

## Champlain Valley Chapter Leadership Recall interview

### Past

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

If so in what states and discipline ? **Vermont, NH, ME, NY, CO: Mechanical & Electrical**

How long have you been a member of ASHRAE ? **20+ 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 ? **5 years +/-**

Do you recall if there was any particular reason you decided to get involved? **Contribute to HVAC profession.**

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

What year were you president of the Champlain Valley Chapter? **1990 -91**

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

What is your current position/title at work? **Professional 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? **Member, but not active. Denver Chapter** 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? **Golden Gavel Award**

Have you ever been active at the regional or society level? If so what positions have you, or do you currently hold? **Region 1, TEGA Chair**

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? **Increased committee activity.**

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?**  
**Interesting speakers at Monthly Meetings and annual summer picnic.**

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? **One or Two persons from Utilities, balance split Consultants, Vendors, Contractors**  
Utilities/Consultants/Vendors/Contractors/Estimators/Management

### **Present**

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

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? **Not at this time.**

In 1 sentence, what would you tell someone to encourage them to be active in the chapter? **To promote excellence in the HVAC industry by interacting with peers and continuing education of ASHRAE members and others associated with the HVAC industry.**

What is one thing that you would say you gained from being involved in running the chapter? **Interaction with other ASHRAE members in the Chapter, Region and Society.**

When was the last time that you were at a Chapter function or meeting?  
I.e. Past Presidents meeting or any other? **Approximately one year.**

What types of activities are likely to attract you to attend? Good speakers and interesting tours.

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

### **Future**

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

Are you currently on the Champlain Valley Chapter's mailing list ? Should be, but have not received any items in mail for some time.  
or do you regularly visit the home-page at [www.ashraevt.com](http://www.ashraevt.com)? **Not regularly.**

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

assign percentages, however no one group should predominate.

Utilities/Consultants/Vendors/Contractors/Estimators/Management

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 ?

Having both a tech session and a technical dinner speaker makes for a long evening after a day of work. A social hour (1/2 hour) prior to dinner rather than a tech session may be more inviting. Sometimes the opportunity for interaction between engineers, contractors and vendors is more important than a Tech Session.

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 ? Difficult to get feed back from members. Better for BOG to offer suggestions to the program chair.

What areas of the industry do you think need ASHRAE’s attention the most? In Vermont, certainly the lack of the enforcement of HVAC codes and Standards needs attention.

Is there anything that ASHRAE is doing now that concerns you? No based on the newsletters and other information, the Champlain Valley Chapter is doing a good job.

Have you been to any ASHRAE winter or summer meetings? If so what did you like or dislike about them? Have not been in a while. The last meetings I attended lasted too long and did not finish in a timely fashion. A 9:00 ending should be observed.

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.) ASHRAE Standards. Other than promoting Standards and Energy Efficiency, the Chapter should stay out of politics. (All political spectrums represented in the membership)