

# September 2026

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## Denver Monthly Meeting Information

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 9, 2025

**TIME:** 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Jackson's Sports Rock  
1520 20th Street Denver, CO 80202

**RSVP:** [Meeting RSVP](#)

**COST:** \$35 Member / \$45 Non-Member

**NOTE:** Cost to attend increases by \$10 if you register after 11am MST on September 7th

## Mountain Meeting Information

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 9, 2025

**TIME:** 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Walking Mountains  
318 Walking Mountains Ln, Avon, CO 81620

**RSVP:** <https://rockymtnashrae.com/meetinginfo.php>

**COST:** \$10

# Presentation: Sound Control, Standards, and How to Get What You Expect

**Speaker: Kris Gonzalez**



Kris Gonzales is a regional sales manager for BRD Noise and Vibration Control with 10 years of experience in building controls, equipment, and building acoustics. A Texas Aggie (Class of 2009), Kris originally enlisted in the US Army as a Forward Observer. Following his military career, he earned his MBA from the University of Houston and continued working for BRD in 2022. He reflects the company's position of being a prominent participant in ASHRAE as the company is dedicated to industry engagement and knowledge sharing nationwide.

## Presentation Details:

This presentation centers on key aspects essential to a comprehensive understanding of sound control in the HVAC market. These focal points include a grasp of the driving forces behind sound control, effective solutions for treating HVAC equipment, and effective communication for achieving desired project outcomes.

Decarbonization, Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ), and adherence to codes and standards are integral to exercising due diligence and effectively managing risks. Beyond factory options, understanding the diverse solutions available and how they interact with the equipment are important to the success of a project.

Lastly, the effective communication of sound requirements for a project is paramount and involves employing specifications and schedules to convey expectations clearly to align outcomes with stakeholder expectations.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Rocky Mountain ASHRAE 2026-2027 year! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and is ready for another exciting ASHRAE year.

I want to thank our outgoing President, Kaitlyn Sporleder, for her outstanding leadership last year. I also want to thank Nate Ralphe, Eddie Fallon, Samantha Hahn, and Steven Lucero for attending the annual Region IX Chapter Regional Conference (CRC) in Omaha, NE. They participated in numerous workshops and business meetings where they learned from regional officers and traded ideas with members from other chapters. We can't wait to incorporate what they brought back.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Rocky Mountain Chapter raised the most money for research promotion worldwide, totaling an impressive \$124,902! A special shout-out to Western Mechanical Solutions for reaching the Benefactor level with a donation exceeding \$30,000, CFM Company for achieving the Gold Circle level with over \$10,000, and LONG Building Technologies, Air Purification Company, Carrier West, and Blackmore & Glunt for attaining the ASHRAE Partner level with contributions over \$5,000. And a big thank you to everyone who donated and helped us achieve our goal! Make sure to check out the full donor list later on subsequent pages.

A huge thanks to our dedicated chapter volunteers who keep this chapter thriving. If you're interested in getting involved, please reach out to me or any board member—we're always looking for new volunteers! The Board of Governors meeting details will be posted on the Chapter website calendar. Following last year's diverse and engaging events, we're excited to deliver another fantastic lineup this year.

I'm looking forward to another great ASHRAE year!

Sara Persily  
Rocky Mountain Chapter ASHRAE President

# 2026-2027 Rocky Mountain ASHRAE Board of Governors

| Voting Position                | Name              | Non-Voting Position           | Name              |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| President                      | Sara Persily      | Membership Promotion Co-Chair | John Blauman      |
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| Vice President/ CTTC           | Matthew Krist     | YEA Co-Chair                  | Eddie Fallon      |
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| Newsletter Editor              | Spencer Stewart   | Student Activities Co-Chair   | Aria Shamsipoor   |
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# RESEARCH PROMOTION

## THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2025-2026 DONORS!

During the 2025-2026 year the Rocky Mountain Chapter raised \$124,902 for ASHRAE Research. The most of any ASHRAE Chapter in the world! This would not be possible without the support of our sponsors. Let's see if we can beat this for the 2026-2027 year!

The following individuals and companies generously supported ASHRAE RP and the Rocky Mountain Chapter. Your contributions are appreciated. Thank you for making a difference!

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For questions please visit the ASHRAE RP website: <https://www.ashrae.org/rp>

or contact Nate Ralphe at: <mailto:nate.ralphe@wms-hvac.com>

# HONORS & AWARDS

To learn more about ASHRAE's Honors and Awards Program [Click Here!](#)

## YOUNG ENGINEERS IN ASHRAE (YEA)

The YEA Committee had their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, August 20th, at 4:30 PM at Odell's Brewery by Sloan's Lake where they officially planned their first event of the year – HVAC on TAP coming up on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. See Details below!

### Next Meeting for YEA Committee – Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at Odell Brewery By Sloan's Lake

Have you ever wondered how YEA events get planned? The YEA Committee is a small group of volunteers who help put together all the great events YEA hosts throughout the year. YEA Committee members brainstorm topics for HVAC on Tap, organize tours of interesting buildings, plan fun social events, and more. Joining the YEA Committee is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in the local Rocky Mountain chapter, gain valuable leadership experience, and build a strong network of young professionals in the industry. If any of this sounds interesting, please email [yea@rockymtnashrae.com](mailto:yea@rockymtnashrae.com) to learn more about how to volunteer!

