



Thomas Wolfstich
Chapter President 1988-1989

Tom was born in Albany, New York on May 2, 1934 and past away at the age of 56, on Monday, March 4, 1991.

Tom was President and Chief Executive Officer of New England Air Systems, Inc., of Williston since 1984; prior to becoming President, Tom was Vice President since joining New England Air Systems, Inc. in 1979.

As a member of ASHRAE, Tom held all of the chapter offices except treasurer and was on the Board of Governors from 1989-1990.

He was an active member of PHCC (Vermont Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors) holding the position of second Vice President, first Vice President, Director. He was very active in the plumbing apprenticeship program, and in 1991, the PHCC's Apprentice of the Year Award, was be renamed "The Thomas J. Wolfstich Apprentice of the Year Award." In 1987, Tom was recognized as the Vermont PHCC Contractor of the Year.

Prior to moving to Vermont in 1979, Tom was self-employed as principal owner of numerous companies in the Albany, New York area.



Bernard J. Young
Chapter President 1989-1990

Bernie was born in Lewiston, Maine on February 1, 1939. He was 5th of 6 children. His family moved to Portland, Maine in 1941 and he grew up there.

He graduated from Deering High School in 1957 and attended Portland Junior College (Now the University of Maine, Southern Campus) and majored in business/accounting.

His father was one of the largest union piping contractors in Maine. Bernie grew up in the business. He started out by sweeping and dusting the office at the age of 8, sorting stock by 12, driving truck and plumbing by the age of 15 and running his first job by 18. He served his apprenticeship and obtained his Master Plumber's license. He started estimating commercial/industrial piping work at 17 and took over office management of the business in 1960, at the age of 21, upon the death of his father. Bernie ran the business with his mother and brother until 1963. At that time, the business was liquidated and his well-deserving mother retired.

Bernie was married to his first wife in 1961 and has two daughters. As of this writing, he's just about given up on grandchildren.

(Bernard Young, cont.)

He married his second wife, Nancy, in 1981 and enjoys his two step-sons from Nancy's previous marriage. (Still no grandchildren)

Between 1963 and 1972, Bernie held positions as Chief Project Manager for a sizable northern New England mechanical contractor, Sales Manager for a C & I equipment sales rep., District Sales Manager for all but refrigeration products for Iron Fireman/Dunham-Bush.

He moved to Vermont in 1972 and was employed as Sales Manager/Project Designer for Mechanical Equipment Company (now Vermont Boiler Specialists, Inc.) until 1979. Bernie joined New England Air Systems, Inc. as the Piping Division Manager. After leaving NEASI, he quit management, re-joined the Pipefitter's Union and went to work with the tools again for the first time in over twenty years. If you want a lesson in how to hurt your body, try that! He rapidly became Northern Division Superintendent for Pittsfield Pipers, Inc. with between 15 and 140 men in his jurisdiction.

Following Bernie's sojourn with Pittsfield, he started and managed the Piping Division for Northeastern HVAC until 1985.

In 1985, he started Mechanical Consulting Services and Nancy joined him in 1987. They are still at it and very happy.

Bernie enjoys fishing, camping, canoeing, biking, snowshoeing and downhill skiing. Bernie and Nancy walk two and four miles a day as regularly as possible in all kinds of weather.



Edward E. Pearson, P.E.
Chapter President 1990-1991

Ed currently lives in Stowe, Vermont with his wife Jeannette, and they have three children, Beth, Brian and Brent. His favorite hobbies include skiing, biking, hunting and camping.

Ed's education began with a BSME from GMI Engineering and Management Institute and a Masters in engineering management from Syracuse University.

His work experience encompasses 10 years as a plant engineer with General Motors; 10 years as a mechanical/electrical engineer with a design build contractor; and 10 years with mechanical and electrical consulting engineering firms. He is now Principal and President of Pearson Associates a mechanical and electrical consulting engineering firm.

Ed's ASHRAE involvement includes full membership in the organization and has held all of the chapter chairs until becoming the chapter President. He is currently Regional Vice-Chairman, TEGA.

Ed won the Golden Gavel Award during his term as chapter president, an honor that distinguishes himself as the best chapter president in Region I. In 1994, Ed received an ASHRAE Technology Award in the Alternative and/or Renewable Energy Use category. He was chosen "Engineer of the Year" in Vermont.

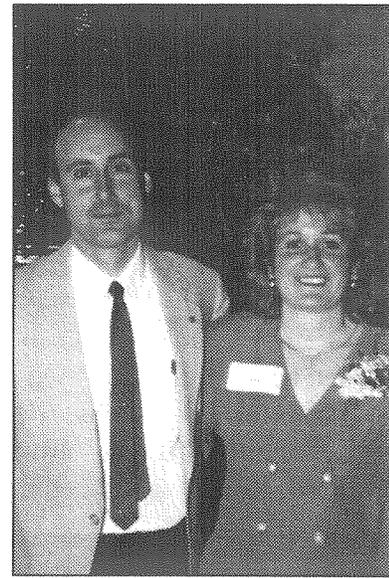


Gordon W. Root, JR., P.E.
Chapter President 1991-1992

Bill is married to Karen and they have three children, Carrie, Chris and Kyle. His favorite hobbies include hiking and skiing.

