

Champlain Valley Chapter Leadership Recall interview

This interview was conducted on June 2nd by phone. All answers were para-phrased from notes taken during the interview.

Bill is currently an active consultant out of Acton, Maine. He is on the professional Engineering board for Maine, remains active as a speaker and publisher. He has two daughters that live in the Burlington area one of whom is a realtor, and one is a CFO for Griswold concrete. He is an avid fan of ASHRAE, and would be very interested in being a mentor to new members. He is interested in presenting for us this year.

Past

Are you a registered Professional Engineer ? **Yes**

If so in what states and discipline ? **8 States. New England, Florida, Ohio, California**

How long have you been a member of ASHRAE ? **since 1957**

Are you currently a member ? **A member of the Maine chapter**

How long were you a member of ASHRAE before you got involved as an officer or BOG member ?

Became a member of the Ohio chapter, moved to Burlington and started a chapter in '68 so 10 years

Was not active in Ohio, other than as a presenter.

Do you recall if there was any particular reason you decided to get involved?

They were members of the boston chapter but didn't want to travel to boston to meetings.

Was there some particular person that helped or encouraged you to get involved in ASHRAE?

No. Although he talked Bobby Miller into being Vice president if he took the presidency and started the chapter. He became a member of the ohio chapter on his own.

What year were you president of the Champlain Valley Chapter? **69-70 re-elected to a second term but moved to Jamaica mid year and passed the torch to a semi-unwilling Bobby Miller.**

Who was the DRC when you were President of the chapter? **Don't remember**

What is your current position/title at work? **Principal**

Did you hold the same position when you were President of the Chapter ? **No. He was a facilities engineer for IBM**

Have you ever been active in any other chapters aside from the Champlain Valley Chapter? If so what Chapters? How did they vary from the Champlain Valley Chapter?
He is active in Maine.. hard to compare because CVC was just getting started

Did the Chapter win any awards at the regional level when you were president? **Doesn't remember**

If so do you remember which ones?

Have you ever been active at the regional or society level? If so what positions have you, or do you currently hold?

Currently a member of the distinguished lecturer program. Has served for many years on various technical committees and special task forces.

If you had to pick one thing that you did during your tenure as an ASHRAE Officer that benefited the chapter what would it be? **Starting the chapter, generating membership.**

When you were running the chapter, what would you say got the most members together and generated the most involvement? Monthly meetings? Trade Shows? Social Events?

Monthly meetings

Was there a good mix of age groups that were active in the chapter when you were president? ie. attending meetings and events? **Yes**

What would you say was the percentage of attendees from the different disciplines at ASHRAE meetings when you were in office?

Utilities/Consultants/Vendors/Contractors/Estimators/Management

Good mix

Present

Do you know who the elected President is for 2006-2007? **No**

Were you aware that the Champlain Valley Chapter achieved the Golden Gavel for 2004-2005 (Award for the highest number of PAOE points in Region 1), under the leadership of Tom Zoller P.E.? **No**

If you were asked to help mentor a new member about the benefits of being a leader in a professional society, would you be interested? **Absolutely**

In 1 sentence, what would you tell someone to encourage them to be active in the chapter?

That as just a member we take and take... when we give back we receive much more than we put in. He doesn't understand why anyone in the industry would not want to be a

part. It is how we share ideas and keep abreast of what is happening in the rest of the world.

What is one thing that you would say you gained from being involved in running the chapter?

You get so much back and learn from others, Networking was a huge thing that he gains from remaining a member and active

When was the last time that you were at a Chapter function or meeting?

Ie. Past Presidents meeting or any other? April meeting, missed the May because he was out of town.

What types of activities are likely to attract you to attend? Any and All

What would you say is the biggest draw for your attendance to meetings?

Location, Speaker/Topic, Networking, Socializing, or Professional development?

Networking, socializing, and professional development.

Future

If you were to give one tip to next years, or any future years leadership what would it be ?

Get involved, delegate, and fill all committee chairs

Are you currently on the Champlain Valley Chapter's mailing list ? or do you regularly visit the home-page at www.ashraevt.com? No.. and he is indifferent about being on the list.

What would you say was the optimal percentage of attendees from the different disciplines at ASHRAE meetings should be in a healthy ASHRAE chapter ?

Utilities/Consultants/Vendors/Contractors/Estimators/Management

Even mix

What do you feel would be a good way to encourage Consulting Engineers to attend meetings ? What do you think about Engineers that do not attend because they feel that the training being offered is "below" them, yet when approached they they won't reply with what they feel would be valuable ?

Recommends getting a member of the licensing board to come as a speaker.

When members are polled for ideas about potential topics at Dinner meetings the responses back are extremely minimal, what would you recommend as a way to encourage and receive feedback for new topics ?

Generate the ideas at the BOG meetings.

What areas of the industry do you think need ASHRAE's attention the most?

Codes.. increasing familiarity

Is there anything that ASHRAE is doing now that concerns you?

No comment

Have you been to any ASHRAE winter or summer meetings? If so what did you like or dislike about them? Would you encourage members to attend ?

Absolutely if they can afford it.

Is there anything that ASHRAE has been involved with that you believe directly influenced your day to day practice in the HVAC&R field? (political topics, standards, codes, training, etc.)

Everything, but mostly the standards.