

HOW DID IT START?

Excerpts from the ASHRAE Member Council Report to the Board of Directors, January 1997.

Item 3. Member council recommends to the Board of Directors that ASHRAE establish a College of Fellows to improve the status of Fellows and their activity in the Society.

Background: The College of Fellows would be similar to those in AIA, SAME, SMACNA and other Professional organizations. It is believed the establishment of a College of Fellows would enhance attendance and Participation by Fellows in the Society. All present and future Fellows would be College members. The College could be started by establishing a breakfast at an upcoming Society meeting and appropriate publicity in Insights. There are presently 208* Fellows in the Society. Approximately 100 attend the Winter and Annual Meetings.

Fiscal Impact: Minimal, since this would be implemented similar to the *Life Members Club* where the members pay to attend the function. (VOTE: 8/0/0 CNV)

Excerpts from the Board of Directors meeting, January 26, 29-30, 1997.

It was moved by Mr. Coad and seconded

Motion (39) that ASHRAE establish a College of Fellows to improve the status of Fellows and their activity in the Society.

Mr. Coad noted this group would be self-funded since they would pay for a breakfast or other function they schedule.

MOTION 39 PASSED. (Vote: 27-0-0, chairman not voting)

The following article is from October 1997 issue of INSIGHTS.

The ASHRAE College of Fellows

ASHRAE has many resources, but its most important is its dedicated members. Among these are 500 Fellows. The process of evaluating members recommended for the award of the Honor of Fellow is carefully accomplished by the Honors and Awards committee. These members constitute a committee of peers that determines that each candidate has proven their high professional capabilities as engineers, educators, researchers, technical authors and/or inventors. The committee then recommends the qualified candidates to the

atically become a member of this College. This College will have the task to function as a self-determining group. It will select its own leaders, set its own goals and develop the tools to accomplish these goals. Such goals might include mentoring younger less experienced professionals, establishing lectures for ASHRAE Chapters and Student Chapters or establish scholarships to help potential engineers to be able to obtain their education. In an overall sense what we are suggesting is to find other ways in which this great mass of

*The list of Fellows dated Sept. 14, 1999 including a supplement dated Oct 15, 1999 lists 523 Fellows; so the number of 208 had to be incorrect even for 1997.

Board of Directors for their consideration and approval of the award of the Honor of Fellow in ASHRAE.

The candidates are not selected for their activities in ASHRAE, but instead for their technical and professional contribution to the art and science of heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigeration. These engineers represent the "cream of the crop" of ASHRAE. Many of the Fellows contribute to ASHRAE in various ways, but some of the Fellows take little if any part in the Society or in its Chapters. This gives rise to two questions:

1. Has ASHRAE provided the appropriate opportunity for each of these Fellows to be able to share his or her knowledge and interest with others in our profession and to help others to grow and learn from this depth of knowledge?
2. Has each of the Fellows made an effort to share with ASHRAE and its members to make the profession stronger and better? Remember that ASHRAE's goal is to be "The global leader in the arts and sciences of heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration."

How can we foster these relationships for both the Fellows and the Society? The Board of Directors (BOD) is in the process of organizing one possible vehicle to provide both a path and an opportunity. It is the formation of an association within ASHRAE of a College of Fellows. Each existing and each new Fellow will auto-

real life experience in ASHRAE's fields of interest that the Fellows have, can be passed on to the next generation of engineers; so that they will not have to learn by making the mistakes that we made as we worked our way up to this level. The College could investigate any other professional activity that its members jointly determine is a worthwhile activity that will foster ASHRAE's goals.

The College of Fellows provides an honor as well as a sense of satisfaction to its members, becomes a major asset to the Society and enhances the professional standing of our whole industry.

In order to determine if these thoughts or other suggestions can be further developed, ASHRAE will be corresponding directly with each Fellow to determine his or her interest in the College of Fellows. From the responses the BOD will be able to determine if the College should be explored further and how its guidelines will be determined.

In order to not delay this process, each Fellow who is interested will be asked to attend an exploratory organizational meeting to be held at the Semiannual Society meeting in San Francisco, January 17-21, 1998. The letter will include a questionnaire to indicate the level of interest, suggestions and ideas that should be explored. If the response is sufficient, a meeting will be held in San Francisco, and the process will be started to have the Fellows take their rightful place in ASHRAE's future.

CONCLUSION

The survey was conducted with an overall favorable response, a steering committee was set up and the basic organization formed. This was followed by the election of officers for the college at the Annual Meeting in June of 1998 and the College of Fellows of ASHRAE was a reality. Thanks for your interest.

THE FIRST ADMINISTRATION

In order to provide for start up the first slate of officers were elected for two years, and to provide for continuity the Vice President will succeed to the presidency at the completion of his term as Vice President. The Steering Committee became the Advisory Committee with three-year terms.

During the following months a set of Bylaws for the College was developed as well as a Manual of Operating Procedures. These are flexible documents that anticipate in the long life of the College of Fellows changes will be required to keep them current. These documents were approved and are currently in use.

The Mission statement in the Bylaws sets the tone for the College of Fellows:

MISSION

2.1 The mission of the College is to serve as ambassadors to enhance ASHRAE's technical image internally and in the community at large through activities such as:

- Transferring ASHRAE-generated technology and knowledge
- Mentoring students, engineers and educators to increase their awareness of ASHRAE activities
- Sharing knowledge and experience with the grass-roots organization, such as chapter presentations
- Communicating ASHRAE recommended practices to resolve current industry problems
- Supporting ASHRAE governance in conducting special technical activities

OPERATION

3.1 The College shall be financially self-supporting. It shall have the authority to raise funds to pay for its own operating expenses-----

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