### HVAC on Tap - Effectively Specifying Building Automation and Controls Systems

#### [REGISTER HERE](#)

 **Where:** Upstairs at Joe Willy's on Broadway

 **Sign-up Fee:** \$10

 **Food and drinks provided!**

#### Event Schedule:

- **5:00 – 5:30 PM:** Happy Hour
- **5:30 PM:** Presentation

#### About the Presentation:

**Topic:** Effectively Specifying Building Automation and Controls Systems

This presentation will provide mechanical consulting engineers with a practical overview of how to effectively specify building automation and controls systems within Division 23 and the industry shift toward Division 25 and integrated automation in HVAC.

- Defining controls requirements, including when controls should be fully furnished and installed by controls contractor versus packaged controls.
- Specifying an acceptable controls contractor versus specifying a controls manufacturer.
- Introducing the industry's shift toward Division 25 and integrated automation.

## About the Presenter:

Trey Sellers is a South Carolina native and lifelong Gamecock who has called Colorado home since late 2018. He originally headed west from Charlotte for what was supposed to be a temporary hiatus from real life, spending about a year in Vail as a snowboard bum.

After the shocking realization that there is, in fact, more to life than SEC football—contrary to everything he was raised to believe—Trey moved to Denver, where he could combine his love of live music with easy access to the mountains and embrace life as a weekend warrior.

With exactly zero HVAC, controls, or engineering experience, Trey joined Setpoint Systems in February 2020 in a sales role. In a stroke of impeccable timing, he was assigned Southern Colorado as his territory, just as COVID made meeting new customers and building relationships in Denver more difficult than ever.

Despite that unconventional start, Trey built a successful career at Setpoint and currently serves as Setpoint Systems' Sales Manager as well as President of the ASHRAE Pikes Peak Chapter.

**Fun fact:** Before moving to Colorado, Trey missed just one home Gamecock football game in 30 years—a streak that includes the pre-birth season he attended from the comfort of his mom's belly.

A big thank you to Setpoint Systems for sponsoring this event!

Don't miss this opportunity to learn and connect with peers!

Spread the word, and we'll see you there!

## Tickets

\$10.00 Member Ticket

\$10.00 Guest Ticket

# MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

Welcome to the Membership Promotion Page! Normally we highlight our newest Rocky Mountain ASHRAE members, but this month we'd like to remind everyone of the value of staying connected.

For questions or membership assistance, contact [membership@rockymtnashrae.com](mailto:membership@rockymtnashrae.com). Encourage colleagues and contacts to join and take advantage of ASHRAE's resources, standards, and community.

If you or someone you know is facing financial hardship, ASHRAE offers renewal assistance—reach out to [membership@ashrae.com](mailto:membership@ashrae.com)

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Our Student Activities Committee works hard to connect local students with the HVAC&R industry through mentorship, scholarships, and hands-on opportunities. If you know a student or educator who would benefit from ASHRAE resources, please encourage them to get involved.

For more information or to connect with the committee, reach out to [Student@rockymtnashrae.com](mailto:Student@rockymtnashrae.com)

# HISTORY

## Let's Talk ASHRAE History: *First Annual Meeting – New York, January 22-24, 1895*

The idea for the Society began during a visit in New York City in the summer of 1894, just after the annual meeting of *Mater Steam and Hot Water Fitter's Association*. This meeting sparked the idea of creating something similar and highlighted the value a dedicated engineering society could provide by bringing professionals together to exchange ideas and discuss developments in the field

The organizational work continued through the summer. The first regular meeting was held September 10, 1894, at the Broadway Central Hotel in New York, where the proposed organization's goals and benefits were discussed. At that meeting, 75 people had become charter members. The constitution and by-laws were adopted, and the group officially selected the name "The American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers." It was then decided that an annual meeting shall be held every January in New York, following thoughts to have a semiannual meeting in various cities.

What began with 75 charter members has grown into a community of industry members dedicated to advancing our industry through innovation, education, collaboration, and leadership.

Here's to another year of learning, connecting, and advancing our industry together. Cheers to the start of a new ASHRAE year!

*For the full story please see the original article*

<https://www.ashrae.org/file%20library/about/mission%20and%20vision/ashrae%20and%20industry%20history/ashve-organizationalmeeting-sept1894.pdf>



# SUSTAINABILITY

Our chapter is committed to promoting sustainable practices within the built environment. From energy efficiency to reducing environmental impact, ASHRAE continues to lead the way with guidance, resources, and standards.

If you'd like to get involved with local sustainability initiatives or have project ideas to share, please contact [Sustainable@rockymtnashrae.com](mailto:Sustainable@rockymtnashrae.com)

# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

ASHRAE actively engages with policymakers to support energy efficiency, sustainability, and healthy building initiatives. Our chapter's Government Affairs Committee helps connect members with updates on local, state, and federal issues that impact our industry.

If you'd like to stay informed or get involved, please reach out to [Government@rockymtnashrae.com](mailto:Government@rockymtnashrae.com)

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[Find more information here!](#)

