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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2026



Cedar Valley ASHRAE Members,

It's been an honor & pleasure to serve another term as president and as I wind down my term, I'd like to share that I am very proud of all the great work the Chapter has accomplished. This chapter year has been nothing short of incredible, and the list of accomplishment is astonishing, let me share some of the biggest:



Phil Greco
President
Cedar Valley ASHRAE

- **The chapter broke 100 members for the first time ever. Big thanks to Lucas Waage for his efforts in pushing this goal over the line!**
- Golf outing set a record for attendance and sponsorship at 112 players and more than \$4,000 raised for ASHRAE research, thanks to Mike Drahos, Kevin Kurka, Ahmed Bilal, Lucas Waage and Nick Rolling for their efforts!
- We won a society (global) level grant for a 3rd year in a row to continue work we're doing in conjunction ASHRAE Ghana developing health care clinics & other buildings in Uilo (Thanks Sam Stinson for getting us this grant and putting us on the global radar screen)
- We launched & published our quarterly newsletter for the first time this year! (Thanks to Abby Hayes & Ana Starbeck)
- We are built out on all of our BOG positions and succession plan for the following year
- We won 11 different awards for outstanding performance and operational excellence at the recent regional conference:
 - Hornblower award at CRC (this is for outstanding attendance with distance travelled for the event)
 - Certificate of Appreciation for RP (we exceed our research fundraising goal)
 - Technology Award – Trailside Elementary (Thanks to Tim Lentz, Darrow Center, and Ana Starbeck)
 - Technology Award – Stanley Center for Peace and Security (Thanks to Tim Lentz, Darrow Center, and Ana Starbeck)
 - Limelight Award - Rachael White (outstanding performance for recruiting new members)
 - Red Ribbon Award - Rachael White (outstanding performance for retaining members)
 - Student Activities – Beyond Our Borders (for doing an overseas project, thanks to Sam Stinson)
 - Presidential Award – PAOE, Ahmed Bilal (For outstanding leadership in a chapter exceeding operation goals)
 - Presidential Award – Sustainability (for driving outstanding promotion of Society sustainability initiatives)
 - Chapter Service Award – Tim Lentz (for outstanding service to the chapter over 10 years)
 - Chapter Service Award – Ahmed Bilal (for outstanding service to the chapter, leadership)

Our chapter is on solid footing to succeed in the next 2 years in our march to build a winning team to become the biggest little chapter in the world. Our year will conclude this month and I cannot be more pleased to hand off the baton to great leadership next year in Abby Hayes (President) and Ana Starbeck (President Elect), please join me in congratulating and supporting them on their new roles!

And this is where you come in, please consider where you fit and how you can help build your career by participating in the Chapter. Not sure where to start? Reach out to our President, Abby Hayes (402.738.0179, abby.hayes@designengineers.com) and President Elect, Ana Starbeck (ana.starbeck@trane.com, 319-290-7426).

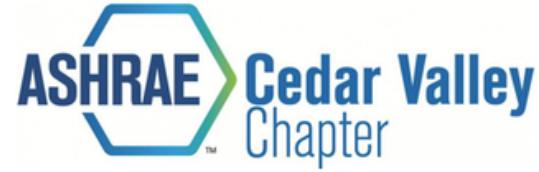
There has never been a better time than now to be a part of ASHRAE Cedar Valley!

Thank You,
Phil Greco
President, Cedar Valley ASHRAE



2026 ANNUAL CHAPTER REGIONAL CONFERENCE (CRC) RECAP

May 2026 - St. Louis



This past May, seven members of the Cedar Valley ASHRAE chapter attended the Chapter Regional Conference (CRC) in St. Louis. Overall, 11 awards were won, which is no small feat! All awards are listed above in the President's message. Thank you to all who contributed in the efforts to get these awards. We are looking forward to next year's CRC in Madison, WI on April 22-24th.





