

Champlain Valley Chapter Leadership Recall interview

Past

Are you a registered Professional Engineer ? **No**
If so in what states and discipline ? **N/A**

How long have you been a member of ASHRAE ? **10 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 ? **2 years**

Do you recall if there was any particular reason you decided to get involved? **Was asked by BOG**

Was there some particular person that helped or encouraged you to get involved in ASHRAE? **Russ Pratt, Ken Couture**

What year were you president of the Champlain Valley Chapter? **2003-4**

Who was the DRC when you were President of the chapter? **Lynn Bellenger**

What is your current position/title at work? **Mechanical Engineer**

Did you hold the same position when you were President of the Chapter? **Yes**

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? **Yes**
If so do you remember which ones? **Programs**

Have you ever been active at the regional or society level? **No**
If so what positions have you, or do you currently hold?

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?

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 meeting and golf outing

Was there a good mix of age groups that were active in the chapter when you were president? ie. attending meetings and events? **Not as many young people (engineers) as we would like to see.**

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

1/10/60/20/5/4%

Present

Do you know who the elected President is for 2006-2007? **Jay Pilliod**

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**

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? **Yes**

In 1 sentence, what would you tell someone to encourage them to be active in the chapter? **Great way to market yourself and move ahead.**

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

When was the last time that you were at a Chapter function or meeting? **May's meeting**
Ie. Past Presidents meeting or any other? **Attend most every meeting**

What types of activities are likely to attract you to attend? **Most any**

What would you say is the biggest draw for your attendance to meetings? **Not actually the topics as much as it is seeing people in the industry.**

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?
Keep the young people involved.

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?

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Should be even across the board

What do you feel would be a good way to encourage Consulting Engineers to attend meetings? **Encouragement from management within those companies.**

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 won’t reply with what they feel would be valuable? **That’s too bad they are missing out. Always something to learn from someone.**

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? **Small round table discussions work best.**

What areas of the industry do you think need ASHRAE’s attention the most? **Chapter programs.**

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

Have you been to any ASHRAE winter or summer meetings? **None yet**
If so what did you like or dislike about them? Would you encourage members to attend ?

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.) – **Standards and codes affect everyday work.**