



September 2023

# Alaska Chapter Newsletter Hot Gas Bypass

## ASHRAE Monthly Meeting Information

### Anchorage Meeting

**Presentation:**

Tour of CIRI Tower

**Date:**

Thursday,  
September 21, 2023

**Time:**

12:00 – 13:30

**Cost:**

\$25.00

**Location:**

CIRI Tower  
Fireweed Conference Center  
725 E. Fireweed Ln.  
Anchorage, AK 99503

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## President's Message:

Hello fellow ASHRAE members,

After our summer break, the Alaska ASHRAE chapter is back in full swing. It was good to see so many familiar faces at our annual golf tournament a couple of weeks ago. We appreciate all of our sponsors and our partner, the Alaska Mechanical Contractors Association, for your support. This year the money raised will be going to ASHRAE Research Promotion (RP).

We would like to highlight some changes that we are looking at implementing this year. First, what happens with the money raised by ASHRAE in Alaska? We have heard concerns that this money could be put to better use here in our local community—either through chapter/student engagement or scholarships for students in Alaska. While we will still be engaged with ASHRAE RP at a national level, the Board of Governors (BOG) is looking into an RP Scholarship Endowment here in the state. Once the endowment is funded, it will provide an indefinite, local, yearly scholarship. We will share more on this once we have finalized the details.

Second, email communication with our chapter members. While we are unable to change this at a regional or national level, our goal is to dramatically cut down on chapter emails. By cutting down, I am hoping for one email from your local chapter per month. Maybe unrealistic, but that is my goal. I will provide a summary of the prior and upcoming months in this message. Behind this message in the Hot Gas Bypass will be all the pertinent information on those upcoming events. We are planning on having the newsletter out by the first Friday of each month. Might be late this month, but we are working on it.

Our monthly meeting will be a tour of the CIRI tower on September 21st from 12:00pm to 1:30pm.

We are looking forward to having meetings back in person!

This is also the 50th year anniversary of our ASHRAE AK chapter. The Cold Climate Conference last year was a huge success and also took a lot of time and effort to plan... We could use some new blood to help make this 50th year celebration a success.

Again, thank you for your support, and for our volunteers, you all help keep this chapter moving forward.

Sincerely,

Nathan Lang  
ASHRAE Alaska President 2023-2024  
Alaska Chapter ASHRAE  
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## September Meeting:

### Anchorage Meeting:

#### Presentation:

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#### Date:

Thursday  
September 21, 2023

#### RSVP:

[https://ashraealaska.com/  
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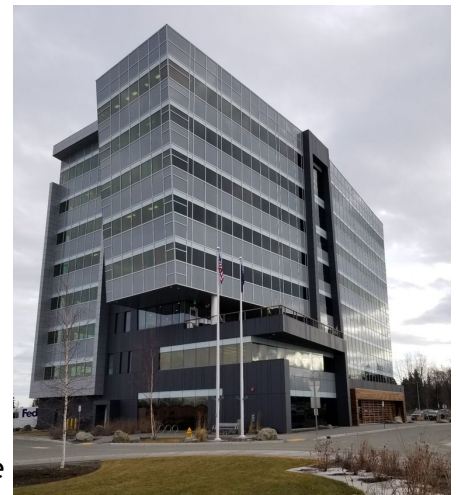
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## Tour of CIRI Tower

**Presentation:** This month we are pleased to announce a tour of the CIRI Tower to kickoff our ASHRAE year!

The CIRI Tower uses innovative systems from glazing to mechanical heat recovery to optimize and reduce energy use while increasing occupant comfort. Come take a tour and see how Design Alaska and CIRI pushed boundaries and innovation to bring a leading class building to Anchorage, Alaska.

**Tech Talk:** Did you miss the HVAC Cold Climate Conference in March? This will be a great time to find out more about what went down at the conference and what was learned. We will provide a brief recap of the conferences with some of the key takeaways prior to the start of the tour during lunch.



**Tour Presenter / Facilitator Bio:**  
Chad Nugent—Chief Operating Officer  
Shannon Rasic—Sr. Manager, Real Estate Properties

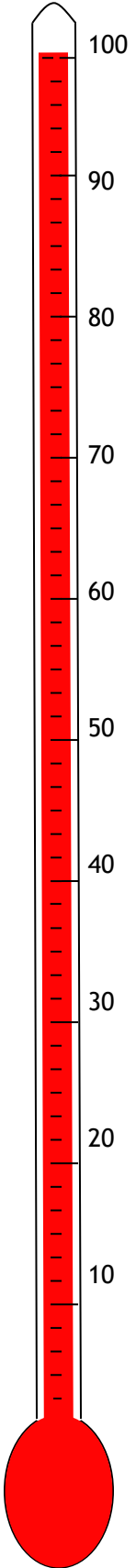
Chad Nugent, As CIRI's chief operating officer, Chad Nugent oversees the company's diverse business operations and ensures execution of its comprehensive goals for performance and growth.

With a strong background in business, finance and real-estate development, Nugent joined CIRI in 2013 to manage the development of the Fireweed Business Center, CIRI's visionary headquarters located in midtown Anchorage.

Shannon Rasic is the newest member of CIRI's team and will be managing the building and other CIRI assets as she comes up to speed.

