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Roy C.E. Ahlgren, Director of the Little Red Schoolhouse, is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a degree in Naval Science, and the Illinois Institute of Technology, with a Master's Degree in Management.

During his career as a Naval Officer, he was responsible for the operation and maintenance of a wide variety of shipboard engineering systems. He was a member of the first Engineer Officer's course for conventional steam plants held at the Naval Reactor Facility in Idaho Falls, and he directed the complete engineering systems overhaul of a guided missile cruiser.

He was designated by the Navy as a Training Specialist, and served as Executive Officer of the Recruit Training Command, "boot camp", at Great Lakes and the NROTC unit at Northwestern University.

Mr. Ahlgren has taught seminars in steam and water systems at ITT Bell & Gossett's famous "Little Red Schoolhouse" in Morton Grove, Illinois since 1985. He has also developed a number of shorter seminars on various aspects of steam and hydronic systems, which he presents around the country on behalf of ITT Residential & Commercial Water Systems Representatives. He regularly teaches at the University of Wisconsin's Department of Engineering Professional Development. He is the author of several booklets and articles on fluid handling topics. He writes the regular Hydronics Column for Plumbing Systems & Design, the official magazine of ASPE.

He is a past Chairman of the ASHRAE Technical Committee on Hydronic and Steam Systems and Equipment, and enjoys participating in the Chicago Area Runner's Association.

