

THIRSTY THURSDAYS

NEXT GEN

Virtual

HAPPY HOUR

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MCAM's Next Gen Committee is thrilled to launch and host Thirsty Thursday's Virtual Happy Hour. Thirsty Thursdays take place on the last Thursday of each month and are a casual virtual Zoom Happy Hour to meet up, network and take part in conversations with the mechanical industry's future leaders.

The most recent Thirsty Thursdays was February 25 via Zoom and sponsored by Midwest Engineering. They included a Powerbank with their logo in the swag bags that were couriered to the first 5 people that registered.

Next gen Chairman, Cory Ball of Mikkelsen-Coward opened the forum with introductions. Then, Andrew Skorpad from Midwest started the conversation by asking special guest Professor Timothy Wentz about his thoughts on the relationships between consultants, engineers and contractors.

Professor Wentz created a welcoming floor to those who had questions. He is a Registered Professional Engineer, Master Heating & Plumbing Contractor, LEED® - Accredited Professional (AP-BD&C) and holds an ASHRAE certification as a High-performance Building Design Professional (HBDP). The Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA) named him their national "Educator of the Year" award on three occasions, 2000, 2002 and 2004. In March of 2009, the MCAA awarded Tim its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award and in 2015 ASHRAE awarded Tim the Exceptional Service Award. In recognition of his service to industry, the College of Engineering at the University of Nebraska awarded Tim its inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018. Wentz served on the Construction Management faculty in the College of Engineering for 25 years until being named an Emeritus Professor in 2018. He is also a very active volunteer within ASHRAE, where he has served as the Nebraska Chapter President for 1997-1998. He also served as Director and Regional Chair for Region IX of ASHRAE and was inducted into the Region IX Hall of Honor in 2005. ASHRAE elected Tim a Fellow of the Society in 2005. He recently served as Society President in 2016-2017 and launched the Society theme for that year 'Adapt Today to Shape Tomorrow'.

Signature Next Gen events such as the popular Scotch Night were cancelled this year due to the pandemic. The committee launched Thirsty Thursdays because there was an appetite to network and learn. This event provided an opportunity to share stories and have questions answered as they relate to the Mechanical Contracting Industry. Cole Ridd from Dynamic Building Controls said, "It is a great opportunity to network and get to know your peers in the industry!" and Cory Gray of Thermo Applicators says, "It's not everyday you get to speak with CEOs and decision makers in a casual setting!"

The next Thirsty Thursday is March 25 and this event is growing in popularity!

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