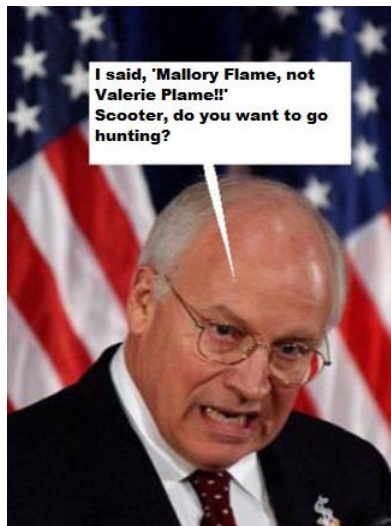




“Government Affairs”



Joe Wilson and his spy wife



Part of the Chapter Technology Transfer Committee

Section 2.7 Manual For Chapter Operations



ASHRAE Government Affairs
Mission Statement:

To establish ASHRAE as a leading source for expertise in the built environment and a resource for policy-makers in the development of legislation and regulations affecting the public, the HVAC&R community, and the engineering profession.



To this end the ASHRAE Washington D.C. office will:

1. Build relationships between the Society and all levels of government
2. Facilitate the transfer of technical counsel
3. disseminate relevant information regarding current or anticipated government actions.
4. Pursue technology transfer and government funding opportunities independently or jointly



From Section 2.7 MFCO, the Chapter Committee is charged with:

- C. Provide input to, and maintain liaisons with local and state governmental advisory bodies.
- D. Promote the appointment of chapter members to local and state governmental advisory bodies.
- E. Keep the chapter informed on governmental activities on technical issues related to heating, ventilating, refrigeration, and air conditioning.
- F. Investigate government-related matters as requested by the chapter's president or Board of Governors.



Why Get Involved?

- State & Local Governments may make decisions with out ASHRAE input
- ASHRAE’s knowledge, standards and resources can address state and local needs.
- If ASHRAE is absent, others may not represent our interests properly or at all.



Do’s & Don’ts

- Do inform state & local officials of ASHRAE’s existence, reputation, independence & expertise as well as local chapter expertise and meetings/seminars
- Do provide freely available information, ie: [position papers](#) and Standards
- Do develop coalitions with other likeminded groups



Do’s & Don’ts

- Don’t speak for ASHRAE, but provide ASHRAE information & documentation
- Don’t mix your commercial interests with what you are doing for ASHRAE
- Don’t assume to know governments’ needs, provide input after you meet and learn



Arkansas Chapter Liaisons

- Arkansas Energy Office, Susan Recken
- Public Service Commission, Tim Staley
- State HVAC/R Licensing Board-Chairman Sam Cummings and Mike McClellan
- Arkansas Department of Education-Terry Granderson
- Legislative Task Force on Sustainable Building Design & Practices-Bill Harrison



Arkansas Energy Office

- Working with the Legislative Task Force on Sustainable Building Design & Practices
- Engaged with the PSC
- Promoting grants for M&V in Sustainable Buildings
- Promoting Alternative Fuels and Biomass activities in the State



Public Service Commission

- Discussions about Utility Rate Design
- Policy development that impacts the promotion of energy conservation in the State



What's Happening In Arkansas

Arkansas HVAC/R Licensing Board

Establish and administer the Arkansas Mechanical Code which represent the minimum standards for installation, alteration, and repair of mechanical equipment and systems.

- Perform inspections in designated areas of the state



What's Happening In Arkansas

Arkansas HVAC/R Licensing Board (continued)

- Committee recommended independence from DHS. Legislation proposed by HVACR Assoc., not sanctioned by Board at this time.
- Exploring Mechanical Plan Review Process
- Likely to add some form of Insurance Requirement to licensure process
- Struggling to collect the civil penalties levied by Board



Legislative Task Force on Sustainable Building Design & Practices

- Created by Act 1770 of 2005.
- Shane Broadway and Joyce Elliot, co-chairs
- 'Introduce itself to state agencies as a friend, letting them know that there is information, training and energy efficient and environmentally friendly mechanisms that can help them.'
- Nine meetings were held beginning Jan'06



Legislative Task Force on Sustainable Building Design & Practices

A Large Focus on K-12

- Districts spent over \$59 million for utilities during '04-05 fiscal year.
- '05-'06 increased to nearly \$73 million



Legislative Task Force on Sustainable Building Design & Practices

Several Recommendations were reported to the 86th General Assembly

1. Create a position of Energy Manager
2. Implement baseline utility consumption by District
3. Study consolidated construction plan review
4. Provide incentives to Districts that design with a life cycle cost focus
5. Arkansas Energy Office to M&V a school built using LEED or Green Globes
6. Task force to be reappointed for 2 more years to evaluate these recommendations and explore higher-ed and state buildings



Other Arkansas Happenings

- **Contractors for Public Protection Association** promoting change in Act 961 of 1997, Act 961 of 1997 & Act 1989 of 2005.
- Arkansas Office of State Procurement and others working on policies & procedures for implementing Performance Contracting



Current Session Proposed Legislation

- An act [authorizing the AEO](#) to promote energy efficiency in the state of Arkansas



Current Session Proposed Legislation

- An [Act To Continue the Task Force](#) on Sustainable Building Design & Practices



Current Session Proposed Legislation

- An [Act Authorizing the Division of Public School Academic Facilities & Transportation](#) to Review Statutes, Rules & Regulations for Energy Related Content



Current Session Proposed Legislation

- An [Act to Promote Insurance Coverage](#) for Construction Contracts; To Protect the Construction Industry from Insurance Policy Limitations (objectionable T&C cram-down provisions to Subs)



What can you do?

Learn and Know what's happening:

Arkansas Government Websites

- www.arkansas.gov/dfa/
- www.arkleg.state.ar.us
- www.healthyarkansas.com/phc
- www.state.ar.us/pels/

Other Useful Sites

- www.eia.doe.gov/
- www.agcar.net
- www.cfppa.org
- www.arb.ca.gov



What can you do?

Get Involved

- Participate in you neighborhood assoc.
- Engage your local school board
- Get to know your Arkansas Representative and Senator
- Follow the newspaper updates
- Communicate to the Chapter your involvement
