

## **Nadeem A. Kahn, P.E. – Historical Interview 2016**

Editor's Note: Nadeem served in the leadership of the Mountaineer Chapter, formed from the Bluegrass Chapter. The Mountaineer Chapter existed for about 20 years before becoming a Section to the Bluegrass Chapter in 2005.

QUESTION: Nadeem, how and when did you first become involved in ASHRAE (describe who introduced you to ASHRAE, when you joined, and where those early chapter meetings took place)?

ANSWER: I first joined ASHRAE as a student member probably in 1981. My professor at the University was a practicing consulting engineer and as part of a graduate HVAC/Heat Transfer course he asked all the students to join ASHRAE. Membership was \$10.00 and we all got the 1977 Fundamentals Handbook. Best deal I ever got for a reference book! I still have that handbook and I still refer to it occasionally (because I am so familiar with how all the information is arranged). I occasionally went to chapter meetings. In 1990 when I moved to West Virginia, I started attending the meetings a little bit more regularly.

QUESTION: How and when did you become involved as an officer/board member?

ANSWER: I became involved as an officer probably around 1998. I recall serving as Program Chair and getting two distinguished lecturers Gil Avery and Dr. Birol Kilkis to Mountaineer Chapter meetings. I went on to serve as Chapter President. I think it was Brian Layton, who was at Carrier at the time who convinced me to become an Officer.

QUESTION: What local chapter positions have you held (when did you hold these positions)?

ANSWER: I don't recall the exact dates. My best recollection is Program Chair 1998-1999, Vice President 1999-2000 and President 2000-2001.

QUESTION: What were the highlights of your service to the ASHRAE chapter, particularly of your presidency?

ANSWER: It is difficult to remember specifics after such long time. However, during the time 1998-2001, I recall convincing members to enter technology awards competition and having some success at the regional level. We also brought several distinguished lecturers to Chapter meetings and we were very active with supporting research and participating in regional meetings.