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# Q4 ASHE Chapter Leader and Liaison Call

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# Welcome!

# Agenda

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- Welcome to Christina Fissori
- Upcoming Chapter Due Dates and Program Updates
- Chapter Winner Announcement for the Core Competency Framework Campaign Contest
- ASHE/NTCC Healthcare Facility Technician Program
- ICC Code Action Hearing 2
- ASHRAE/ASHE Guideline 43
- Academic Medical Center Sustainability Community
- 2025 Sustainability Task Forces
- ASHE/EPA ENERGY STAR Verification Program

# Chapter Leader/Liaison Slide Deck

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Welcome, Christina Fissori!

# Welcome!

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**Christina Fissori**

Director, Member Engagement  
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# Upcoming Chapter Due Dates and Program Updates

# Important Chapter Due Dates

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- Chapter Annual Report and Awards Application – **Due April 1, 2025**
- 2026 Chapter Challenge – **Due April 1, 2025**
- Emerging Regional Leader Award – **Due April 1, 2025**
- Chapter Vouchers (for the 2024 Chapter Awards)
  - Health Care Facilities Innovation Conference Vouchers – **Due June 30, 2025**
  - ASHE Membership, CHFM/CHC Exam, and Publication Vouchers – **Due October 31, 2025.**



# Chapter Annual Report and Awards Application Timeline

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- **January 2, 2025** – Portal Launched
- **April 1, 2025** – Application/Report Due; Portal Closes
- **June 2025** – Chapters notified of award results
- **July 27-30, 2025** – Chapters receive awards and are recognized at the Chapter Leadership Forum (CLF) and the Health Care Facilities Innovation Conference

# Changes to the Chapter Annual Report and Awards Application

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- No changes to the 2025 Award Criteria (there will be minor changes for the 2026 Chapter Awards).
- Annual Report and Awards Application are now combined!
- New software! Allows Chapters to have multiple individuals completing the form and able to save form and finish later.
  - Chapters will need to create a login to complete the form.
  - ASHE staff is able to access form on the backend if users run into issues.
  - Almost ALL of ASHE's award applications will be housed in this new software!
- Additional questions added to help inform ASHE staff of what resources Chapters need. These questions will **NOT** affect chapter or award status.

## A quick demo...

# Winner Announcement for the Core Competency Framework Campaign Contest

# Contest Overview

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**Share information about ASHE's Core Competency Framework between September 1 and November 1.**

- 2x in a newsletter or dedicated email to chapter members
- 2x on LinkedIn, X or Facebook

# Regions with Most Participation

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**67% Participation**

**Region 5**

**80% Participation**

**Region 8**

# Congratulations!

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# ASHE/NTCC Healthcare Facility Technician Program

# Healthcare Facility Technician Training Course

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Available late 2025/early 2026

4 Month Classroom Program + 6 Month externship

Includes:

- Health Care Physical Environment Worker
- Fast track to the MECH Certification
- Other Certifications

Needed to run the program:

- Host Chapter
- Instructor to teach provided course content
- Partner Community College
- Hospitals ready to accept externships and hands-on application





# Healthcare Facility Technician Training Course

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Available late 2025/early 2026

Course includes the following certifications:

- ASHE's Certified Health Care Physical Environment Worker
- ASHE's Mechanic Evaluation and Certification for Healthcare (MECH)
- Certified Healthcare Emergency Power Professional (CHEPP)
- NC3 Fundamentals of Electricity AC / DC Certification
- ASSE 6040 Medical Gas Maintenance Personnel
- EPA Section 608 Certification / A2L Low GWP refrigerant



- ICC Update

# ICC Second Code Action Hearings Results

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- Held October 23rd – Oct 30th
- Committee on Health Care testified regarding several proposals
- Definition of Clinical Need Approved
- An enhanced level of safety or security required to address care or welfare risks for care recipients



# ICC Second Code Action Hearings Results

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- Requirement for closers on Group I-1
- Automatic closers on corridor doors within Assisted Living Facilities will not be required
- Handwashing Station water temperature
- Final solution has not been achieved to this issue
- Progress made with opponents to assist in drafting acceptable language for public comment hearings
- Public Comment Hearings
  - Deadline for submitting comments - March 14, 2025
  - Public Comment Hearings to be held - April 19 - 28, 2026

# ASHRAE Update

# ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170

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## Addendum m 1st Public Review opening 13 Dec – 27 Jan