Recent Event Highlights

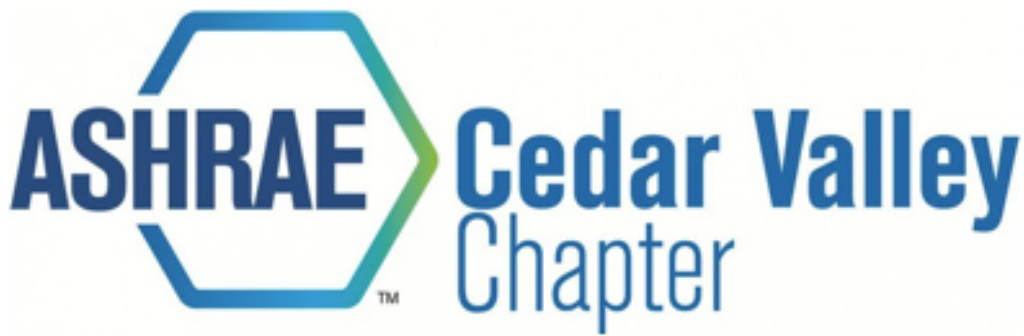


Women in ASHRAE Leadership Symposium - Los Angeles



End of the Year Meeting & DL Dr. Julia Keen





Board of Governors & Chapter Chairs

As we close out this chapter year we want to recognize and thank all of the members who have served on the board this year. These events would not be possible without you! If you are interested in joining the board, please reach out to any of the listed members, we would be happy to have you!

2025-2026 OUTGOING CHAPTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS & CHAIRS

Board of Governors

- **Chapter President:** Phil Greco
- **President Elect:** Abby Hayes
- **Treasurer:** Nick Rolling & Ryan Collins
- **Secretary:** Ana Starbeck
- **Member at Large:** Ahmed Bilal

Chapter Chairs

- **CTTC:** Tim Lentz
- **Membership Promotion:** Lucas Waage
- **Research Promotion:** Phil Greco
- **Communications:** Abby Hayes
- **Historian:** Ana Starbeck
- **Student Activities:** Sam Stinson & Amy Infelt
- **Young Engineers in ASHRAE:** Louie Ervin
- **Government Affairs:** Ahmed Bilal
- **Sustainability:** Tim Lentz

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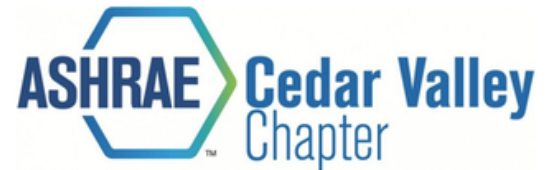
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- **CTTC:** Tim Lentz
- **Membership Promotion:** Lucas Waage
- **Research Promotion:** Phil Greco
- **Communications:** Ana Starbeck
- **Historian:** Morgan Simoneau
- **Student Activities:** Sam Stinson
- **Young Engineers in ASHRAE:** Dalton Carstens
- **Government Affairs:** Ahmed Bilal
- **Sustainability:** Tim Lentz

Congratulations to Ahmed Bilal who will be the Regional Chapter Technology Transfer Committee (CTTC) chair starting next month. It is very exciting to have a Cedar Valley member on the Region VI board!



Society News



Upcoming Conferences:

2026 ASHRAE Annual Conference: June 27 -July 1 | Austin, TX

2026 ASHRAE Building Decarbonization Conference: September 23-25 | Seattle, WA

Recent News:

[ASHRAE and UNEP Approve Two Year Work Plan Focused on Life Cycle Refrigerant Management](#)

[ASHRAE Announces New Study Quantifying Global CO₂ Reduction Enabled by BACnet Building Automation](#)

[ASHRAE Highlights Industry Priorities in 2026 Annual Conference Technical Program](#)

ASHRAE Journal Podcast:

Tune into ASHRAE's most recent podcast episode highlighting Matt Price & Nathan Kegel discussing load calculations, how they tie into evolving ASHRAE standards, and practical takeaways to optimize projects and avoid oversizing equipment by clicking the icon below!

