

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 ? **Too Long. November 30,1989**
Are you currently a member ? **Yes**

How long were you a member of ASHRAE before you got involved as an officer or BOG member ? **As soon as I signed up I was suckered into it. Ok you can write what you want on this.**

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? **Tom Wolfstich, President of New England Air then.**

What year were you president of the Champlain Valley Chapter? **1994-95 and 1998-99**

Who was the DRC when you were President of the chapter? **Man Can not remember.**

What is your current position/title at work? **President/ owner of Corporation**

Did you hold the same position when you were President of the Chapter ? **1st time no 2nd time 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? **RSES but not too involved there.**

Did the Chapter win any awards at the regional level when you were president?
If so do you remember which ones? **Can not recall. We did win some but not sure which ones.**

Have you ever been active at the regional or society level? If so what positions have you, or do you currently hold? **Yes. RVC refrigeration**

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? **Loaded question Bill. I would say serving twice as President and RVC. More people got involved in the chapter because they realized how shorthanded we were and still are.**

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? **The social events. Mostly the outing.**

Was there a good mix of age groups that were active in the chapter when you were president? ie. attending meetings and events? **Yes we had the student chapter involved then also.**

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 **All types.**

Present

Do you know who the elected President is for 2006-2007? **Sad to say but no I do not know.**

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.? **Congrats!!!! No I was not.**

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? **I would.**

In 1 sentence, what would you tell someone to encourage them to be active in the chapter? **Avoid being President twice and President and RVC at the same year. That burned me out.**

What is one thing that you would say you gained from being involved in running the chapter? **Dealing with people in a volunteer organization which greatly improved my overall management skills.**

When was the last time that you were at a Chapter function or meeting?
Ie. Past Presidents meeting or any other? **It has been TOOOOO long**

What types of activities are likely to attract you to attend? **Personally my excuse is lag of time the last few years.**

What would you say is the biggest draw for your attendance to meetings? **The members.**
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 ?
Take your job seriously as if your income depended on it.

Are you currently on the Champlain Valley Chapter's mailing list ? or do you regularly visit the home-page at www.ashraevt.com? **I am and yes I receive emails.**

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 **Who is not important. 35 to 40% of the membership attending would had made my day.**

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 ? **You do not want me to answer this one Bill. LOL**

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 ? **Same old question. When things are slow more members get involved. We had the same issues when I was President.**

What areas of the industry do you think need ASHRAE’s attention the most? **ALL areas especially Refrigeration.**

Is there anything that ASHRAE is doing now that concerns you? **Nothing either way.**

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 found most are a sales pitch and some where waste of time and money.**

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.) **The new ventilation CODE. Helped us a great deal.**