

## Champlain Valley Chapter Leadership Recall interview

### Past

① Are you a registered Professional Engineer ?  
If so in what states and discipline ?

② How long have you been a member of ASHRAE ?  
Are you currently a member ?

③ How long were you a member of ASHRAE before you got involved as an officer or BOG member ?

④ Do you recall if there was any particular reason you decided to get involved?  
Was there some particular person that helped or encouraged you to get involved in ASHRAE?

⑤ What year were you president of the Champlain Valley Chapter?

⑥ Who was the DRC when you were President of the chapter?

⑦ What is your current position/title at work?

⑧ Did you hold the same position when you were President of the Chapter ?

⑨ 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?

⑩ Did the Chapter win any awards at the regional level when you were president?  
If so do you remember which ones?

⑪ Have you ever been active at the regional or society level? If so what positions have you, or do you currently hold?

⑫ 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?

⑬ 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?

⑭ Was there a good mix of age groups that were active in the chapter when you were president? ie. attending meetings and events?

⑮ 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

### **Present**

- 16 Do you know who the elected President is for 2006-2007?
- 17 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.?
- 18 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?
- 19 In 1 sentence, what would you tell someone to encourage them to be active in the chapter?
- 20 What is one thing that you would say you gained from being involved in running the chapter?
- 21 When was the last time that you were at a Chapter function or meeting?  
Ie. Past Presidents meeting or any other?
- 22 What types of activities are likely to attract you to attend?
- 23 What would you say is the biggest draw for your attendance to meetings?  
Location, Speaker/Topic, Networking, Socializing, or Professional development?

### **Future**

- 24 If you were to give one tip to next years, or any future years leadership what would it be ?
- 25 Are you currently on the Champlain Valley Chapter's mailing list ? or do you regularly visit the home-page at [www.ashraevt.com](http://www.ashraevt.com)?
- 26 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
- 27 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 ?
- 28 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 ?

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

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

31 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 ?

32 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.)

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DEAR BILL

SORRY FOR BEING LATE IN RESPONSE TO YOUR  
LEADERSHIP INTERVIEW AND I RESPOND TO THE  
QUESTIONS AS FOLLOWS

- 1) YES - VERMONT SOME 40+ YEARS AND IN NH  
& MA FOR MANY YEARS
- 2) 36 YEARS AND YES
- 3) 3 YEARS
- 4) YES FOR OBTAINING DESIGN DATA FOR HVAC R  
SYSTEMS AND INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIETY ISSUES.  
LORAN APPUEBY WAS MY MENTOR
- 5) 75'-76'
- 6) BRUNO MORABITO
- 7) INACTIVE
- 8) NO
- 9) NO
- 10) GOLDEN GAVEL
- 11) HANDBOOK COMMITTEE FOR 10 YRS + CHAIRMAN FOR  
1 AND REGIONAL HISTORIAN FOR 5 YRS
- 12) BEING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO REGION CRC.  
& HOST CHAIR TO CVC - CRC'S
- 13) ALL THREE
- 14) YES

OVER



- 15) ABOUT EQUAL MIX
- 16) YES
- 17) YES
- 18) YES
- 19) TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IN HVACR DESIGN APPLICATIONS AND TO NETWORK WITH FELLOW MEMBERS AND BE ACTIVE IN CHAPTER OPERATIONS?
- 20) MADE MANY FRIENDS AND GAINED A WEALTH OF INFORMATION IN HVAC APPLICATIONS THRU CHAPTER PROGRAMS
- 21) DONT REMEMBER - MANY YEARS
- 22) NONE IN PARTICULAR
- 23) ALL
- 24) MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH ALL MEMBERS - LUNCH ANYONE?
- 25) NO AND YES
- 26) ALL
- 27) SOME CAN NOT AFFORD THE COSTS AND SOME BECAUSE THEY ALREADY KNOW EVERYTHING AND HAVE NOTHING TO LEARN FROM ASHRAE
- 28) PERSONAL CONTACT
- 29) NO COMMENT
- 30) NOT PARTICULARLY
- 31) YES TO OVER 25 WINTER / SUMMER ALL QUITE EDUCATIONAL - YES IF THEY CAN AFFORD IT.
- 32) YES, CODES, STANDARDS, SYSTEM APPLICATIONS AND DESIGN DATA



IN CONCLUSION MY MOST REWARDING  
EXPERIENCE WAS BEING ELEVATED IN MEMBERSHIP  
GRADE TO "FELLOW" IN 1994. ALSO THE FACT  
THAT 3 MEMBERS OF THE ROOT FAMILY HAVE  
ALL BEEN PRESIDENTS OF CVC CHAPTER  
GORDON W. SR.

LOIS D. ROOT - FIRST FEMALE PRES. OF CHAPTER  
AND BILL ROOT.

LOIS IS RETIRED AND AN ALZHEIMERS PATIENT  
I AM HER CAREGIVER. THE BUSINESS I  
CREATED IN 1980 GWR ENGINEERING NOW  
OWNED BY BILL ROOT. I HAVE HAD A LONG  
AND REWARDING CAREER OF 60 YRS PLUS  
AND AM THE ONLY ENGINEER IN THE STATE  
OF VERMONT THAT WILL ADMIT THAT THEY  
EVER MADE A MISTAKE.

Yours in Fellowship

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