



# The Squirrel Cage

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### NEXT MEETING

In August We will let you know when and where next month



### President's Message

**By: Mark Pickett**

Here's hoping everyone has a safe and fun Summer.

While you are at it, think about how you can be a part of ASHRAE next year.

I'm sure that Travis McLeod, our new president, would welcome your volunteering to be an active part of next year's operation

### June President's Message

While June 21<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of summer for much of the United States, in the Alamo City it reminds us that our summer is about a third past. Coincidentally, that's how I see my ASHRAE service as well.

With the end of our June Chapter Meeting, my "walk through the chairs" as a chapter officer came to a close. During that time, countless people within this community have helped me help you get more from your ASHRAE Membership.

I want to specifically thank those preceding me as president – *Stu Werner, Brad Bright & Fred Gleeson*, as well as those following behind – *Travis McLeod, Chip Dreyry, Al Garza and Gene Raanes. Mr. Manuel Lizcano, Mr. John Freund & Mr. Bob Gleeson* are also extended my personal and profound appreciation for the tremendous effort that they each put forward for the betterment of the Alamo Chapter. If you don't know those three men personally, take the time to

introduce yourself... you'll never meet better men.

Speaking of Better Men... Congratulations to Mr. Chris Garcia, PE and Mr. William Schulte, PE on their recent successes. Nothing spells success like passing the PE exam and realizing that a whole new world awaits.

Speaking of whole new worlds, in the future, I'll be serving the membership, under Travis McLeod's lead, as your Research and Promotion chair. My goal is to make sure that even more educational opportunities are provided during this upcoming year that will be relevant and useful in your daily lives.

Change is good; progress is better. Travis's term as President has the promise of even more opportunity to volunteer your time and be an active part of ASHRAE.

~ Mark A. Pickett

President, Alamo ASHRAE  
Region VIII

### June 2006 Chapter Meeting Attendance

This is a list of the people who signed in for the June meeting to hear Oscar Zuniga, P.E. presentation on "Ethics". They were:

Roland Almarez	Don Barker
Brad Bright	Gilbert Barron
Dwayne Blevins	Brad Bright
Jorge Cabello	Evan Cambell
Hector Carrisalez	Bill Champine
Dennis Dalsing	Mike Dawson
Howard Decker	Jim Delts
Chip Drewry	Wayne Fang
John Faltersack	Ismael Flores
John Freund	Matt Freund
Steve Gaeta	Chris Garcia
Victor Garcia	Al Garza
Amber Gass	Bob Gleeson
Walter Gleye	John Glowka
Tony Gonzalez	Ken Graham
Dick Grant	Ali Hami
Wes Harvey	Steve Holt
Steve Huck	Scott Hutchenson
Eric Ireton	Tareq Ismail
Todd Keener	Mike Lawlor
Chuck Leske	Keith Lins
Manuel Lizcano	Rudy Lopez
Jerry McGovern	Rick McHugh
Travis McLeod	Rob McNichol
Mario Majangos	Chris Miller
Paul Mitchell	Tom Phillips
Mark Pickett	Billy Platts
Richard Powell	Thomas Powell
Phillip Preston	Jerry Pruitt
Rezuar Rahman	Amando Ramirez
Robert Richards	Bill Rickrim
Jason Ritterbusch	Sam Rodriguez
Bill Rodriguez	Robert Schneider
Robert Schrader	Bill Schulte
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Robert Stinson	Jeff Tabb
Wilson Terrell	Woody Thompson
Matt Tiberi	Clifford Tilbury
Jesse Trinidad	Brian Ulrich
Scott Wunsch	Bill Wurzbach
Chuck York	Oscar Zuniga
Arthur Zuniga	Larry Zunker

**Rezaur Rahman Attendance Chairman**

### From The Editor

Just to let you know that this will be my last Squirrel Cage; I'm turning the Editor Job over to Peter Teige, with Munters, effective the August newsletter. I know that Peter will do a lot better job than I have but he will need your help to do so. Peter will need the timely submittal of information from the Chapter officers and Committee Chairs to make an interesting and informative newsletter. I know that under the effective leadership of Travis McLeod, things will flow smoothly.

I'm not leaving ASHRAE, I'm just moving to another position. Travis has asked me to serve as TEGA Chairman. For those who are not familiar with TEGA, that stands for The Technical, Energy and Government Activities Committee. My new duties will be to:

- A. Plan, schedule and coordinate chapter programs and technical sessions with the person responsible for these activities.
- B. Assist in chapter workshops and seminars.
- C. Develop and administer an active "Speakers Bureau" to present talks and seminars to public, civic and business groups in areas of energy conservation and new and evolving technologies.
- D. Coordinate dissemination of technical information in the chapter's geographical area.
- E. Promote and administer Technology and Government Affairs Awards program at the chapter level.
- F. Provide input to, and maintain liaisons with local and state governments on technical issues.
- G. Promote the appointment of chapter members to local and state governmental advisor bodies.
- H. Keep the chapter advised on governmental activities on technical issues related to HVAC matters.

