

## Membership

March's dinner meeting is Membership Promotion Night. I want everyone to be prepared to bring a new member. So this month, we will be attaching a pdf version of the application with the newsletter email.

If you didn't get the attachment, don't worry. Encourage new members to follow the following link to the ASHRAE website where they can learn more about the society and membership. They can either apply online or print the application.

<http://www.ashrae.org/template/AssetDetail/assetid/31886>

Some pertinent information for the applicant to include:

- In the area where it refers to participation in local activities, make sure Chapter # 006 – Long Island is input so the new member can be added to our membership list.
- If the new member was referred to by a present member please make sure they are acknowledged in the application so they may receive credit. Include their name and member #.

New members who bring a filled out application to or prior to the March meeting will receive a free dinner.

Referring members receive a \$10 coupon from Society upon approval of the application. Isn't that reason enough to encourage people to join?

***Peter Gerazounis, P.E.***  
***Membership Chairman***

## History

### **An Interview with Andrew S. Braum, Past Chapter President- 2003**

I would like to document and share some the chapters local history by interviewing past chapter presidents. Since Andrew was the chapter president when I became involved in 2003, it made sense for me to start with him. Below are the details of my interview:

**Name:** Andrew S. Braum

**Company:** A.S.B. Engineering

**Type of Business:** Consulting Engineering Firm

**Location:** Bellmore, New York

#### **Where did you study to become an engineer?**

I studied at the State University of New York at Buffalo where I received my BSME in 1994.

#### **What was your first job in the industry?**

During college I worked in the family business, Frigidyne, a HVAC installation sales and service business. It was also during this time that I began to work for a company called the Niagra Blower Company. During my employment at the Niagra Blower Company I worked in the Research and Development Department; developing dessicant technology for low temperature refrigeration applications related to the food and beverage industry.

#### **When did you start your own consulting firm?**

I received my P.E. license in February of 2000 and started my engineering firm A.S.B. Engineering in the same year.

#### **When did you join ASHRAE?**

I originally joined the student chapter of ASHRAE at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1990.

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### Why did you join ASHRAE?

Since I was interested in the engineering profession I figured that this would be a good place to meet like-minded people with similar academic interests.

### When you first started attending monthly LI Chapter meetings where were the meetings held?

When I first joined the Long Island Chapter of ASHRAE in 1994, the meetings were held in the Milleridge Inn.

### From a historical point of view what are some changes that you have witnessed since you joined ASHRAE?

The biggest change that I have witnessed in all levels of ASHRAE is acceptance and use of current technology. Through embracing technology ASHRAE has been able to more effectively keep the membership well informed as well as provide a central point of access to technical and Society information. This is best exemplified through Ashram's use of email, website and the electronic distribution of ASHRAE documentation to include newsletters etc. This has made ASHRAE more accessible to the general membership as well as made ASHRAE more attractive to a new generation of future ASHRAE members.

### As a past president what are some of your more memorable contributions to the chapter?

During my tenure as chapter president, there were several contributions that were made. None of these contributions would have been possible without the support and hard work of the Executive Board and Board of Governors. To name a few:

- Elimination of a paper newsletter by going completely electronic, this was championed by Liset Pena as it still is today.
- Hosting of the regional CRC event at the Wyndham Wind Watch Hotel; this was possible because of the hard work of Alan Goerke and Frank Morgino in particular
- Moving the monthly meeting from the Milleridge Inn to the Westbury Manor where meetings are currently held; Craig Marshall was instrumental in facilitating this change of venues. This move was made because the Westbury manor offered better facilities and a better environment for holding monthly meetings. By moving the meeting to a better facility, we have attracted new members and subsequently bolstered the LI chapter's membership roster.

### As a past president how do you want the general membership to remember your tenure?

I would hope that the membership remembers my tenure and the contributions that were made to the continued evolution of the local chapter, made possible through the chapters embracing of current technology and most notably the introduction and electronic distribution of our chapter's monthly newsletter.

### How has ASHRAE helped you in your career?

ASHRAE has helped my career on many levels both personal and professional. ASHRAE has given me unlimited networking and exposure opportunities in addition to a forum to meet with like minded industry professionals to discuss issues that are relevant to our profession. Most importantly, ASHRAE has given me the opportunity to cultivate both close personal and professional relationships within the HVAC community which I will always view as the cornerstone to my success.

### What is your most memorable moment since you joined ASHRAE?

My most memorable moment was the feeling of pride that I had experienced when I arranged and led the chapter's annual field trip and tour of the New York Jets inflatable practice facility that I had designed at Hofstra University in 2003. Another memorable moment that comes to mind is when I first met Mr. Evan's Lizardos at the chapter meeting in September of 1994. Having worked in the industry for my families HVAC business, I had been involved in many projects that were designed by Lizardos Engineering and prior to meeting Evans I held him in high esteem. Evans Lizardos was the opening speaker and I helped him set up for his presentation that evening. After meeting Evans in person, I felt that the industry was accessible to me and as an adult I felt that I was finally amongst my peers and in a professional sense I came of age. It would also like to add that it was through Evans encouragement that I became active in the Long Island Chapter of ASHRAE.

Well folks there you have it, according to Andrew Braum, that's His story.

**James G. Hayes**  
**Chapter Historian**