

Dear ASHRAE Fellow and College of Fellow Member,

Due to recent changes in US IRS 501c3 regulations, the ASHRAE College of Fellows have begun discussions with ASHRAE to dissolve the College's separate and independent 501c3 status and transfer the College in its entirety to ASHRAE. If approved, the College will operate under ASHRAE's 501c3 status and cease operations as a wholly independent entity.

This change will have no impact on the function, reporting, or responsibilities of the College of Fellows and will not change how Fellow status is awarded. All donations to the College of Fellows will remain 100% tax deductible under ASHRAE's 501c3 classification.

The proposed motion and changes to be discussed and voted on by the College in Seattle is:

The College of Fellows recommends dissolution of the independent corporation, College of Fellows, Inc. and acceptance of the BOD changes to 2.105 Organizational / Staff as indicated below.

Background: The College of Fellows (COF) has been a separate non-profit entity for historical reasons and is now to be transferred into ASHRAE. This will enable ASHRAE to integrate many of the activities and benefits the COF performs. The COF will also have the ability to raise funds to assist ASHRAE to increase membership, provide expertise when needed, to provide mentoring to students and young members, to share knowledge and experience with chapters and other grassroots organizations, to communicate ASHRAE practices to resolve issues within the HVAC/R industry, and to support ASHRAE in conducting special technical activities.

2.105 ORGANIZATIONAL / STAFF

2.105.001 Standing Bodies

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The standing bodies of the Society are the Board of Directors and those listed in the table below:

<u>Standing Body</u>	<u>Authorized Number of Meetings per Year</u>	<u>Reporting To</u>
College of Fellows (COF)**	2	Executive Committee

**COF positions are not eligible for travel or transportation reimbursement from ASHRAE for attendance at meetings.

2.105.009 College of Fellows

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ASHRAE shall establish a College of Fellows to improve the status of Fellows and their activity in the Society. The College of Fellows shall report directly to the ASHRAE Ex-Com.

2.105.009.1 Scope and Purpose

The College of Fellows shall perform services to increase ASHRAE and ASHRAE Fellow membership, to provide expertise when needed, to mentor students and young members, to share knowledge and experience with chapters and other grassroots organizations, to communicate ASHRAE practices and resolve issues within the HVAC/R industry, and to support ASHRAE in conducting special technical activities.

2.105.009.2 Membership

Newly elected Fellows shall become members of the College of Fellows effective on the date that they are elevated to the rank of ASHRAE Fellow. The COF Executive Committee (COF-ExCom) shall be comprised of the COF President, the COF President Elect, the COF Treasurer, the COF Secretary and the COF Immediate Past President.

The formal, public vote of this motion is open to all ASHRAE Fellow Members and will take place during the normal College of Fellows business meeting during the Seattle Annual Conference. The meeting is scheduled at 10:00am-12:00 noon, June 29th - Jefferson A (4-Union Tower, Sheraton)

Thank you again for all your support and service to our industry,

Dave Claridge
President – College of Fellows