

## CHAPTER FOUNDING AND CHARTER

The chapter was chartered as one of the first chapters in Florida in February, 1956, as an extension of the Atlanta Chapter.

The chapter charter was presented to our first chapter president Karl Hickman in a dinner meeting at the Columbia Restaurant in the Ybor City area of Tampa. Mr. Sam Graziano was our first vice-chairman and he received the charter for the chapter. The original charter members included George Durant, Charlie Dugan, Charlie Caccamo, Gilbert Leach, Mote Baird, Leo Toribio, Guy Hall, Dick Stenholm, Mark Mooney, Bud Menard, and Otto Kraus.

Our original board consisted of the following individuals:

Karl K. Hickman-Chairman  
Sam F. Graziano-First Vice Chairman  
Gilbert D. Leach, Jr.-Second Vice Chairman  
Walter A. Pitt, Jr.-Secretary  
Fred L. Graves-Treasurer

We had standing committees consisting of an Executive committee, Technical, Membership, Entertainment, Program, Reception and Attendance, Publicity, and Nominating. The complete list of committee members is included in the attached copy of our board from 1957.

In 1959 the merger of ASHAE and ASRE resulted in the Florida West Coast Chapter of ASHRAE being formed out of the local ASRE chapter and the Central Florida members of the Jacksonville Chapter of ASHAE.

By the end of 1959, the chapter meetings were attracting over 100 attendees with a series of panel discussions on the relationship of engineers, contractors, and architects and owners. These meetings served to attract more members and established a broad base of support for the Florida West Coast Chapter.

A copy of our original charter and our original Chapter Officers and Board listing are included on the following pages. Also included is a picture of three of our original Officers and Board members on the cover of the Electric Heating and Cooling magazine from 1958. This copy came from an original magazine held near and dear to Mr. Mark Mooney, Past President 1961-62. Mark was kind enough to loan it to us last year to make a copy for our archives. It's nice to have a picture of some of our founding members.

# Charter

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## Florida West Coast Chapter

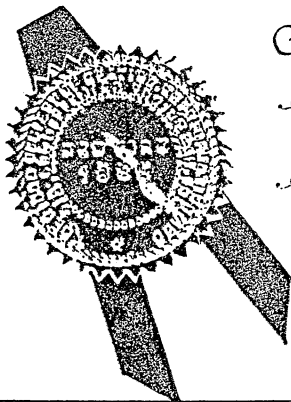
An Authorized Chapter of the  
American Society of Heating, Refrigerating  
and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc.

This Chapter is established for the purpose of advancing the arts and sciences of Heating, Refrigeration, Air-Conditioning and Ventilation, and the allied arts and sciences, for the benefit of the general public.

This Chapter shall be governed by the provisions of the Society's Charter and By-Laws, the Rules promulgated by the Board of Directors in harmony therewith, and any amendments to the foregoing.

Only members of the Society in good standing shall be eligible to become and remain members of this Chapter.

This Charter is revocable by action of the Board of Directors taken pursuant to the Society's By-Laws and Rules.



Granted this            day of February, 1956

*American Society of Heating, Refrigerating  
and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc.*

*Attest:*

*Robert C. Cross*  
Secretary

*Leon Parker Jr.*  
President