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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, this month I wanted to mention a new trend I found in contractor licensing.

In Florida, one may now obtain contractor licenses by taking the contractor licensing exam in Spanish. This is being promoted as "English as a second language". For example, see ["http://www.myflorida.com/dbpr/pro/forms/cilb/exam_application_package.pdf"](http://www.myflorida.com/dbpr/pro/forms/cilb/exam_application_package.pdf). So, it is now quite easy now for someone with English as "no language" to become a licensed contractor. In fact, this policy benefits those who speak no English far more than people who speak Spanish well and English kind-of-well. This brings up some interesting points regarding our construction industry and the quality of buildings we all offer building owners.

Considering that the project documents are written in English, the ramifications of having anywhere's from one person on a site to the entire crew unable to read the project documents is, in my opinion, food for thought. Combined with the intriguing possibility of trying to communicate with people in the field who are, at best, understanding one out of 20 words you are speaking to them, well,--que lastima, este es un problema muy serio y es muy real.

What if some architects preferred to make blueprints and specifications in Spanish? (What if they were unable to write in any other language?). Could such a thing have a detrimental impact on the quality of buildings that our industry presents to owners? Would such a thing infringe on English speaking American's right to work? Exactly how important is the comfort level of people who are just learning English in comparison to the demands of getting buildings built correctly and on budget.

Obviously, tax payers have already paid extra to fund this dual-language-in-contracting-venture. What if government contracts started requiring someday that all of their project documents be in two languages.

Obviously printing costs and production costs would double and sales companies and consultants alike would incur extra burdens of translating. The net value of this to owners would make an interesting debate, I think. Since I have long since left my politically active days behind me, I should at least try to appear neutral and open minded on this subject. So here goes. *Views expressed in this President's Message do not speak for the views of the ASHRAE Chapter and also, any furthermore, Chapter may not act for Society.* After reading the Constitution for myself one day, I came to the conclusion that America does not, by design, give it's people the government they deserve necessarily, (Continued Next Page)

MARCH MEETING NOTICE

Topic:

Ice Storage System, Internet DDC & Historic Cars Tour

Guest Speaker:

Scott George & Brett McKinstry

NEW Meeting Location:

**Frascati's Italian Restaurant-Dinner
CH Motorcars Museum-Tour**

Date:

Wednesday March 9, 2005

Time:

5:00 – 5:30 Happy Hour

5:30 - 6:30 Dinner

7:00 Tour

Cost:

\$30.00 per member.

Reservations are a must!!

Call Mary Kay Gonzalez
239-939-9098

(Presidents Message Continued)

but does gives the people the government they fight for. Acting solely on my own as a single concerned citizen, I have often felt "out hustled" in this arena. After all, taking 20 minutes to locate State Senators and Representatives on the internet and sending them a message is something most citizen's rarely take time to do. Paid lobbyists are always there. But one could always take the time to let their Senators and Representatives know what a good job they are doing or, possibly, how they might be able to represent them even better.

En fin, muchas gracias por leer este editorial y que tenga buena asuertas en sus proyectos. El futuro sera lo que usted diga.

Guy Van Meulebrouck PE, President SWFL ASHRAE Chapter

This Month's Topic: Ice Storage System, Internet DDC & Historic Cars Tour

Presented By: Scott George & Brett McKinstry

A unique opportunity to tour a working Ice Storage System, monitored and controlled via an Internet DDC system. Designed and installed by local Engineers and Contractors. Oh and don't forget the Historic automobile collection that utilizes this system. This is the one you won't want to miss.

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News From All Over

ASHRAE Offers Professional Development Seminars

Four professional development seminars, including two online courses, will be offered this spring by ASHRAE. ASHRAE Learning Institute's professional development seminars provide in-depth information that is timely and practical. Seminar participants will earn continuing education units, professional development hours or American Institute of Architects learning units for each seminar completed.