Research Promotion:

2023-2024 Research Investors, ASHRAE Alaska Chapter	
<p><b><u>Organizations</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Major Donor- ASHRAE Associate (\$5,000 - \$9,999)</u></b> Alaska Mechanical Contractors Association</p> <p><b><u>Major Donor- ASHRAE Associate (\$2,500 - \$4,999)</u></b> Stinebaugh &amp; Company</p> <p><b><u>Major Donor - Silver (\$1,000 - \$2,499)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Major Donor - Bronze (\$500 - \$999)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Individuals</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Major Donor (\$250 - \$2,499)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Honor Roll Donor (\$150 - \$249)</u></b> Doug Lecren Gregory Jernstrom</p> <p><b><u>Donor (\$1-150)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Chapter Recognized Donor (\$150 - \$499)</u></b> Air Source Alaska Alaska Integrated Services Coffman Convergint Cole Industrial Frontier Supply Johnson Controls Inc. JP Sheldon Keller Supply Long Controls Mechanical Sales Mechanical Solutions Norcoast Mechanical Inc. Proctor Sales Puget Sound Pipe RSA Engineering Roth Sirianni Siemens Stinebaugh</p>



Fellow ASHRAE Members,

**Through your generosity our chapter has currently raised \$12,500 for ASHRAE RP so far this year!** Keep it up, your generous contributions will pay back in countless ways to our local and broader industry as a whole!

It is through the funds generated for RP that all ASHRAE codes, standards and design guides are researched, written and implemented into the built environment where we live and work. Thank you for your generous support, it is only through your donations and involvement that we can continue to advance the knowledge, quality and standards for our built environment.

“How are my RP donations used?” & “What benefit do RP donations have for Alaska?”

- ASHRAE RP funds are pooled at the society level, then with the entire society’s resource potential the funds are redistributed in order to achieve the highest potential output.
- It is through the funds generated for RP that ASHRAE codes and standards are researched, written and implemented into the built environment that we live in.
- RP funds return to Alaska in various forms such as research grants, scholarships, and technical committee funding.

If you are interested in donating to ASHRAE RP please follow one of these three donation options:

- Visit <http://www.ashrae.org/RP> and scroll down the page to select the “**ONLINE CONTRIBUTION FORM**” link.
- Mail a check to “ASHRAE Research” with “Alaska Chapter” written in the memo line and mail to: ASHRAE RP; 180 Technology Parkway; Peachtree Corners, GA 30092.
- Designate a RP donation amount when you renew your membership.

If you have already made a donation of \$150 or more, your name should appear at the top of this page. If you do not see your name, please let me know and I will ensure that your donation is recorded properly. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about ASHRAE Research Promotion; the ASHRAE Foundation; or the ASHRAE Learning Center.

Thank you very much for all of your support and dedication to your local ASHRAE Chapter.

Sincerely,  
Philip Hayes  
Alaska Chapter Research Promotion Chair  
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## Chapter Sponsors:

## 2022-2023 ASHRAE Alaska Chapter Sponsors

**Gold Chapter Sponsor: (\$5,000)**

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**Forget-Me-Not Chapter Sponsor: (\$2,500)**

**Chapter Meeting Sponsor: (\$1,000)**

**Chapter Web Sponsor: (\$400)**

In the past three years, the Alaska Chapter introduced chapter sponsorship levels to help recognize those who have steadfastly supported the Alaska Chapter over the years. Included with these sponsorship levels are various 'chapter benefits' as a way of thanking and honoring the generosity of our loyal supporters. Portions of the sponsorships are utilized to help fund the Alaska Chapter operations as well as donated to ASHRAE Research Promotion in the sponsor's name. Below is a list of the sponsorship levels along with the 'chapter benefits' for each level of donation.

### Corporate Donations:

Corporate donations to the Alaska ASHRAE Chapter are recognized in five tiers:

• **Gold Sponsorship: \$5,000 & Above**

• (1) Foursome team for annual golf tournament • (1) Hole sponsorship for golf tournament • (1) Seat for every chapter meeting -OR- (1) Range Sponsorship during Annual RP Shoot out • Announcement of your sponsorship during all meeting introductions and events. • Logo on website • Business card advertisement in newsletter (September – May) • Job postings on the ASHRAE Alaska website and on the newsletter. RP Donor Level - ASHRAE Associate: (Gold Commemorative Coin & Plaque, Listed in the annual Investor Honor Roll)

• **Forget-Me-Not Chapter Sponsorship: \$2,500 - \$4,999**

• (1) Range Sponsorship during Annual RP Shoot out • (1) Hole Sponsorship during Annual Golf Tournament • Announcement of your sponsorship during all meeting introductions and events. • Logo on website • Business card advertisement in newsletter (September – May) Job postings on the ASHRAE Alaska website and up to (2) on the newsletter • RP Donor Level - Major Donor – Silver: (Silver Commemorative Coin & Plaque, Listed in the annual Investor Honor Roll)

• **Chapter Meeting Sponsor: \$1,000**

• Sponsor's table available with display and literature prior to meeting (A website link and a hole or range sponsorship will be made available as an alternative for a virtual meeting sponsorship) • Logo on welcome message during monthly chapter meetings • Announcement of your sponsorship during one meeting introduction • Logo on website • Business card advertisement in newsletter (September – May) • RP Donor Level - Major Donor – Bronze: (Bronze Commemorative Coin & Plaque, Listed in the annual Investor Honor Roll)

• **Web Sponsorship Package: \$400**

• Logo on website • Business card advertisement in newsletter (September – May) • RP Donor Level – Honor Roll (Individuals only): (Receive blue desktop coin holder, Listed in the annual Investor Honor Roll)

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ASHRAE is looking for applicants with excellent character and leadership with service to the community and others.

## Scholarships Available:

- Presidents Scholarship (\$12,500)
- Undergraduate Engineering (\$3,000-\$10,000)
- University-Specific (\$3,000-\$5,000)
- ASHRAE Society Chapter Scholarships (\$3,000 each)
- Regional Scholarships (\$3,000-\$5,000)
- Engineering Technology Scholarships (\$5000-\$10,000)

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- Student Activities Committee meetings (non-executive session)
- The Student Program
- Seminars
- AHR Trade Show
- Technical Committees
- Governance



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