## President's Column

Hello, my name is Justin Patrick, and I am honored to be the president of your ASHRAE chapter for the 2011-2012 year. I have been on the board for the last 5 years, working through the leadership ranks, and have been looking forward to this year. As a Mechanical Engineer from Notre Dame, I am excited for the start of this fall football season (as are all the Badger, Big 10, and Packer fans), but am even more energized by the commencement of our ASHRAE events, which should be full of new venues and topics to capture your attention.

I wanted to take this moment to welcome you all to this new season and to encourage our 400 plus strong membership to make this the year to re-engage in your commitment to ASHRAE. Ron Jarnigan, current president of the Society, also messaged this theme in his address to the summer session of ASHRAE, calling on excellence of the organization through its membership and the leadership of the members. Please read his address in the August 2011 edition of the ASHRAE Journal.

This is your organization and we, your leaders and board members, want to make sure that it is worth the time you invest, and to make sure that we are all leaving a legacy that will continue long after our time. This responsibility stems from my position as the Chapter President and that of my fellow officers and our Board of Governors; from our members with the longest tenure to the student who signs up this year.

We all need to make the effort to participate – attend as many monthly meeting as you can, come to the Holiday Party and the Scholarship Golf Outing. Please help me keep this organization fresh, new and sustainable. My commitment is to make this meaningful, rewarding and fun.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not ever hesitate to contact me or any of the Board Members.

Best Regards,

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