



Wichita Chapter

PAST PRESIDENTS

LEADERSHIP RECALL



NAME & YEAR(S) AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASHRAE-WICHITA CHAPTER. RICHARD BOWMAN, 1977-78

WOULD YOU GIVE A BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF YOUR LIFE? (PLACE OF BIRTH, FAMILY SIZE, EARLY SCHOOLING, HIGHER EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND OUTSIDE OF THE HVAC INDUSTRY, CURRENT FAMILY—SPOUSE, CHILDREN.)

WICHITA, ONE BROTHER, WICHITA SOUTHEAST, BA IN BUSINESS ADM. MBA WICHITA STATE, GRADUATE OF CLIMATE CONTROL INSTITUTE, ASSOCIATE DEGREE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, WIFE PEG TWO CHILDREN.

WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO ENGINEERING AND/OR THE HVAC INDUSTRY?

FATHER OWNED HVAC FIRM

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB IN THE HVAC INDUSTRY AND WHERE DID IT LEAD?

HELPER IN HVAC FIRM TO PROMOTION TO PRESIDENT AND OWNER. MECHANICAL CONSULTANT FOR THE PAST 14 YEARS.

DESCRIBE THE INDUSTRY AT THAT TIME. WHAT WERE THE CHALLENGES THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES WERE FACING?

EVERYTHING WAS DONE WITH PENCIL AND PAPER.

HOW AND WHEN DID YOU GET STARTED IN ASHRAE?

1973 ERIC JUNEMAN RECRUITED ME.

WHAT WAS YOUR ASHRAE CHAPTER AND/OR REGIONAL AND SOCIETY EXPERIENCE?

ALL OF THE OFFICES THRU PRESIDENT, REGIONAL TREASURER, ASSISTANT REGIONAL CHAIRMAN, DRG AND CURRENTLY ON NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND VOTING MEMBER OF TC 6.5

WHAT WERE THE MAJOR ISSUES FACING THE INDUSTRY AT THAT TIME?

TRANSITION TO CAD

WHAT PEOPLE IN THE INDUSTRY STAND OUT AS INFLUENCES ON YOU?

ERIC JUNEMAN, JOHN KNIPP, KEN STOPPEL

WHAT EVENTS CHANGED THE INDUSTRY?

MAJOR SHIFT IN TECHNOLOGY, CAD, COMPUTER PLASMA MACHINES.

WHAT HAS ASHRAE MEANT TO THE INDUSTRY'S GROWTH?

ASSUMED A MAJOR ROLE IN ENERGY STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A YOUNG PERSON ENTERING THE HVAC FIELD?

ATTEND AS MANY ASHRAE MEETING AS POSSIBLE AT CHAPTER AND NATIONAL LEVELS. LEARN ALL YOU CAN FROM YOUR PEERS.

DID ANY HUMOROUS EVENTS TAKE PLACE DURING YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH ASHRAE?

LOT OF LAUGHS AT THE GOLF OUTINGS.

WHAT OTHER INTERESTS AND/OR HOBBIES DO YOU HAVE?

COMPETITION DUPLICATE BRIDGE, GOLF.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE?

THE WICHITA CHAPTER IS VERY STRONG AND HAS GREAT FUTURE.