Upcoming Events

IEA Heat Pump Conference,

May 30– June 2, Las Vegas. Cosponsored by ASHRAE. Contact Melissa Voss Lapsa at Oak Ridge National Laboratory at 865-576-8620, fax 865-574-9331, hp2005@ornl.gov, or www.ornl.gov/hp2005.

VIII CIAR,

June 1– 2, Montevideo, Uruguay. Cosponsored by ASHRAE. Contact organizers at 598 2 628 4906, fax 598 2 628 3550, or asurvac@adinet.com.uy.

International Sorption Heat Pump Conference,

June 22– 24, Denver. Cosponsored by ASHRAE. Contact organizers at 301-405-5439 or www.enme.umd.edu/ceee/ishpc.

ASHRAE Annual Meeting,

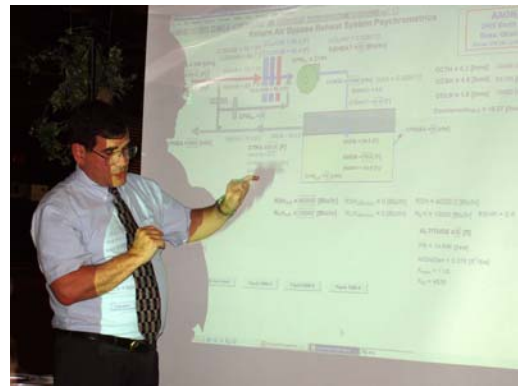
June 25– 29, Denver. Contact ASHRAE Meetings Section, 1791 Tullie Circle NE, Atlanta, GA 30329; 404-636-8400, jyoung@ashrae.org, or www.ashrae.org.

Building Simulation 2005,

Aug. 15– 18, Montreal. Cosponsored by ASHRAE. Contact organizers at michel.bernier@polymtl.ca, or www.ibpsa.ca/bs2005.

David E. Knebel, P.E. ASHRAE Fellow, Director of Sales and Technical Director AAON, Inc

February's speaker Mr. David Knebel presented a very informative discussion on Chiller Feature Comparisons. This was after spending time in Orlando at the AHR/ASHRAE show.



The program was well attended.



Mark Your Calendar

Saturday May 21, 2005 for the Backwater Fishing Tournament. Organizers Dean Sanders, Keith Enright & Don Pine are busy making preparation for this "Fun Family" event. They tell me that the date is tentative at this time. As soon as it is official we will send out registration and sponsor forms.

ASHRAE 2004-05 Chapter Meeting Dates

Meeting Date	Program	Speaker / Representative	Location
Sep. 8, 2004	Moisture Control Through Desiccant Dehumidification	Cheryl Hughes / Munters	Sam Seltzer's Steakhouse
Oct. 13, 2004	DDC for Lighting	John Bagwell / Triatek	Sam Seltzer's Steakhouse
Oct. 29, 2004	Golftoberfest	Jason Grabowski	Heritage Palms Golf and Country Club
Nov. 10, 2004	Commercial Kitchen Ventilation	Sherri Lee / Captive Aire	Sam Seltzer's Steakhouse
Dec. 10, 2004	Everblades Hockey Game and Dinner		Germain Arena
Jan. 12, 2005	LEED Program	Paul Shahriari	Bogert's Chop House
Feb. 10, 2005	Chiller Feature Comparisons	Dave Knebel	Bogert's Chop House
Mar. 9, 2005	C.H. Motor Cars Tour		Naples
Apr. 13, 2005	U.V. Lights in A/C	Chuck Dunn / Lumalier Co.	TBA
Tentative May 21, 2005	7 th Annual Backwater Fishing Tournament	Dean Sanders/Keith Enright	TBA
May 11, 2005	To Be Announced		TBA
TBA – May	5 th Annual 8-Ball Pool Tournament	Lisa Duritsch	Miscue Lounge
June 2005	President's Party		TBA

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