

The Young Member's Guide to

getting involved

IN ASHRAE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES



Young professional members: getting involved in ASHRAE technical committees allows you to help determine the future of our industry. This guide, along with additional resources and tools, is available to help you learn more about volunteering for ASHRAE's technical committees.



Let's get technical:

Finding a technical committee



Browse ASHRAE.org, attend Society conference technical programs and ask ASHRAE staff and other committee members

Make your particular interests and skills known to ASHRAE leaders including Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA), Student Activities, regional representatives, committees, staff, etc.

Search out committees focused on your areas of interest

Review websites for minutes, agendas schedules, deliverables, etc.

Make the most of conferences



Use the Society conference schedule to find committees of interest to you

Show up early, stay late, talk to members about:

- Recent / expected projects by committee

- Committee organization and membership

- Typical on-site and remote access meeting schedules

- How best to contribute to current activities

- Potential holes in skill sets / interests of current membership that new participants might be able to fill

- Ask for a mentor

Volunteer—you don't have to be a voting member to participate. Offering to help with committee activities allows you learn about the TC and gets your name before the committee as someone who is interested in advancing its objectives.

Capitalize on your strengths—Offer to help update, improve sites, develop navigational tools, develop on-line mechanisms to support committee activities.





Take the extra step

Actively correspond with committee leadership and/or assigned mentor

Offer to support web updates

Offer to provide updates to ASHRAE groups outside of TC (consider YEA, SA, regional membership, CTTC, etc.)

Offer to participate in any web-based meetings or events

Become a corresponding member. A list of corresponding, or non-voting, members is generated at the winter conferences.

Ask the TC secretary to add your name and contact information so you can receive email announcements and minutes to stay informed. TCs have unlimited corresponding members.

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