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The 7x24 Exchange Northwest Chapter's mission is to provide an open educational forum dedicated to the continuous improvement and increased awareness of data center reliability by focusing on the key disciplines of design, construction, maintenance, security and management with the goal of obtaining continuous data center operations.

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## 2021 Fall Symposium and Chapter Meeting September 14, 2021

### Agenda

*Codes and Considerations for Lithium-Ion Batteries, 2018 Washington State Energy Code Overview and Update, Leveraging AI for Thermal Optimization*

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 14, 2021 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams</b> Links to the Virtual Meeting will be sent out to attendees prior to the meeting after you register to attend. Register now at: <a href="https://7x24northwest.org/events">https://7x24northwest.org/events</a>
<b>Agenda:</b>	
<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>Welcoming Remarks, Announcements</b>
<b>3:40 pm</b>	<b>Lithium-Ion Battery Systems – Codes and Considerations for Deployment in Today's Changing Environment</b> <i>Ben Seager, Chief Technology Officer and Director, LDP Associates, Inc.</i>
<b>4:15 pm</b>	<b>2018 Washington State Energy Code Overview and Update</b> <i>Michael Baranick, Senior Associate   Energy Services, Hargis Engineers</i> <i>Brian Cawley, Principal   Mechanical, Hargis Engineers</i> <i>Mark Humiston, Associate Principal   Electrical, Hargis Engineers</i>
<b>4:45 pm</b>	<b>Leveraging AI for Thermal Optimization in Data Centers</b> <i>Kathryn Rose, Regional Business Manager, Data Center Solutions</i> <i>Siemens Smart Infrastructure</i>
<b>5:15 pm</b>	<b>Open Mic: Roundtable Discussion</b>
<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

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## Symposium

### **Lithium-Ion Battery Systems – Codes and Considerations for Deployment in Today's Changing Environment**

***Ben Seager, Chief Technology Officer and Director, LDP Associates, Inc***

Codes and standards continue to evolve with regards to Lithium-ion battery technology. This presentation will guide the attendees through the relevant codes and standards for deploying Lithium-Ion Energy Storage solutions today including IFC 2018, NFPA 855 & UL9540A.

#### **About the Speaker**

Ben serves as Chief Technology Officer & Director responsible for the Northwest Region of 5 states with teams in Salt Lake City, Seattle, and Portland. Ben's project experience spans hundreds of successful server room and data center deployments, including the first Lithium-Ion UPS deployment for Schneider Electric in North America. LDP Associates represents the Secure Power Business Division of Schneider Electric in 10 states and specializes in critical power and cooling applications.

### **The 2018 Washington State Energy Code Overview and Update**

***Michael Baranick, Senior Associate, Energy Services, Hargis Engineers***

***Brian Cawley, Principal, Mechanical, Hargis Engineers***

***Mark Humiston, Associate Principal, Electrical, Hargis Engineers***

With each code cycle, there are advancements to make Washington facilities more energy efficient. The 2015 Washington State Energy Code (WSEC) and Seattle Energy Code (SEC) adopted a number of measures focused on mechanical systems. The 2018 codes will fine-tune some of those amendments, while introducing new ones for power, lighting, envelope performance-based compliance paths, and data centers to meet the new code requirements. Some of the notable changes:

**Mechanical** – Refinements to dedicated outside air systems (DOAS) are on the docket, along with new sections for single-zone high-efficient variable air volume (HE-VAV) systems and Total System Performance Ratio (TSPR) requirement. TSPR will require the use of specialized software to ensure the proposed HVAC system meets a minimum efficiency threshold based on the building for which it's installed.

**Power** – Expanded sub-metering to segregate more building functions is expected to enhance monitoring of system performance. Posing facilities to be net-zero ready with solar-ready infrastructure installed on Day 1.

**Lighting** – While lighting power will continue to drop, new controls technologies will continue to be implemented to more efficiently meet the requirements of the code.

**Envelope** – Leak testing is no longer the end game with the 2018 WSEC. Buildings will have to pass the test to be code compliant.

**Compliance** – If the 2018 WSEC is too prescriptive for your particular project, there will be options to achieve code compliance based upon performance: Total Building Performance (TBP) or Outcome-Based Energy Budget. The industry is familiar with TBP and energy use index (EUI) as a common reporting mechanism. Outcome-based energy budget is a new path that will continue to encourage the industry to embrace integrated design processes with interim modeling and performance validation post-occupancy. Changes to the C406 section will support these changes, as there will be more options, credits and a weighing system reflective of building type and use.

**Data Centers** – A comparison between the code iterations will be provided for data centers, as well as how the 2018 codes are expected to impact common mechanical/electrical systems utilized within this building type.

## **About the Speakers**

### ***Michael Baranick***

#### ***Senior Associate, Energy Services***

Michael brings forth the perspective of a mechanical engineer with a strong understanding of energy efficiency measures, sustainable approaches, and emerging code requirements. He serves on the Commercial Energy Codes Technical Advisory Group to support the State Building Code Council as an alternate Energy Modeling representative, a code review specialist to the City of Bellevue, and an on-call consultant to the State of Washington for life cycle cost analysis. As an energy conservation specialist, he has assisted Fortune 100 and public visionaries balance big picture objectives with granular detailed analytics. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Santa Clara University, and Masters in Business Administration from Seattle University.

### ***Brian Cawley***

#### ***Principal, Mechanical***

As a professional consultant, Brian has applied his 16 years of experience to serve enterprise clients meet their capital investment and conservation goals. His ability to balance programmatic requirements with mechanical system options has contributed to high performance systems that align with project objectives. He has contributed to eight high-performance facilities, including three 24/7 mission critical centers. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University.

### ***Mark Humiston***

#### ***Associate Principal, Electrical***

Passionate about resource conservation, Mark serves as a knowledgeable advisor and consultant. His understanding of sustainable applications, technologies and approaches has supported the realization of highly sustainable facilities – including three with Net Zero design goals – in recent history. Mark holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas, Austin. Licensed as a professional engineer in the state of Washington, he is also a certified energy manager and green building engineer.

## **Leveraging AI for Thermal Optimization in Data Centers**

### ***Kathryn Rose, Regional Business Manager, Data Center Solutions***

#### ***Siemens Smart Infrastructure***

This presentation will examine how leveraging Artificial Intelligence for dynamic cooling management in your white space can increase reliability, reduce your energy usage and unlock cooling capacity.

## **About the Speaker**

Kathryn Rose is the Regional Business Manager for Data Center Solutions for Siemens Smart Infrastructure and has a wide range of experience developing smart building strategies to improve operational efficiency, reliability and user experience in the data center market. She has been involved in the Pacific Northwest Data Center market for years and is the current VP of the Portland 7x24 Exchange chapter.

## **Open Mic!**

Bring your hot topics, rants and raves, and burning industry questions to the virtual table for open discussion in the return of the popular open mic session.

## Chapter News

### Scholarship Program

In our Winter Meeting, we established a Scholarship Committee that will be charged with developing our Chapter's Scholarship Program. Thanks to the inaugural members of this Committee:

**Dan Guglielmo**, Hermanson Company; **Kerry Nicolaus**, Energy Systems; **Lee Moss**, Critical Power Services, Inc., **Elizabeth Sharp**, Affiliated Engineers.

The committee has held their inaugural meeting, if you are interested in taking part in the program, contact **Jim Svoboda at AC Power**: [jim@acpower.com](mailto:jim@acpower.com) Phone: 425.885.7493

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