

Champlain Valley Chapter Leadership Recall interview

Past

Are you a registered Professional Engineer ? **NO**
If so in what states and discipline ?

How long have you been a member of ASHRAE ? **Since 1984, previous to that I was a student member**

Are you currently a member ? **Yes**

How long were you a member of ASHRAE before you got involved as an officer or BOG member ? **Approximately 4 years.**

Do you recall if there was any particular reason you decided to get involved? **Good opportunity to work with others in our profession and for a good cause.**

Was there some particular person that helped or encouraged you to get involved in ASHRAE? **Yes, Gordie and Lois Root.**

What year were you president of the Champlain Valley Chapter? **1992 to 1993**

Who was the DRC when you were President of the chapter? **Gosh...is this a test?? I'd have to check my old notes on this one.**

What is your current position/title at work? **Mechanical Design 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? If so what Chapters? How did they vary from the Champlain Valley Chapter? **Sorry..no experience with other Chapters, however, I did attend a few Chapter meetings in Buffalo and Rochester NY when I was a student member.**

Did the Chapter win any awards at the regional level when you were president?

If so do you remember which ones? **Sorry...I draw a blank here**

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? **I believe that some of the Programs we had benefited our Members as well as the Seminars that we hosted.**

When you were running the chapter, what would you say got the most members together and generated the most involvement? Monthly meetings? **If the subject presentation was good** Trade Shows? **Ditto** Social Events? **ASHRAE Picnic was always a hit**

Was there a good mix of age groups that were active in the chapter when you were president? **We needed fresh blood in our chapter at that time, and improvement in that area was underway.** ie. attending meetings and events? **A good mix at the Seminars and ASHRAE picnic**

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. **I would estimate 40% Vendors, 40% Contractors and 20% Consultants**

Present

Do you know who the elected President is for 2006-2007? **I believe currently Lee Burgett is President with Terry Townsend the President elect....do I have that correct??**

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.? **Gosh..how did I miss that one??**

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? **Sure, assuming you are referring about ASHRAE as the society**

In 1 sentence, what would you tell someone to encourage them to be active in the chapter? **Being a member helps keep you on current technology and industry trends. Short simple and sweet.**

What is one thing that you would say you gained from being involved in running the chapter? **Delegation and management (believe it or not).**

When was the last time that you were at a Chapter function or meeting?
Ie. Past Presidents meeting or any other? **Too long...last years Past Presidents meeting!**

What types of activities are likely to attract you to attend? **If the program is strong , they (and I) will come**

What would you say is the biggest draw for your attendance to meetings? Location, Speaker/Topic, Networking, Socializing, or Professional development? **Speaker and topic**

Future

If you were to give one tip to next years, or any future years leadership what would it be ? **I believe growth in membership is crucial in the success of our local Chapter. In order to**

enhance this, the programs need to be of interest for attendance and members involvement. Go forth and conquer!!

Are you currently on the Champlain Valley Chapter's mailing list ? or do you regularly visit the home-page at www.ashraevt.com? That's a 10-4

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 I think an equal percentage from each would be ideal. This would allow for active involvement and allow individuals to share knowledge of information within their discipline to others.

What do you feel would be a good way to encourage Consulting Engineers to attend meetings ? Has there ever been a survey sent to the Consulting Engineers asking what would bring them in?? Again I think it might be on the Program Presentation. 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 ? Sounds like they need to be the ones making the presentations.

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 ? I think the best way would be a questionnaire/request sent directly to our desktop would be best way (I'm talking e-mails here). Individuals seem to respond to these over mailings or requests at meetings.

What areas of the industry do you think need ASHRAE's attention the most? The environment. What we need to do to minimize it's destruction, thru better use of energy, our natural resources and minimizing pollutants.

Is there anything that ASHRAE is doing now that concerns you? Not yet

Have you been to any ASHRAE winter or summer meetings? No 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.) I use the ASHRAE handbooks as references to projects that I am involved with. Second to that is the reference to ASHRAE standards.