- Provides new definition for room unit
- Revises Tables 7-1, 8-1, 8-2 and 9-1 to incorporate types of room units that are allowable for each space type
- Revises the requirements for air change rate provisions with respect to room units
- Watch for announcement in HFM Insider

## Addendum r 2nd public review closed with no comments

- Revises Table 9-1 Design Parameters for Residential Health, Care, and Support-Specific Spaces

## Addendum s 1st public review closed with 1 comment

- Provides alignment with FGI spaces

# ASHRAE/ASHE Guideline 43

3rd Public Review issued  
Independent Substantive Change  
Open for comment November 22, 2024 to  
January 6, 2025

Announced within ASHE Insider 26 November

Have received 2 comments to date  
Work group to address comments as they are  
received



ASHRAE/ASHE Guideline 43P

Public Review Draft

## Operations Guideline for Ventilation of Health Care Facilities

Third Public Review (November 2024)  
(Draft shows Proposed Independent Substantive Changes  
to Previous Public Review Draft)

This draft has been recommended for public review by the responsible project committee. To submit a comment on this proposed standard, go to the ASHRAE website at [www.ashrae.org/standards-research-technology/public-review-drafts](http://www.ashrae.org/standards-research-technology/public-review-drafts) and access the online comment database. The draft is subject to modification until it is approved for publication by the Board of Directors and ANSI. Until this time, the current edition of the standard (as modified by any published addenda on the ASHRAE website) remains in effect. The current edition of any standard may be purchased from the ASHRAE Online Store at [www.ashrae.org/bookstore](http://www.ashrae.org/bookstore) or by calling 404-636-8400 or 1-800-727-4723 (for orders in the U.S. or Canada).

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# Call to Action

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- Open for comments until 6 January 2025
- Please share with chapter members
- To comment visit ASHRAE Public Review Draft Standards Webpage
  - <https://osr.ashrae.org/default.aspx>



45-Day Public Review Period from November 22, 2024 to January 06, 2025

COMMENT [ASHRAE/ASHE Guideline 43P, Operations Guideline for Ventilation of Health Care Facilities \(Third Independent Substantive Change Public Review Draft\)](#)  
Independent Substantive Change Public Review (ISC)  
Operations Guideline for Ventilation of Health Care Facilities



# Sustainability and Decarbonization

# AMC Sustainability Interest Group

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- Collaborative community supported by ASHE, the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), and Practice Greenhealth
  - Bimonthly meetings to connect on critical topics of sustainability and climate action specific to academic medicine.
  - Online platform to connect, share, and learn virtually.
  - Over 435 current members.
  - In-person opportunities at national meetings such as CleanMed, ASHE Conferences, and AAMC Annual Meeting.

# AMC Sustainability Interest Group

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- Last event was held Thursday, October 31st.
  - Welcomed four speakers who presented on the role of Medical Directors of Sustainability in their organizations.
    - Recording is available in the online community
- If you, or members of your chapter, are affiliated with an Academic Medical Center and wish to get involved, reach out to [awallace@aha.org](mailto:awallace@aha.org) for more details.
- January 9<sup>th</sup> - 3pm ET
  - On The Front Lines of Health Care and Climate Change: What Can We Learn from Crisis Response?

# 2025 Sustainability Task Forces

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- Call for Volunteers will be posted on myASHE in December
- Aiming to kick off in early 2025
  
- Two Task Force focus areas
  - Sustainability in Reliability Centered Maintenance
  - Sustainability Innovation
  
- A third Task Force is still in the works
  
- Please share this message and the Call for Volunteers with your chapter membership.

# ASHE/EPA Pro Bono Verification Program

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- Collaboration with EPA's ENERGY STAR program.
- Connect ASHE Licensed Professional (PE or RA) member volunteers with health care facilities looking to get ENERGY STAR certified.
- QR code takes you to the webpage for volunteer sign ups.
- If your hospital is eligible but needs LP verification, or you are a PE/RA that wants to volunteer to verify, please complete the form and we will be in touch.
- We need your help launching this program. Please share with your chapter membership.



# 2025 Meeting Dates and Upcoming Events

# 2025 Chapter Calls

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## 2025 Call Dates

Q1: Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Q2: Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Q3: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Q4: Wednesday, December 3, 2025

*All calls begin at 12:05 noon CT.*

*Call reminders – Chapter Calendar and the Liaison  
SharePoint site*

**[ashe.org/chapters/calendar](https://ashe.org/chapters/calendar)**

# Save the Date!

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**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES™  
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**July 27-30, 2025 | Columbus, OH**



# Questions or Discussion?

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# Thank you!

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