



Holiday letter to the Louisville Chapter of ASHRAE

Date: December 18th, 2020

Dear members of the Louisville ASHRAE Chapter,

On behalf of the Louisville ASHRAE Chapter and the Board of Governors, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. It has been a challenging year for everyone, and I know that we have all had to face different struggles and find our own resilience in the face of adversity. The main sentiment that I would like to express is the pride that I take in having the opportunity to work with such amazing Chapter members and face all the difficulties that we have seen head on. With my utmost sincerity, I want to thank you all for standing with the chapter and offering your support and service to get us through this difficult time.

That said, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize some of the amazing things that have been happening in the Chapter over the last year and give a glimpse into the future of our Chapter. In April of 2020 we started hosting Virtual Chapter Meetings and have held strong with our schedule, not missing a monthly meeting since that time. Kevin Muldoon (CTTC Chair and President Elect for 2022) has done an excellent job of putting together some of the most interesting and timely meeting topics that we have seen in years, all while dealing with the transition to virtual meetings. For example, we were able to get Society President, Chuck Gullede III and ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force member, Dennis Knight as presenters in August and September. I just wanted to share a highlight of the work that is put in to bringing the most useful and relevant information to our members.

A few weeks ago, we held our first annual Louisville ASHRAE Clay shoot. Justin Ost (RP Chair) was integral in making sure the event went off without a hitch. We had 4 teams compete this year, with Bluegrass Hydronics taking home the traveling trophy. We will work to grow this event in the upcoming years and have a new tradition that I am sure will be equally as impressive as our annual golf outing, which is spearheaded by Kyle Browning (Past President and BOG).

The Board of Governors and Committee Chairs have been hard at work behind the scenes, offering their time to carry our Chapter forward and provide useful resources to our Chapter members. It would be a mistake not to recognize them for all the work that they have put in this year. Thank you to Brad Sims (Communications), Mike Callan (Treasurer, GAC), Will Spiller (Membership Promotion, VP), Sarah Chinberg (Student Activities, VP) and Mallory Anderson (YEA) for all your hard work, it does not go unrecognized.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few of the members that have recently becoming involved in different leadership roles with the chapter. Paul Mattingly III reached out about 6 months ago and mentioned that he would like to get involved with the chapter and has since attended most BOG meetings and will likely step into a role as Chapter Historian next year. Likewise, Wade Pierce has shown similar leadership interest and is assisting in starting the Chapter Sustainability Committee, which is a Society Presidential Initiative for 2020-2021.

Please know that we are always looking for more members to get involved with different Chapter committees and there are many levels of involvement. Just because you are sitting on the Board of Governors or assisting as a Chapter Chair, Co-Chair, or Committee Member, does not mean that you will ever be asked to do more than your workload will allow. ASHRAE is a volunteer organization and we work hard to balance the chapter obligations, while maintaining our day jobs as our main priority. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please feel free to reach out to me directly and we can discuss which roles may interest you.

While new members and current Chapter members stepping into leadership roles is of the utmost importance, I would be a fool to leave out the Board of Governors members who have stayed involved over the years. Our Board is guided by the likes of Larry Fisher, Jeff Murphy, Ed Dusch, Rick Vowels and Matt Hargan who attend almost every meeting and sit mostly silent in order to let new ideas from new leaders blossom, but they are always there with sparks of wisdom to help guide and maintain course. On behalf of the Board and the Chapter I would like to thank them and any who I may have missed for their continued service to our Chapter, we could not continue to have success and growth without them.

After all the above praise, I would like to give thanks to the roots and most important piece of our organization, which is you, the membership. Thank you for standing by us and continuing to support ASHRAE and the Louisville Chapter through a year that has troubled all of us in different ways. Thank you for your continued attendance to the monthly meetings and chapter events, thank you for your donations to the RP campaign, which support the research that drives our industry forward, and thank you for your membership and work to increase membership in order to grow and develop this amazing organization that we are all proud to be a part of.

Again, I wish all our members a happy holiday season that is safe, healthy and full of joy. Thank you all for another great year and I am excited to grow the Louisville Chapter together in the years to come.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Nick Pisano

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas A. Pisano". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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