came really close to receiving the Golden Gavel award in her year of 1997-98, but that was the year we hosted the CRC. Story is that it is unusual to win this award the year your chapter host CRC, but we were just fractions of points from winning anyway.

Like I said our chapter hosted the CRC in 197-98 at the Doubletree Warren Place. Jack Tumilty and Chick Morse chaired this committee and to date I think it is still one of the best if not the best CRC meeting held in Region VIII. As I remember the rest of the chapters in our region did everything, they could to top it. This was also the year the Candlewood Club closed down and the chapter moved to the Sheraton Hotel on 41<sup>st</sup> Street.

The year I was president will be a year to remember as we started off the year with Rob Sullivent, our incoming president getting transferred to Texas. I took over as president and about four weeks later my treasurer (Charles Brunner) was transferred out of state. If you are counting, we just lost half of the officers. So, we had some good brainstorm meetings and came up with some replacements and finished out the year and still was able to come up with the Golden Gavel Award that year, boy was I surprised. This is why we have one of the best chapters in ASHRAE, because we have great teamwork and members.

Keith Browne jumped right in the next year and won the Golden Gavel again. Jack Tumilty was awarded the Distinguished 50-year Member Award that same year at the annual meeting in Seattle.

You can be very proud to be a member of the NEOK Chapter of ASHRAE.



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## MEETING MINUTES

By Sara Fazel

### Recording Of Minutes

<b>Chapter:</b> Northeastern Oklahoma Chapter 069	<b>Meeting Date:</b> August 10, 2023
<b>Meeting:</b> August BOG Planning Meeting	
<b>Attendance:</b> (9) in person (2) virtual	<b>Compiled By:</b> Sara Fazel

**Attendees:** Matt Simmons, Eric Mulliniks, Sara Fazel, Dan Owens, Michael Floyd, Bryce Beall, Sam Arian, LeAnna Reynolds, Keith Averitt, Steve Johnson, and Mike Beda.

The NEOK August BOG Planning Meeting was held at EDA +FKI Engineers Office, 10810 E. 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 201, Tulsa, OK 74146. President Matt Simmons called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm.

**President:** Matt Simmons

MBOs due by October 1

November meeting will be 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration as well as Past President’s night.

Sara Fazel and Steve Johnson to sit on 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary ad hoc committee, still need to find a chair.

Would like to potentially bring back the silent auction in the spring.

**Vice President:** Austin Barton

Need updated headshots for newsletter and website by August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer:** Eric Mulliniks

Have potential people for audit committee

Presented last years budget

Eric to send out update sheet with 2022-2023 budget column added for clarity

Chairs need to request new budget numbers

Will look into using Venmo/ Square instead of Zelle

Need to make sure we have the option to invoice or pay in advance for meetings.

**Secretary:** Sara Fazel

Sara made the motion to approve the July BOG meeting minutes. Keith seconded. Minutes approved at 4:38pm.



**Attendance/ Reception:** Richard Shoemaker

No Update

**PAOE:** Keith Averitt

No Update

**CTTC:** Michael Floyd

Both DL speakers are booked  
Need to work on a meeting date calendar for year.

**Communications:** Bryce Beall and Sara Fazel

Need to update calendar for this year  
Need pictures of BOG and Chairs  
Need to check with membership promotion for an updated member list

**GAC:** Chad Smith

No update

**Historian:** Gene Redford and Steve Johnson

Will take inventory of artifacts in August to determine future storage needs

**Honors and Awards:** Mike Beda

Explained the process behind newsletter and what is expected from each chair.

**Membership Promotion:** Collin Bjostad and Sara Fazel

Would like to host a Principals breakfast at Wild Fork within the next month  
Need to reach out to members who are delinquent  
Would like to offer raffles for members, guests as well as guests who signed up for memberships.

**Refrigeration:** Eric Mulliniks

Scheduling tour at SWEP  
Need to find new Refrigeration Chair

**Research Promotion:** Chad Marazas

No update



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**Special Events:** Nolan Chance, Ryan Dunkerson

Monday 9/11 golf tournament

**Student Activities:** Sam Arian and Levi Conley

Met with RVC

Will not be attending Maker's fair this year. Too quick of a turnaround

**YEA:** Zach Seizinger

No Update

**New Items/ Other Business:** BOG Attendees

Next meeting TBA

Shifts for EXPO booth need to be assigned

**Action Items:** BOG Attendees

Committee Chairs to review budget and send recommendations to Eric by 8/18.

Committee Chairs to complete MBOs and set up planning meetings before end of August

Matt Simmons to assign 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary task force

Matt Simmons to assign audit committee members

Matt Simmons to send out RVC Contact List

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.



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# 2023 Upcoming Event

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**2023 FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
MONDAY | 2023

12:00 PM CHECK-IN & LUNCH  
1:00 PM PUTTING CONTEST  
2:00 PM SHOTGUN STARTS  
AWARDS & DINNER TO FOLLOW  
LUNCH IS INCLUDED!  
BUT NO POST ROUND MEAL

**SIGN UP DEADLINE**  
**SEPTEMBER 4**

**LAFORTUNE PARK GOLF COURSE**  
5601 S. Yale Ave  
Tulsa, OK 74135

**\$125** One Player  
**\$500** Foursome

CAPPED AT 18 TEAMS. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!

**PAY AT DAY OF EVENT**  
Checks payable to **NEOK ASHRAE**  
Debit/Credit card payments can be made day of the event or contact Austin Barton by email [aubarton@mcintoshok.com](mailto:aubarton@mcintoshok.com)

\* For rain cancellation every effort will be made to reschedule tournament.  
Entry fees will be donated to ASHRAE Research if you don't attend.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!](#)

# 2022/2023 NEOK PAOE Points: 580 of 10,000



## 2022/2023 Chapter Volunteers

### Officers

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