

*“Dedicated to Improving Communication among ASHRAE’s standing Historical Committee, Regional and Chapter Historians”*

Chapter Historians will now receive this newsletter directly. If you have not already taken a look at the history resources on ASHRAE’s website go to [Historical Committee | ashrae.org](http://Historical Committee | ashrae.org) and take a look!

Regional Historians received the draft minutes from the June Historical Committee meeting. Please refer to them for ongoing and new activities. Approved minutes for previous meetings are posted on the ASHRAE Historical Committee page at [Historical Committee | ashrae.org](http://Historical Committee | ashrae.org) June minutes will not be posted until approved at the January 2013 meeting.

## **Some highlights from the San Antonio Historical Committee meeting:**

- The committee agreed to nominate John Gorrie, Alfred R. Wolff and Carl Linde for the Pioneers of the Industry award.
- Archiving artifacts. The committee discussed the need to preserve significant historical items (equipment, etc), recognizing the limited ability to store and display large items. There are some museums specializing in our industry. The committee would like to identify any such museums or other venues that have collections of historical HVAC&R equipment. Do any of you know of such places? Please send your comments to Bern Nagengast [nagetk@bright.net](mailto:nagetk@bright.net)
- The committee is studying the possibility of digitizing ASHRAE Journal articles and Transactions papers back to the 1970’s. These would be available on the ASHRAE website. Why bother with this old stuff? Because much expertise published decades ago can be pertinent and useful to what we are doing in the present.
- What do you do with chapter and regional records? See attachment B of the Committee minutes for suggestions from ASHRAE’s Librarian, Emily Sigman.

## **More on the Pioneers of the Industry award**

Three pioneers were nominated by the committee (see above). But what about others? The Society Honors and Awards Committee would love to have more. Consider those non-ASHRAE members of the past in your region or chapter area that made outstanding contributions to the art and science of HVAC&R. Nominees don’t have to be from recent decades – the three nominees mentioned above had careers from the 1840’s, turn of 20<sup>th</sup> Century and end of 19<sup>th</sup> Century respectively. If you study the history of our industry you will find many pioneers worthy of a nomination. If you identify a worthy pioneer and need more information, the Historical Committee and ASHRAE’s historical archive and library can help. A nomination can be made by any ASHRAE member or committee. More details at <http://www.ashrae.org/membership--conferences/honors--awards/ashrae-honors-and-awards-program>

## **Historical Minutes needed!**

Every month a “Historical Minute” is published in *ASHRAE Insights*. Do you have anything to contribute to this effort. The material used for the historical minutes come from society and industry trade publications, etc. If you have some older publications, books and so on, browse through them; find some interesting and significant news items or quotes from the past and send them to Bern Nagengast [nagetk@bright.net](mailto:nagetk@bright.net) And what about old chapter or regional newsletters, etc. Many of the historical minutes already published are quotes from society or industry leaders who delivered papers or made comments at society meetings. But these people were doing the same thing at chapter meetings. Only YOU, the chapter or regional historian, have access to these local records. Take some time to look at the past meetings and pull out some interesting items for the Historical Minute.

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