I hope your pre-heating season is off to a good start and you are keeping busy providing furnace preventive maintenance calls to all of your customers. If you need to brush up on any of your heating service skills, check out our online industry calendar to register for a Training Authority Seminar coming to your area. Also, RSES Members should provide Headquarters with an updated e-mail address so you can receive information about upcoming webinars. These webinars are free and only available to Members.

I briefly want to thank all of those who responded to my last column and submitted editorial topics they would like to see featured in 2014! My topic request and your responses each year serve two purposes: it allows me to gauge what is important to you, our readers and gives me insight into what is happening (or not happening) in the field. If you would like to provide your input, there's still time. E-mail me directly with your ideas or visit one of our social media sites and include them in a comment.

Speaking of social media, if you would like to sneak a peek at some of the trending topics from August (on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn), turn to page 45 of this issue. Be sure to connect with us and add to the digital dialogue occurring on our pages. We would love to hear from you!

About one month remains before the start of the 76th Annual RSES Conference & Technology Expo, being held in Pittsburg, PA, Oct. 23–26, 2013, and there is still time to register. Pgs. 36–37 of this month's issue provide some brief descriptions of just some of the educational sessions lined up for this year's event—with more to come next month. Complete educational session descriptions, information about the industry and spouse tours, and registration information for the conference are available at www.rses.org/conference.aspx. If you have any questions related to the Conference or to register, don't hesitate to contact Jean Birch, Manager, Conference and Seminars, at 800-297-5660 x4046 or jbirch@rses.org.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at this year's show. Associate Editor Jordan Brandes, hired in May, will also be attending the Conference this year, and we have a few plans in the works to keep attendees and non-attendees in the know about what is occurring each day.

In addition to posting images to our Facebook and Twitter pages, Brandes and I will be attending educational sessions and reporting on them. Be sure to follow us @RSESHQ on Twitter and become a part of the #RSESConference discussion that will begin Oct. 23. Similarly, be sure to “like” Refrigeration Service Engineers Society on Facebook for all the latest Conference updates and pictures. Attendees should also drop by the RSES booth during the HVAC&R Technology Expo to provide either Brandes or me with your RSES stories. Some of these will be posted to our social media sites as well.

Have a safe and productive pre-heating season! (2)

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