Bill currently holds a BSME from the University of Vermont. His career began working for the General Electric Company on Lakeside Avenue under the Manufacturing Apprenticeship program. After completing the program he stayed on for an additional 9 years in several various manufacturing engineering positions. In 1989 he left Martin Marietta to work for GWR Engineering as Vice President and Senior HVAC Design Engineer

His professional involvement includes membership of SME, Associate member ASME, and as a full member of ASHRAE. Bill joined the local ASHRAE Chapter in 1989 serving as president elect in 1990 and the next year as President. Since then, he has served on the local Chapter's Board of Governors and has been instrumental in organizing a successful CVC trade show and seminar. Bill has also served as Region I Treasurer, 1994-1996, and is the current Region I Program Vice-Chairman and Assistant Regional Director.



Richard J. Wilcox
Chapter President 1992-1993

Dick was born in Barre, Vermont in 1956. Dick became acquainted with refrigeration work at an early age. He often assisted his father as a refrigeration mechanic's helper on various projects. These ranged from common household refrigerators to large industrial ammonia-refrigeration plants used in meat packing and ice manufacturing. The systems even included a few of the old sulfur dioxide refrigerants.

After graduation from high school, his interest in refrigeration, air conditioning and heating systems lead him to college studies specializing in these areas. He attended Alfred State College in Alfred, New York where he received a Mechanical Engineering Degree in 1976.

After graduation, Dick worked for Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York. In Kodak's Design Engineering Department, he was exposed to custom designed process HVAC applications for the manufacturing of film. In 1977, he moved to Sybron-Taylor Instruments as a refrigeration mechanic. Subsequently, Dick was employed as stationary refrigeration operating engineer at the Genesee Brewing Company. After working for Genesee, Dick worked for the Rochester consulting firm of Hasenauer and Sovie for four years.

(Richard Wilcox, cont.)

After years of being away from Vermont, Dick made the choice to move back to New England. Since returning, he has worked for a local consulting engineer and a mechanical contractor. Most recently, Dick is working as a partner of Cambridge Mechanical Construction, Inc., an HVAC contractor in its third year of business.

Dick is married and has two children, two sons, one 4 years old and the other 10 months. His interests include hiking, camping, fishing, swimming and playing hockey when his business schedule allows.



Jon A. Soter, P.E.
Chapter President 1993-1994

Our President during the 1993-1994 fiscal year, Jon was born on May 14, 1956 in Burlington, Vermont. Jon lived next to his father's restaurant on lower Main Street until graduating from Burlington High School in 1975. Jon was very involved in BHS activities, including President and State Treasurer for the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America during his junior and senior years.

After graduating from high school, Jon was accepted to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia. He spent the freshman year in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets but left the program after the first year once he realized that a

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Upon graduation, Jon became Plant Engineer for Coburn Optical Company, an optical lens manufacturer in Colonial Heights, Virginia. Due to needs of his family, Jon moved back to Vermont in 1981 becoming Plant Engineer for General Electric Company in Burlington, Vermont. In 1984, he became an Associate Member in ASHRAE and had the pleasure of experiencing ASHRAE dinner meetings at the Benes Inn. He became a registered Professional Engineer by taking both the EIT and P&P exams in the same year. Also during that year, Jon was able to obtain a supervisory job as Facilities Engineering Supervisor with Simmonds Precision Products in Vergennes, Vermont.

In March of 1988, Jon became the Facilities Manager for Green Mountain Power Corporation. Two months later, he received a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Vermont. He continues to work for Green Mountain Power as Manager of the Corporate Services department. He is also an Associate Member of the International Facilities Management Association and a member of the Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department.

Jon lives in a log home in North Ferrisburgh, Vermont with his wife, Lorie, and a son, BJ.



Leo Ioannou
Chapter President 1994-1995 & 1998-1999

Leo Ioannou was born in 1959 on the Greek Island of Cyprus in Farnagusta. While in Greece he served two years in the Army as a demolitions expert in the Special Forces. Upon finishing his enlistment he came to the United States on April 29, 1980.

He began his career in the Facilities Department of University Health Center as a power engineer and holds a third class license from the National Institute of Uniform Licensing Power Engineers, (NIULPE). Later he joined Air Comfort finishing his employment there as a Service Manager. He then joined New England Air Systems in their newly forming service department as Service Manager and later became Vice President of Sales and Service. He opened his own firm, Climate Systems, in April 1995 where he is President and Principal.

