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Biographical Sketch

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Gordon V. R. Holness, P.E., Fellow ASHRAE, Life Member, is a consulting engineer, Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich.

As ASHRAE's president, Holness directs the Society's Board of Directors and oversees the Executive Committee. His presidential theme, *Sustaining Our Future by Rebuilding Our Past*, addresses energy efficiency in existing buildings.

"The vast majority of buildings that will exist in the year 2030 exist today," Holness said. "If we are to have a material impact on overall energy use, it is through renovation of existing building stock. While existing buildings present great challenges, they offer us a greater opportunity to significantly impact our overall national energy demand, reduce our dependence upon imported oil

and gas and minimize our carbon footprint. If ASHRAE is looking to build a sustainable future, we can set the foundations of that right now.”

Holness is a member of the *Advanced Energy Design Guide Steering Committee* and the Headquarters Building Renovation Committee. He has served as chair of numerous committees and councils most recently Members Council, the Advocacy Committee and the Steering Committee on Building Information Modeling and Interoperability. He formerly served on the Board of Directors as president-elect, vice president and director-at-large.

Holness has received the Exceptional Service Award, the Distinguished Service Award, the Journal Paper Award and three ASHRAE Technology Awards.

Born and educated in England, Holness worked in a London consulting engineering practice for many years before immigrating to Canada. There he worked in a mechanical/electrical consulting engineering company for several years before moving to Detroit, where he worked for the renown architectural and engineering organization, Albert Kahn Associates Inc., serving as chief mechanical engineer, vice president, treasurer and president, before retiring as chairman emeritus after 32 years for the company.

He is a registered mechanical engineer, licensed to practice in 42 states and four provinces. He also is a chartered engineer in the United Kingdom.

ASHRAE, founded in 1894, is an international organization of some 50,000 persons. Its sole objective is to advance through research, standards writing, publishing and continuing education the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC&R) to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world.