

**UPCOMING MEETING****“Is it Time for Data Center Liquid Cooling?”***Distinguished Lecturer: Dustin Demetriou, IBM*

Wednesday, September 23 • 11:30 AM – 1 PM

Dinosaur Bar-B-Que — 246 W Willow St, Syracuse, NY 13202

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

---

Your new board and I would like to welcome all existing ASHRAE CNY Chapter members and ASHRAE Society members living and working in CNY. We are busy scheduling our programs and activities for the upcoming year. The year will feature multiple ASHRAE distinguished lecturers starting this September and will be collaborating with other local organizations such as the Central New York Society of Healthcare Engineers (CNYSHE) chapter and the Western New York Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) chapter.

We are glad to announce that our website (<https://ashraecny.org/>) is currently being reconstructed and will be live in late September 2026. The website will be formatted similar to that of other Region 1 chapters such as Buffalo and New York City. The website will have the calendar of activities for you to plan and register your presence, including the regular in-person meetings, the Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA) events, fundraising events, and other activities.

This year we are continuing several long-lasting activities with our local chapter and adding these activities / meetings to the calendar notably:

- Multiple local tours for facilities featuring both refrigeration plants and HVAC systems. Final details are to be announced during the September meeting.
- A volunteer build-day with the local Syracuse Habitat for Humanity
- A student activities night in April for the local Syracuse University student chapter that will include a poster night and monetary awards for local students.
- A history and awards event in May for local engineering firms and contractors featuring local chapter awards, a “top job” award, and a poster session for local firms and contractors.
- Fun activities to promote ASHRAE research, the scholarship fund, and chapter operations such as golf tournament next June at Timber Banks; a winter-driving school next January at Pine View Run near Tully, NY; and a March Madness pick ‘em activity.

Although our chapter dues of \$180 per year are the highest in Region 1, all of the programs are included in the chapter dues. Chapter dues-paying members attend all chapter meetings, YEA activities, etc. for free whereas non dues-paying members must pay for these events a la carte. If you are not currently a chapter dues paying member and live / work in the Syracuse metro area, we highly recommend you join the chapter as we feel the educational values of the programs and events are well worth the investment.

**Jim Olmsted**

President, ASHRAE CNY Chapter

## 2026–2027 PROGRAMMING

| DATE                                                        | TOPIC                                                                                                                                                                                                            | LOCATION                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday,<br/>September 23, 2026</b><br>11:30 AM – 1 PM | <b>Dustin Demetriou, IBM — Distinguished Lecturer</b><br>“Is it Time for Data Center Liquid Cooling?”                                                                                                            | Dinosaur Bar-B-Que<br>246 W Willow St, Syracuse,<br>NY 13202 |
| <b>TBD, October 2026</b><br>Time TBD                        | <b>Refrigeration Plant Tour</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | TBD                                                          |
| <b>Wednesday,<br/>November 18, 2026</b><br>8:00 AM – 5 PM   | <b>CNY Engineering Expo 2026</b><br>Presented by TACNY*                                                                                                                                                          | DoubleTree Circle<br>6301 NY-298, East Syracuse,<br>NY 13057 |
| <b>Wednesday,<br/>December 9, 2026</b><br>11:30 AM – 1 PM   | <b>Jim Newman — Distinguished Lecturer</b><br>“IAQ, Energy Auditing, Commissioning, bEQ, Energy Star, Energy Conservation, Sustainability and Other Good Stuff — How to Make Them Work for You and Your Clients” | Dinosaur Bar-B-Que<br>246 W Willow St, Syracuse,<br>NY 13202 |
| <b>Thursday, January 14,<br/>2027</b><br>11:30 AM – 1 PM    | <b>Joint Meeting with CNYSHE</b><br>Dr. Stephanie Taylor — Distinguished Lecturer<br>“Health as a Building Performance Metric”                                                                                   | Dinosaur Bar-B-Que<br>246 W Willow St, Syracuse,<br>NY 13202 |
| <b>Wednesday, February<br/>10, 2027</b><br>11:30 AM – 1 PM  | <b>TBD</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | TBD                                                          |
| <b>Wednesday, March<br/>10, 2027</b><br>11:30 AM – 1 PM     | <b>Hoy Bohannon — Distinguished Lecturer</b><br>“Better HVAC Design Using New Options in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2025”                                                                                         | Dinosaur Bar-B-Que<br>246 W Willow St, Syracuse,<br>NY 13202 |
| <b>Wednesday, April 14,<br/>2027</b><br>TBD, Dinner Meeting | <b>Student Activities Night and Poster Session</b>                                                                                                                                                               | TBD                                                          |
| <b>Wednesday, May 12,<br/>2027</b><br>11:30 AM – 1 PM       | <b>History of CNY ASHRAE and Chapter Awards</b>                                                                                                                                                                  | TBD                                                          |

\* Event is not included in Chapter membership.

## UPCOMING ASHRAE EVENTS

---

| DATE                                              | EVENT                                        | LOCATION                         |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Thursday, October 15, 2026</b><br>9 AM – 12 PM | Build Day with Syracuse Habitat for Humanity | 208 Paul Ave, Syracuse, NY 13206 |
| <b>TBD, November 2026</b>                         | YEA Trivia Night                             | TBD                              |
| <b>TBD, January 2027</b>                          | YEA Syracuse Crunch Game                     | Upstate Medical Arena, Syracuse  |
| <b>TBD, March 2027</b>                            | YEA Event                                    | TBD                              |

## CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

---

### Call for Speakers

ASHRAE CNY is seeking up to three speakers for the Engineering Expo, plus one speaker for the February monthly meeting. Presentations should be relevant to the ASHRAE mission and comply with ASHRAE's Commercialism Policy. Please email Ashley Yang ([Ashley.yang@trane.com](mailto:Ashley.yang@trane.com)) at your earliest convenience with your contact information and an abstract (up to 200 words) describing your proposed presentation.

### September Meeting

ASHRAE CNY will send a meeting invitation to all dues-paying chapter members via email for the September 2026 meeting, as the chapter website is currently under construction. A separate email will also be sent to area-assigned Society members.

### New Website Information

ASHRAE CNY is currently updating our website to better serve our members and community, using StarChapter. The domain will remain at [ashraecny.org](http://ashraecny.org). You will be able to see upcoming meetings, previous newsletters, and other important information. In tandem with the new website, a new payment service through StarChapter will also be launched. This new service will provide seamless payment for chapter meetings and sponsorships, with the goal of streamlining our chapter operations. With the website launch, all members will need to create a login to access the members area, where you can create your chapter profile, register for meetings, and renew your ASHRAE membership. Please email Jon Bergman ([bergmanj@starktech.com](mailto:bergmanj@starktech.com)) with any questions or concerns. The anticipated launch date is just prior to our September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

## ASHRAE CNY CHAPTER OFFICERS

---

| NAME               | ROLE                       | COMPANY             |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Jim Olmsted        | President                  | Stark Tech          |
| Ashley Yang        | President-Elect            | Trane               |
| Oleg Dratsch       | Treasurer                  | ICM Controls        |
| Dan Dunn           | Secretary                  | Herman HVAC         |
| Jon Bergman        | Communications Chair       | Stark Tech          |
| Elsa Gauss         | YEA Chair                  | Stark Tech          |
| Taylir Doig        | WIA Chair                  | Stark Tech          |
| Cheyenne Kersavage | Membership Promotion Chair | Trane               |
| Tong Lin           | Student Activities Chair   | Syracuse University |
| Tom Moravcik       | Research Promotion Chair   | RF Peck             |
| Brendan Hall       | Government Affairs         | CHA                 |