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Upcoming Events:

***Omaha & Lincoln Webinar Meeting:**

Date: Tuesday, September 14th

Presentation starts at 12:00 p.m.

*see additional details throughout newsletter

President's Message:

Nebraska ASHRAE Members,

I hope everyone is having a great summer! A lot of great things are continuing to happen in our industry. It is our goal over the next year to provide all of you with the resources you need to be successful in this busy ever changing market. It is also our intention to continue to educate our politicians, policy makers, utilities, and other key individuals to put a higher value on what we do. It is our intent to give you the highest return possible for the time and money that you all invest in our Nebraska ASHRAE Chapter.

Your Nebraska ASHRAE Board and Committees have been working hard over the summer to get ready for this upcoming year. I can't thank our chapter volunteers enough for putting the hard work to maneuver through all possible situations for the next year. It is always our intent to provide all of you with high quality continuing education, technical expertise, and social connections that aid our membership in their professional careers.

We have been challenged by ever changing social distancing recommendations, mask mandates, restaurant costs, and availability. Rest assured though, our team is working hard to solve these problems and minimize the impact of our membership. You will most likely see some changes this year in venues as our team work through these issues. Please pay attention to sign up deadlines, and location

updates throughout the year. We don't want to make things difficult, but we do want to provide all of you with a sustainable plan moving forward. Please give us your feedback through the surveys or by reaching out directly to myself or anyone else in a leadership role within the chapter.

Thank you,

Jake Kopocis

President – Nebraska ASHRAE Chapter

Omaha & Lincoln Section Meeting

The Nebraska Chapter of ASHRAE is pleased to announce our upcoming presentation. This month's meeting will be a web-based, Zoom Meeting. Registration for the meeting is required this month. The Zoom Meeting link will be provided upon registration and payment. To go to the registration page, simply click on the link below, and you will be taken to the online registration for that meeting.

****Note:** Registration is per person for a single presentation connection for individual use and may not be shared with other users. All registrants must individually register for the desired course to participate and receive continuing education credit.

[Omaha & Lincoln Section Meeting](#)

Community Revitalization - Sustainability *with Christian Gray*

Zoom Meeting, Link provided upon registration and payment

Tuesday, September 14th; presentation starts at 12:00 p.m.

While most community development efforts focus on problems and challenges, Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) takes an innovative approach in strengthening under-resourced communities by leveraging pre-existing strengths. Christian Gray will be sharing an overview of ABCD and the unique way inCOMMON practices ABCD in their community development efforts in Omaha.

Christian was born and raised on the sunny beaches of Southern California. He has worked in the field of national and international community development for 16 years and has served in the role of Executive Director at inCOMMON Community Development since 2006. He holds an Masters in Urban Studies and Masters in Public Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Christian is also actively engaged in the civic life of his community. He is a graduate of the Nonprofit Executive Institute Class 3 and Leadership Omaha Class 33, a 2013 Omaha Jaycees TOYO recipient (and 2016 "Hall of Fame" inductee), and currently serves as a Board of Trustees Member for the Business Ethics Alliance.

ASHRAE MEMBERSHIP UPGRADE INFO

BENEFITS OF UPGRADING FROM ASSOCIATE TO MEMBER

- Same annual price as Associate membership
- Prestige of qualifying for higher membership grade
- Required for future Life Member eligibility*
- Eligible for ASHRAE Awards and Honors
- Eligible to serve as in Regional/Society level positions

HOW TO UPGRADE FROM ASSOCIATE TO MEMBER

- Obtain 12 credits of qualifying experience (equivalents are listed below)

Education Credits

- * (1) year of education for graduates of approved technical curricula 1.5 years credit
- * (1) year of education for non-graduates (who completed at least 2 years) of approved technical curricula 1 year credit
- * (1) year of education for graduates with non-accredited degrees 1 year credit
- * (1) year of education for graduates with associate degrees from technical institutions 1 year credit

Work Credits

- * (1) year work experience in ASHRAE fields of interest (shall have included research, teaching, design, contracting, engineering sales, or engineering management) 1 year credit

Professional Licensure Credits

- * (1) Professional registration or license issued by a legal authorized body in engineering or related fields, which require education, examination, and active practice satisfactory to the Board of Directors (ex. P.E., C. Eng, P.Eng) 3 years credit
- Update [your ASHRAE bio](#) to include your education, work experience, and professional licensure in your profile.
- Email membership@ashrae.org and tell them you'd like to be considered for grade advancement!

*After accumulating 30 years in good standing as a Member and attaining age 65, you automatically are upgraded to Life Member. Life members retain the benefits of Member status without being required to pay annual society dues.



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