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### Upcoming Events:

**January 13, 2026:** Bill McQuade, President of ASHRAE- Healthy Buildings: Designing for Life

**February 10, 2026:** Audwin Cash- Ventilation Efficiency: Confidently Design Standard 62.1's Indoor Air Quality

**March 17, 2026:** Tony Furst, MSED, CPD, LEED AP- Senior Systems Engineer – Commercial Training sponsored by Hydro Technologies

**April 24, 2026:** TBD

**May 12, 2026:** TBD

### January 13th Monthly Meeting

### (11:30am – 1pm Central) Pensacola Bay Center

Please join us in welcoming our Society President Bill McQuade January 13, 2026!



“We are all so proud of the work that ASHRAE has done to protect our climate and outdoor environment by improving energy efficiency, eliminating ozone depleting refrigerants, conserving resources, and decarbonizing buildings. We can build on a half-century of progress in the energy performance of buildings and now focus the same effort on the indoor climate and environment.”



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## Society News

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Welcome to ASHRAE's Government Affairs Update! This bi-weekly publication features information on government affairs-related activities of interest to ASHRAE members and others interested in the built environment. [An archive of previous editions](#) is available on the ASHRAE Government Affairs Updates webpage.

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*If your ASHRAE chapter would like to highlight a specific issue or participation in local meetings with government officials in a future GAU, please share those stories at [GovAffairs@ashrae.org](mailto:GovAffairs@ashrae.org). ASHRAE members are invited to provide input on the society's Public Policy Priorities [here](#).*

Want to know more? Check out the ASHRAE Government Affairs page.

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### GOVERNMENT OUTREACH



*Marcus Hassen, Chair of ASHRAE Standard 90.4 Standing Standard Project Committee, outside the Congressional briefing.*

### ASHRAE Participates in Congressional Data Centers Briefing

On December 8, Marcus Hassen, Chair of the ASHRAE Standard 90.4, *Energy Standards for Data Centers* Project Committee, presented at a Congressional briefing entitled "The Data Center Boom: Growth & Sustainability Considerations." Hosted by the Green Building Initiative, the session explored the rapid growth of U.S. data centers, along with the economic opportunities, infrastructure challenges, and sustainability considerations shaping this critical sector. Hassen discussed how ASHRAE Standard 90.4 and the resources of ASHRAE Technical Committee 9.9 have become foundational to how data centers are designed, operated, and optimized for resilience, sustainability, and performance, and in guiding stakeholders to navigate instances where tradeoffs around these issues emerge. More data center resources from ASHRAE are available [here](#).