



# Wichita Chapter

## PAST PRESIDENTS

### LEADERSHIP RECALL



**NAME & YEAR(S) AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASHRAE-WICHITA CHAPTER. SEAN MILLER, 2012-2013**

**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.)**

BORN IN TEXAS, ONE SISTER, GRADUATED FROM WICHITA HEIGHTS HS, BS-MECHANICAL ENGINEERING FROM WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AN MBA FROM SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE, STARTED WORKING AS A CAD TECH IN THE INDUSTRY AT AGE 17 AND BEEN IN EVER SINCE, WIFE-PIPER WITH THREE CHILDREN-CHASE, ABBY & CHANCE

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

EXPERIENCE WITH SCIENCE OLYMPIAD PROGRAM IN HS LED ME TO ENGINEERING. STARTED WORK AT WILSON & COMPANY AT AGE 17 AND WAS ABLE TO WORK ON ABOUT EVERY DISCIPLINE OF ENGINEERING WHILE THERE AND FOCUSED IN ON HVAC.

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

WORKED AS A CAD TECH FOR WILSON & CO. IN WICHITA WHERE I WAS ABLE TO WORK ON SOME HVAC PROJECTS. WENT ON TO BLOSSER-SMITH ENGINEERING AFTER GRADUATING TO FOCUS ON HVAC AS A DESIGN ENGINEER WHICH THEN LED TO A LONG STAY AT MKEG AND FINALLY AT KNIPP SERVICES TO FOCUS ON ENERGY ENGINEERING.

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

AFTER GRADUATING IT WAS TOUGH TO FIND WORK (2002) AS NEW CONSTRUCTION WAS LOW AND MONEY TIGHT FOR RENOVATIONS.

**HOW AND WHEN DID YOU GET STARTED IN ASHRAE?**

ONE OF ONLY 2 MEMBERS OF ASHRAE STUDENT CHAPTER AT WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY IN LATE 1990'S. JOINED AS A MEMBER AFTER GRADUATION.

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

GOOD. GREAT WAY TO NETWORK AND REALLY LEARN ABOUT THE INDUSTRY.

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

GREEN DESIGN AND SUSTAINABILITY WERE JUST EMERGING AS HOT TOPICS.

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

JOHN KNIPP, GLEN NILSEN, JIM WOODY, SCOTT SMITH, JOE SAMIA, RICHARD BOWMAN

**WHAT EVENTS CHANGED THE INDUSTRY?**

PRICE OF ENERGY, GREEN DESIGN/LEED

**WHAT HAS ASHRAE MEANT TO THE INDUSTRY'S GROWTH?**

ESTABLISHED RULES, STANDARDS AND BASIS FOR EVERYTHING WE DO

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

GET INVOLVED WITH ASHRAE, SPEND TIME LEARNING IN THE OFFICE AND IN THE FIELD

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

LOTS OF GOOD TIMES AT THE NEBRASKA HOSPITALITY SUITE DURING CRC'S

**WHAT OTHER INTERESTS AND/OR HOBBIES DO YOU HAVE?**

COMIC BOOKS, READING, BEING INVOLVED IN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD AS A COACH & EVENT SUPERVISOR

**ANY OTHER COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE?**

BEING INVOLVED IN ASHRAE HAS BEEN A VERY REWARDING EXPERIENCE HELPING ME TO GROW BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY.