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The Squirrel Cage

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Next Meeting

[September 17, 2026](#)
[12:00 PM - 1:00 PM](#)
[Pyramid Building](#)

A Message from the President of Alamo ASHRAE!

Hello Alamo ASHRAE Members,

We are officially underway with our 2026-2027 Chapter year. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at our kick-off party. We bowled our faces off and had a bunch of fun! Special thanks to our sponsors McMillan-James Equipment Company, Trane, Mechanical Reps, Oslin Nation, Southland Industries, and Grundfos. We couldn't do what we do without your support. If you didn't make the event, I hope that you are able to join us at our monthly meetings and exciting fundraising events.

If we haven't gotten to know each other yet, my name is Alex Mathis and I have been active with the Alamo Chapter since 2018. I've previously volunteered as YEA Chair, Secretary, and President-Elect before taking on my current role as President. I am an Account Executive for Texas AirSystems, and I have worked in the industry for nearly a decade helping design and build projects across our industry. Please find me at our monthly meetings and introduce yourself!

This year, we will be getting back to the basics with a focus on technical presentations. Most of our meetings will fall on the 3rd Thursday of each month so keep your calendars clear. This month, in-line with our Society President Sarah Maston's theme for the 2026-27 Society Year "Changing the Game: Retrofitting for Resilience.", our September meeting will take place at The Pyramid Building on September 17th. Our speaker, Catherine Tinkler, will be presenting "From Index to Initiative: Using Assessments to Create Actionable Facility Plans". See you there! In addition to our October monthly meeting, we will host our annual Skeet Shoot on the 29th. Make sure to sign up for a team or grab a sponsorship spot if you haven't already.

Lastly, we are always looking for more volunteers! If you are excited about what we are doing or have ideas for how we can improve, please ask how you can get involved at our next activity.

Best regards,

Alex Mathis
'26-'27 Alamo ASHRAE President

ALAMO ASHRAE '25-'26 OFFICERS

Meet this year's Alamo ASHRAE Officers!!



Alex Mathis
President
Texas AirSystems



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President Elect
Mechanical Reps, Inc.



Sean Smith
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Oslin Nation



Sean Smith
Secretary
Southland Industries

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September Meeting

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

THE PYRAMID
601 NORTHWEST LOOP 410
SAN ANTONIO TX 78216

(PLEASE CHECK IN AT 11:30 AM FOR REGISTRATION. PRESENTATION BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 12:00 PM.)

From Index to Initiative: Using Assessments to Create Actionable Facility Plans

In this month's meeting, we will provide an overview of how comprehensive facility assessments, benchmarking performance data, and integrating regenerative design principles can enhance strategic planning. To turn plans into results, we will highlight practical tools, such as the Facility Quality Initiatives (FQI) Framework.

[CLICK HERE FOR
MORE INFORMATION
& REGISTRATION](#)

FREE MEETING REGISTRATION

- Must be a current ASHRAE member
- Work at an engineering firm
- Complete website registration before Sept 17th



Catherine Tinkler

CAPITAL RENEWAL STRATEGIST
AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNER
FOR SEVERAL A/E FIRMS

BECOME THE SEPTEMBER MEETING SPONSOR

INTERESTED IN SPONSORING THIS MEETING?
CONTACT ERICK VAZQUEZ AT
ERICK.VAZQUEZ@SOUTHLANDIND.COM.



Alamo Chapter

Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA)

CONNECT | LEARN | GROW | BELONG

SAME
INDUSTRY.
A STRONGER
TOMORROW.

YEA HAPPY HOUR

GOOD DRINKS | GREAT COMPANY | BRIGHTER FUTURES



THURSDAY
OCTOBER 8TH
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM



Little
WOODROW'S

STONE OAK

606 W AFTON OAKS BLVD
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232

STAY AFTER FOR THE
DALLAS COWBOYS VS.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS GAME!
KICKOFF AT 7:15 PM



VS.



