

Champlain Valley Chapter Leadership Recall interview

Past

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

If so in what states and discipline? **Mechanical Engineering & HVAC--- Vermont, NH, Maine, Mass. and NY**

How long have you been a member of ASHRAE? **Since about 1973-74**

Are you currently a member? **Yes**

How long were you a member of ASHRAE before you got involved as an officer or BOG member? **3 -4 years**

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? **Gordon Root & Gus Mastro**

What year were you president of the Champlain Valley Chapter? **1979-1980**

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

What is your current position/title at work? **Senior Mechanical Engineer**

Did you hold the same position when you were President of the Chapter?
No! Jr. Design Engineer

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?
No

Did the Chapter win any awards at the regional level when you were president?
If so do you remember which ones? **Can't remember**

Have you ever been active at the regional or society level? If so what positions have you, or do you currently hold? **No**

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? **Tried to improve the Technical sessions and improve the quality of the speakers. Also tried to improve the mixture of the cross section of people attending the meetings. (Contractors, Engineers, Suppliers etc)**

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?
Good interesting speakers and holding a board of governs / business meeting prior to the regular meeting.

Was there a good mix of age groups that were active in the chapter when you were president? I.e. attending meetings and events? **Started to get younger age people involved in the chapter. There was no student involvement as I remember**

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 **40% Contractors 35% vendors and 25% consultants/professional**

Present

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

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.? **No**

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?

In 1 sentence, what would you tell someone to encourage them to be active in the chapter?

What is one thing that you would say you gained from being involved in running the chapter?

When was the last time that you were at a Chapter function or meeting?
I.e. Past Presidents meeting or any other? **8 years ago**

What types of activities are likely to attract you to attend? **Technical seminars**

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

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? Or do you regularly visit the home-page at www.ashraevt.com? **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

Equal cross section

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 won’t reply with what they feel would be valuable? **During my years I found that the more interesting the speakers and the material the more attendance we would have. It was difficult as there was no budgeted amount within the chapter to pay to obtain good high quality speakers that would come in and not try to sell the group on a certain type of product. On the other side the presentation can not be so technical that interest is lost.**

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? **The quality of speakers is important. The chapter may have to set up a yearly budget for high profile speakers at some meetings. Then they have to advertisement the meeting and subject material.**

What areas of the industry do you think need ASHRAE’s attention the most? **Energy codes and the enforcement of them.**

Is there anything that ASHRAE is doing now that concerns you? **No**

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? **No! Hope to attend someday. I would 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.)