

## Champlain Valley Chapter Leadership Recall interview

### Past

Are you a registered Professional Engineer ? **Yes**  
If so in what states and discipline ? **VT, NH, NY & MA; Mechanical Engineering**

How long have you been a member of ASHRAE ? **Since 1973**

Are you currently a member ? **Yes**

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

Do you recall if there was any particular reason you decided to get involved?

**Friends Encouragement**

Was there some particular person that helped or encouraged you to get involved in ASHRAE? **Yes; John McKeown, Lloyd Pelley**

What year were you president of the Champlain Valley Chapter? **1976 - 1977**

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

What is your current position/title at work? **Associate Director of Physical Plant**

Did you hold the same position when you were President of the Chapter ? **No**

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? **NA**

Did the Chapter win any awards at the regional level when you were president? **No**

If so do you remember which ones? **NA**

Have you ever been active at the regional or society level? **Yes**

If so what positions have you, or do you currently hold?

- **Handbook Committee**
- **Director and Regional Chair (DRC)**
- **Accreditations Committee**
- **Nominating Committee**
- **Honors and Awards Committee**
- **TC 10.9 Member and Current Chair**
- **Adhoc Committee Member Airline Air Health Committee**

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? **Became Director and Regional Chair**

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?  
**Social Events; However, Monthly Meetings were more meaningful and lasting.**

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?  
**Approximately one-third each of: Consultants, Contractors, Vendors.**  
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? **Yes**

In 1 sentence, what would you tell someone to encourage them to be active in the chapter? **Great opportunity to learn about HVAC Industry**

What is one thing that you would say you gained from being involved in running the chapter? **Required to learn how ASHRAE works and operates**

When was the last time that you were at a Chapter function or meeting? **June 2006**  
Ie. Past Presidents meeting or any other?

What types of activities are likely to attract you to attend?

- **Good Programs**
- **Exchange of new information of ASHRAE Chapter, Region and Society**

What would you say is the biggest draw for your attendance to meetings?

**Good Program Topics**

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 ?  
**Integrity**

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)? **On mailing list**

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

**Consultants - 30%**

**Contractors - 30%**

**Vendors - 20%**

**Building Owners/Representatives - 20%**

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 ?

- **Invite Consulting Firms to present their involvement in projects**
- **Invite Consultants to be on a Round Table Discussion Panel**

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 ?

**Approach Members on a "one-on-one" personal basis; they more likely would "speak" their thoughts more freely**

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

**Constant evaluation of their roll in the Industry; maintaining information exchange of new/different methods and ideas**

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

**I believe there is a lack of women involvement in ASHRAE; Improve our encouragement toward women to become more active in all aspects of ASHRAE – Chapter, Region and Society**

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 ?

**I have attended both many times. Great opportunity to meet peers from around the world and exchange HVAC ideas**

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's research activities to publish their Handbook Volumes and Standards which are recognized as the "Bible" of our Industry**