

Don Langston

Vice Chair, Board of Directors

Representing ACCA



Don Langston has been a contributing member of WHPA since its beginning in 2009 and has represented **Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA)**. He served as Vice Chair on WHPA Executive Committee and Chaired the WHPA Commercial Quality Maintenance (CQM) Committee.

Don has a passion for Workforce Development—to educate customers and technicians on the proper design and operation of their HVACR equipment in order to maximize operating efficiency and reduce life-cycle costs by using a variety of research and development projects and initiatives. Don is actively working with local high schools and community colleges to recruit the next generation into the HVACR industry.

Mr. Langston is the President and CEO of Aire Rite Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Incorporated located in Huntington Beach, California. Aire Rite specializes in the service and installation of commercial heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration, and cooking equipment; and it supports a large and diverse commercial base of over 3,000 customers.

Don has over 36 years' experience in the commercial refrigeration, HVAC, and energy services industries. Because of his background, he is nationally known within the HVAC industry and contributed to the shaping of policy and government regulations in California. He has “hands on” experience in the design, installation, service, repair, maintenance, delivered efficiency, system optimization, and retro-commissioning of commercial HVAC and refrigeration (HVACR) systems along with various energy and building management systems.

Langston is immediate Past National Chairman (2017) of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA), the largest Contractor Association in North America. He on the Executive Council as an HVAC Advisor to the California Public Utility Commission. He is past Vice Chair and Member of the WHPA Executive Committee and former Chair of WHPA CQM Committee.

He served as Vice Chair of ASHRAE/ACCA Standard 180 for Commercial HVAC Maintenance; was a founding Member of ASHRAE Standard 221P for field evaluation and test methods to score the installed performance of installed HVAC systems; and was founder of the non-profit Workforce Technician Education Center to develop the next generation of skilled technicians.

Don holds a Technical Degree in HVACR engineering; holds a Certified Journeyman License with the United Association for commercial HVAC and refrigeration; holds California Contractor licenses for both air conditioning and refrigeration; holds EPA Certifications for handling high pressure refrigerants; is a Six Sigma Program Graduate from UCI; is HVAC Energy Efficiency & Optimization founding contractor member; is National Building Council certified commercial air and hydronic balancing supervisor; and is Certified Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship Administrator.