

# **Don Langston**

## **Vice Chair, Board of Directors**

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Don Langston has been a contributing member of WHPA since its inception in 2009 representing **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 37 years' experience in the commercial refrigeration, HVAC, and energy services industries. Because of his background, he is nationally known within the HVAC industry and has 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 was 2017 National Chairman of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA), the largest Contractor Association in North America; serves on the Executive Committee of the WHPA representing Non-Residential HVACR contractors; and is very active in the Southern California chapter of Associated, Builders and Contractors trade association in a leadership position for workforce development and as an apprenticeship trustee.

Langston 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 is the founder and CEO of “Human Works Foundation” which is a 501C educational non-profit that focuses on workforce development and readiness. Human Works partners with many NGOs such as Goodwill of Southern California, Hope Builders, and Olive Crest to recruit and help people re-enter the workforce.

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 both for air conditioning and for 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.