YOUNG
PROFESSIONALS



INDUSTRY
FRIENDS



CAREER
GROWTH



A STRONGER
SAN ANTONIO

KICKOFF MTG ATTENDANCE



ASHRAE 2026/2027 Kickoff meeting

Pinstack

August 20th, 2026

Alejandro Herrera
Alex Mathis
Alexandia Galanis
Antonio Aguinaldo
Billy Jachetta
Braden Speer
Brandon Clark
Chris O'Connor
Clayton Davis
Clint Ulman
Colton Comalander
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Jerry Rodriguez
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Jordan Pina
Josh Gavos
Joshua Miller
Loraine Adams
Marshall Metcalf
Michelle Ferencak
Miha Bernat
Mike Sadosky
Moshe Krumholz
Nathaniel Shipman
Quang Nguy
Randall Bloomquist
Reese Brennan
Richard McBride
Robert M. Perez
Samuel Baez
Sean Smith
Sebastian Salazar
Stephen Dvorak
Steven Lipe
Wes Weissgarber

Thank you to our Attendees!!!

CHAPTER REPORTS

TREASURER & ATTENDANCE



Treasurer Sean Smith of Oslin Nation

I'm Sean and I will be the Treasurer for 2026-27. My responsibilities include the annual financial audit, preparing budgets with the other committee members, & tracking income and expenses.

Also, I'll handle Clover credit card payments and can usually be found checking everyone in at meetings. We are currently still working on our budget for the year but have had a preliminary meeting to address rising costs.

On another note, we raised around \$6100 for the kickoff event through bulk sponsorships, raffles, & registrations and it cost \$4900 in total to host. Our goal as always is to roughly break-even year over year, but that also includes contributing to the national ASHRAE chapter for research & scholarships. I'm looking forward to another year of working with everyone and if anyone has any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out, sean.smith@onco-tx.com.

The Alamo ASHRAE Chapter had a great turnout at our Kickoff Meeting on August 27 at Pinstack off I-10! 🎉

Members & friends reconnected, shared ideas, and brought great energy to the start of our '26-'27 season!! ✨

Thanks to everyone who joined us and helped set the tone for an exciting year ahead!! 😎



Attendance Chair,
Casey Bordelon of Southland Industries
Casey.Bordelon@SouthlandInd.com

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YEA

This year the YEA committee wants to create networking opportunities, technical tours, mentorship activities, and social events.

We are interested in setting up technical tours in our area I believe the one southland put on last year was beneficial and more like this may be beneficial to our younger engineers.

Join us next month for an ASHRAE Alamo Chapter YEA Happy Hour on Thursday, October 8th at Little Woodrow's Stone Oak.

This will be a casual opportunity to connect with other young professionals, engineers, contractors, reps, and industry friends in the San Antonio HVAC community. We'll meet from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM for drinks, networking, and conversation before the Dallas Cowboys vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers game kicks off at 7:15 PM.

Whether you are already involved with ASHRAE or just looking to meet more people in the industry, we would love to have you join us. Feel free to stay after the happy hour to watch the game.



YEA Chair,

Braden Speers of Texas Air Systems

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MEMBERSHIP & PROMOTION

Thank you to all who have contributed to Alamo ASHRAE Chapter, we appreciate your membership and involvement. Let's start out the year with strong!

- 245 Start total:** Total that your chapter started the year with. (Total includes paid and unpaid members, and does not include students.)
- 5 Growth Goal:** Goal for number of new members, which is 2% (as set by your MP Regional Vice Chair).
- 250 End goal:** Total growth goal to reach by year's end.

247 Current Enrollment

Thank you to this month's renewals and new members

New Members

1. Jake Daniel with DBR
2. Daniel Hausbeck with SKYE MEP



Membership & Promotion Chair,
Hector Trevino of Oslin Nation

Renewal Reminder:

If your membership is up for renewal, please remember to complete the process by going to renew.ashrae.org. Keeping your membership current ensures you continue to enjoy all the benefits ASHRAE has to offer, including access to industry resources, networking opportunities, and professional development events.

Did You Know?

There are many opportunities to get involved with the ASHRAE community and expand your network with us. If you're interested in contributing your time and skills, please contact me. We greatly appreciate all our volunteers and their time and dedication.

Contact Us:

For any questions concerning membership, account access, or involvement, reach out to us at 210-289-5926 or hector.trevino@onco-tx.com. We appreciate all the involvement & support required to make the Alamo ASHRAE Chapter a success!