The Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) was founded by a young engineer named Al Thumann during the oil crisis of the Seventies with the mission of promoting energy conservation and energy efficiency.

Today AEE serves over 18,000 members in 105 countries and over 100 chapters, and is a primary source for information in the dynamic fields of energy efficiency, utility deregulation, facility management, plant engineering, and environmental compliance. With a full array of information outreach programs through its technical seminars, conferences, and its internationally recognized certification programs, AEE provides its members a variety of information resource tools.

AEE’s Councils, the Energy Management Professional Council and the Council on Women in Energy & Environmental Leadership, provide forums for the exchange of information in specialized areas. Its Divisions, the Alternative & Renewable Energy Development Institute, the Cogeneration & Distributed Generation Institute, the Energy Services Marketing Society, the Environmental Engineers & Managers Institute, and the Facility Managers Institute, offer the opportunity to meet the growing needs of professionals in specialized areas of business, industry and government.

AEE offers continuing education programs across the country, awarding CEU/PDH credits for the maintenance of certifications for conference attendance and seminar participation. AEE members receive two technical journals. Our professional certification programs, including the flagship Certified Energy Manager (CEM) program, help individuals meet the increasing demands for specialization within today’s businesses and industries. AEE currently has more than 32,000 active certified professionals, enabling them to receive special recognition for their expertise in a variety of specialized areas of the energy industry. AEE’s certification programs are recognized by government agencies such as the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Agency for International Development, as well as by corporations, utilities and energy service companies. Those who have earned their certification credentials have distinguished themselves among their colleagues in their chosen fields, and have demonstrated high levels of experience, competence, and specialized knowledge.

AEE’s CEM and CEA certification programs are accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) based on the International Standard ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024. ANSI Standard 17024 is well-recognized within the industry as the highest standard in personnel certification accreditation.

AEE’s CEM and CEA certification programs in Spain are accredited by Entidad Nacional de Acreditacion (ENAC) based on the international standard UNE-IN/ISO/IEC 17024. ENAC is the agency appointed by the government to operate in Spain as the only National Accreditation Body, pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 765/2008 that regulates the functioning of accreditation in Europe.

Through our Awards Programs, AEE shines the light on the important work that is being done in energy by individuals, organizations, agencies, and corporations. By identifying those who exemplify the very best in their fields, energy professionals are honored and the industry is advanced. This recognition is awarded at the International and Regional levels. Many AEE chapters present Awards at the local level.

AEE’s Corporate Members represent a veritable “Who’s Who” from the commercial, industrial, institutional, governmental, energy services, and utility sectors.
AEE’s local chapters provide a vibrant local venue for energy professionals to come together on a regular basis to keep up with advances in the industry, hear experts speak on critical issues, tour local facilities, and meet with colleagues. In addition to networking locally, chapter members have the opportunity to interact with other chapters around the country and even around the world. Further, a chapter recognition program each year enables chapters to shine among their peers.

Student chapters on college campuses around the world offer students the opportunity to be involved with other students who share their interests in energy and plans for careers in the field. Important contacts in the industry can be established early at meetings and events of their sponsoring chapters. Each year AEE makes a number of complimentary registrations to AEE World available to our student members.

The AEE Foundation has presented over $1 Million in Scholarships to aspiring students studying energy engineering and energy management.

The future of AEE rests in the hands of our current members whose professional advancement relies on the programs and events offered by AEE, and with the students whose clear vision and commitment to a better world reminds us of another dedicated young man back in 1977.