Leo began in the CVC chapter of ASHRAE in the Secretary Position 1991-1992. Then moved to Vice President and also refrigeration chair. Leo earned the highest PAOE points in refrigeration award for the 1992-93 year. In 1993-94 he became President Elect and programs chair, winning an award for top PAOE points in the Region I programs. In 1994-95 Leo moved on to be the 25th President of the CVC. Presiding over the 25th anniversary dinner at the end of his term, where 22 of the 25 Chapter presidents spoke about their experiences. After completing his first term as President, he was a BOG member in 1995-96 and in 1996-97 he started up through the officer positions once again as Vice President and Refrigeration Chair. He again received the award for the highest PAOE points in Refrigeration. Leo was President elect and program chair in 1997-98 and became Regional Vice Chair (RVC) for Region I refrigeration 1997-2000. In 1998-1999 Leo became President of the CVC Chapter for the second time. As of this writing, he is the only person to ever be CVC Chapter President twice.



Michael A. Gallo, P.E.
Chapter President 1995-1996

Mike Gallo joined ASHRAE and the Champlain Valley Chapter in 1990. Since joining, Mike has held the positions of Advertising Chair and Membership Chair. He has held the offices of Secretary, Vice President, President-Elect and President. He also served on the Board of Governors.

Mike came back to VT in 1989 from VA to start up a mechanical engineering firm, Visiontech Engineering Inc., with his partner Edward Gallo, P.E.. VEI has completed many projects in the industrial market for companies such as IBM Corporation and NYNEX formerly known as New England Telephone Company.

In June of 1996, the staff and assets of Visiontech Engineering, Inc. were acquired by ADP Fluor Daniel, a company VEI provided engineering design services for on large projects at the IBM facilities in East Fishkill, NY. ADP Fluor Daniel is a full service engineering, architectural and construction management firm with headquarters in Tucson, AZ and with offices throughout the United States and the world. Mike is currently the head of the New England office HVAC department.

Mike lives in Barre Town, VT with his wife Bonnie and his two children Michael and Jessica. Mike is a registered professional engineer in the state of Vermont and state of New Hampshire. Mike has also successfully completed the NICET examinations and is certified in Vermont to perform automatic sprinkler system design.



Steve Poole
Chapter President 1966-1997

Steve Poole graduated from Vermont Technical College in 1979. While in school, he started working part time for Michael Hertzberg Consulting Engineers in Waitsfield, VT. After graduation he continued to work full time for MHCE until 1985. In 1985 Steve moved on to Vermont Heating and Ventilating and worked in engineering and design/build sales. He worked with Dick Wilcox who was to become CVC president in the 1992-1993 year. In 1992 Steve went to work for New England Air Systems, again in an engineering and design/build sales role. In 1998, he started working for Breadloaf Corporation leading their business development efforts. In 2001 Steve co-founded Novus Energy, acting as project coordinator for energy related projects

Steve joined ASHRAE in the early 80s' and enjoyed attending ASHRAE meetings at Mather's Restaurant at the top of the high rise at the end of the Mall in Downtown Burlington. He ultimately met and became friends with the people that became his supervisors and employees. Steve became involved in the CVC in 1992-95 when he was Student Activities Chair and was instrumental in forming the UVM Student Chapter. In 1994 Steve became an officer as Vice President and in 1995 Steve was the President Elect, Programs Chair and CRC Alternate. In 1996 Steve became the CVC President, took over as RP chair in the middle of the year, and was the CRC Delegate. He was History Chair for six years from 1998-2004, BOG member for three years from 1998-2000, and was newsletter editor in 2000-2001. In 1998 Steve took on the task of CRC 2000 (Chapter Regional Conference) organizing committee chair and led that committee for three years and organized the very successful CRC 2000 conference that was held in Burlington.

Steve currently lives in Williston with his wife and two youngest children. His two oldest children are grown and on their own

Chapter Presidents



Michael Rose
Chapter President 1997-1998

Mike Rose was born in 1967 in Watertown, NY. He was raised in Plattsburg, NY. In 1989 he graduated from Clarkson University with a degree in Industrial Distribution, a mix between mechanical and electrical disciplines. After graduation, Mike moved to Milwaukee, WI and worked for Cutler-Hammer. He moved to Albany, NY in 1991 and took a sales engineer position with Cutler-Hammer Industrial Controls. In 1993 Mike took a job working for Roger Kerr at Advanced Comfort Systems as a Sales Engineer covering Vermont HVAC sales as well as Cutler-Hammer motor controls. In 2000, Mike was a founder of Tri-Tech, a building automation controls company in Albany, NY.

Mike became involved in the CVC Chapter in 1993 as the Publicity Chair. In 1994 Mike continued as Publicity Chair and also served as Secretary. He then proceeded up the officer ranks as Vice President, President Elect and was President in the 1997-98 Chapter year. He also served as programs chair in 1996. Mike's most impressive accomplishment was winning the Golden Gavel Award in 1998 for earning the most PAOE points in Region 1 for the 1997-98 chapter year. This is the only time in chapter history that the CVC chapter has won this award.

Mike lives in Albany with his wife and two girls.