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- I. Investigate government-related matters as may referred by the chapter's president or Board of Governors.
- J. When the chapter has been requested by a governmental body to assist in the writing or development of a regulation, a code, an ordinance or law or to participate as a member of an advisory group to a government agency, it may do so when approved by the Board of Governors.
- K. Provide assistance to the Chapter Publicity Committee in contacting local news media and chapter publications and offering to provide necessary information and material.
- L. Provide assistance to the Chapter Historian in maintaining a history of the chapter's technical, energy and governmental activities.
- M. Report to the Society through the Regional Vice Chair for the TEGA Committee.
- N. Assist the Regional Vice Chair for TEGA to achieve the goals of the Society at the chapter level.
- O. Provide written reports of PAOE activities to the Regional Vice Chair, as required, on a timely bases.

As you can see, this committee's responsibilities are pretty extensive and I solicit your assistance and input to get this job done. I asked Travis for this job because I felt that ASHRAE's voice has not been heard when it comes to governmental matters and I thought that I could help in this regard. My brother, Robert, is a member of the San Antonio Mechanical Appeals Board; so, I think that we can at least have an ear for hearing any problem the members are encountering with the City of San Antonio regarding Mechanical Building Codes.

So, let me hear from you, volunteers are welcome.

John Freund TEGA Committee Chairman

## Obituary

Jerry Houghtaling died in an automobile accident on June 15, 2006. Jerry was born September 4, 1937 in Harlingen, Texas and graduated from The University of Houston.

For those who didn't know Jerry, he was an expert in hydronics and mechanical controls. He taught many of us what we know about pumps, flow measurement, and controls for mechanical equipment. Jerry was an active member of ASHRAE for many years.

Jerry retired from our industry several years ago and was pursuing a second career in the trucking industry when he met his untimely death.

The Chapter extends its deepest sympathy to his wife, Athena, and their children and grandchildren.



Our June Chapter Meeting Speaker, Mr. Oscar Zuniga, P..E. Thanks Oscar for a job well done.

### **Minutes for the May Chapter Meeting held at Oak Hills Country Club May 15, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Pickett. After several announcements concerning Chapter business, Mark call for the attendees to introduce themselves.

Mark then introduced the speaker Mr. Bob Frick, P.E. who then gave a presentation on what he had learned at the ASHRAE National Meeting "Train The Trainer" course on applying ASHRAE Standard 90.1 2004.

After a brief discussion the meeting was adjourned.

John Freund, Newsletter Editor

### **Minutes for the June Chapter Meeting held at Oak Hills Country Club June 20, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Pickett. After several announcements concerning Chapter business, Mark call for the attendees to introduce themselves.

Mark then introduced the speaker, Mr. Oscar Zuniga, P.E. who then gave a presentation on "Ethics". Oscar did an outstand job of defining ethics and some practical examples of what is and is not being ethical in handling situations.

After Oscar's presentation, Mark announced the results of last month's Chapter election and turned the meeting over to our new president, Travis McLeod. Travis then presented Mark a plaque honoring him for his work as president. Travis then addressed the Chapter presenting his goals as Chapter president.

After Travis' address, the meeting was adjourned.

John Freund, Newsletter Editor

### **May 2006 Chapter Meeting Attendance**

This is a list of the people who signed in for the March meeting to hear Bob Frick's presentation on ASHRAE Standard 90.1 2004. They were:

Brian Allerheiligen	Randy Barnhill
Dwayne Blevins	Brad Bright
Gilbert Barron	Wayne Bates
Dwayne Blevins	Brad Bright
Todd buck	Evan Campbell
Bill Champine	Tim Champine
R.J. Cotter	Dennis Dalsing
Howard Decker	Jim Delts
Paul Deltz	Danny Dotson
Wayne Fang	John Faltersack
John Freund	Richard Fryer
Bob Frick	Hank Fry
Steve Gaeta	Chris Garcia
Victor Garcia	Al Garza
John Glowka	Tony Gonzalez
Allison Gragg	Ken Graham
Dick Grant	Wes Harvey
Steve Holt	Wayne Howell
Steve Huck	Eric Ireton
Tareq Ismail	Jon Erik Johnson
Todd Keener	Jim Knight
Gerald Lamping	Mike Lawlor
Steven Lipe	Fernando Lizcano
Manuel Lizcano	Scott Lovestad
Vicky Lusk	Travis McLeod
Rob McNichol	Chris Miller
Paul Mitchell	Pat Mooney
Paul Naizer	Mark Pickett
Billy Platts	Phillip Preston
Jerry Pruitt	Gene Raanes
Rezuar Rahman	Robert Richards
Jason Ritterbusch	Hani Rophael
Albert Rubio	Robert Schrader
Bill Schulte	Bruce Smith
Richard Swope	Matt Tiberi
Clifford Tilbury	Jesse Trinidad
Tom Unruh	Liz Williams
Bill Wurzbach	Chuck York
Oscar Zuniga	

**Rezaur Rahman Attendance Chairman**

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### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Program:** To Be Announced

**When:** *In August*

**Where:** We will let you know

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