

Champlain Valley Chapter Leadership Recall interview

Past

Are you a registered Professional Engineer ? YES
If so in what states and discipline ? VT; NY; NH: MECHANICAL

How long have you been a member of ASHRAE ? SINCE 89: 17 YEARS
Are you currently a member ? YES

How long were you a member of ASHRAE before you got involved as an officer or BOG member ? ABOUT 5 MINUTES

Do you recall if there was any particular reason you decided to get involved? HAVING BOTH PARENTS BEING PAST PRESIDENTS WAS A STRONG INFLUENCE
Was there some particular person that helped or encouraged you to get involved in ASHRAE? INDUSTRY CONTACTS AND KNOWLEDGE AVAILABLE WERE STRESSED TO ME BY MY PARENTS, BOTH PAST PRESIDENTS AS MENTIONED ABOVE.

What year were you president of the Champlain Valley Chapter? 90-91

Who was the DRC when you were President of the chapter? BILLALBERN

What is your current position/title at work? PRESIDENT

Did you hold the same position when you were President of the Chapter ? NO, VICE PRESIDENT

Have you ever been active in any other chapters aside from the Champlain Valley Chapter? NO If so what Chapters? How did they vary from the Champlain Valley Chapter?

Did the Chapter win any awards at the regional level when you were president?
If so do you remember which ones? YES; BLACK INK; MEMBERSHIP AND SOME OTHERS I'D HAVE TO LOOK UP

Have you ever been active at the regional or society level? If so what positions have you, or do you currently hold? MANY;
REGIONAL: ARC; CHAPTER PROGRAM RVC; REFRIGERATION RVC;
SOCIETY: CHAPTER PROGRAMS RVC CHAIR; ALI/CONTINUING EDUCATION;
PUB/ED COUNCIL

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? PROGRAMS! SETTING THEM UP AND EXECUTING THEM WAS VERY REWARDING

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? SEMINARS AND TRADESHOW

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? GOOD MIX FROM ALL AREAS, NO ONE OVER WHELMING GROUP

Utilities/Consultants/Vendors/Contractors/Estimators/Management

Present

Do you know who the elected President is for 2006-2007? CHAPTER OR SOCIETY?... YES, IT IS IN THE NEWSLETTER... JAY

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.? YES... AND I LET TOM KNOW HOW IMPRESSED I WAS AND HOW MUCH OF A BIG DEAL IT IS TOHAVE ACHIEVED IT.

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? IF I HADTIME, YES

In 1 sentence, what would you tell someone to encourage them to be active in the chapter? IF YOU WANT TO OPEN YOUR EYES TO AN AMAZING WORLD THAT CAN BE BOTH REWARDING AND EXPANDYOUR CAREER OPTIONS AND KNOWLEDGE, PLEASE GET INVOLVED.

What is one thing that you would say you gained from being involved in running the chapter? DETAILED UNDERSTANDING IN ASHRAE OPERATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

When was the last time that you were at a Chapter function or meeting?
Ie. Past Presidents meeting or any other? DINNER MEETING IN APRIL

What types of activities are likely to attract you to attend? GOOD ENGINEERING PROGRAMS OR SEMINARS

What would you say is the biggest draw for your attendance to meetings? HIGH QUALITY SPEAKERS ON TOPICS CURRENTLY DEALING WITH ON DESIGNS
Location, Speaker/Topic, Networking, Socializing, or Professional development?

Future

If you were to give one tip to next years, or any future years leadership what would it be ?
MORE HIGH QUALITY SPEAKERS ON RELEVANT DESIGN ISSUES

Are you currently on the Champlain Valley Chapter's mailing list ? or do you regularly visit the home-page at www.ashraevt.com? YES

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 EVENLY SPLIT,
BUT MORE ENGINEERING IN LEADERSHIP

What do you feel would be a good way to encourage Consulting Engineers to attend meetings ? MORE HIGH QUALITY SPEAKERS ON RELEVANT DESIGN ISSUES
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 ?
IT ALSO HAS TO DO WITH AVAILABLE TIME. MANY OF US ARE VERY BUSY!

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 ? PASS OUT A FORM AND RETURN IT FOR ENTRY INTO A RAFFLE

What areas of the industry do you think need ASHRAE's attention the most?
ENERGY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Is there anything that ASHRAE is doing now that concerns you? NO, NOT IN A NEGATIVE WAY

Have you been to any ASHRAE winter or summer meetings? ALL OF THEM FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS If so what did you like or dislike about them? I'M IN MANY MEETINGS SO COULD NOT TAKE AS MANY COURSES AS I'D LIKE.
Would you encourage members to attend ? YES

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, ACTUALLY