

Region 1 Leadership Recall interview

Past

How long have you been a member of ASHRAE ? **About 6 years.**

How long were you a member of ASHRAE before you got involved as an officer or BOG member? **Within the 1st year.**

Do you recall if there was any particular reason you decided to get involved? **Persuaded by a past officer.**

Was there some particular person that helped or encouraged you to get involved in ASHRAE? **Yes.**

Were there any “horror stories” that you heard when you were considering becoming an officer ? **No**

Which Chapter were you the president of? **Bi-State**

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? **I just tried to do a descent job, nothing in particular stands out.**

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? **Monthly Meeting.**

What did you find was the most difficult while you were president of your chapter ?
Getting new members and have them get involved.

What did you find was the easiest ? **There is no easy part.**

Did you feel like you had adequate training and mentorship available when you became chapter president ? **Yes.**

If you were asked to be a chapter officer again, knowing what it involved would you do it again ? **Yes**

How do you recommend getting new members involved in ASHRAE, or any other professional society ? **That is the biggest problem. We are reaching out to the local colleges.**

Do you think that your chapter faces any unique problems ? If so what are they ? **No**

Is there something that your chapter does that you feel is unique or innovative ? **No**

Have you ever been active in any other chapters aside from the Chapter you were president of? If so what Chapters? How did they vary from your chapter? **No**

Have you ever attended another chapters meeting? **No**

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

Do you intend to become active at a different level? If not what would you say would be the number one reason that would keep you from being active? **No**

Was there a good mix of age groups that were active in the chapter when you were president? ie. attending meetings and events? **40-70**

What would you say was the percentage of attendees from the different disciplines at ASHRAE meetings when you were in office? **15-20%**
Utilities/Consultants/Vendors/Contractors/Estimators/Management

What is one thing that you would say you gained from being involved in running the chapter? **Exposure to a good organization.**

Present

What is your current position/title at work? **Associate Mechanical Engineer Design Firm**

Did you hold the same position when you first became a chapter officer? **Yes**

Are you a registered Professional Engineer ? **Yes**
If so in what states and discipline ? **NY**

If you were asked to help mentor a new member about the benefits of being a leader in professional society, would you be interested? **Yes**

In one sentence, what would you tell someone to encourage them to be active in the chapter? **It improves your technical skills in your profession and allows you to meet your peers.**

When was the last time that you were at a Chapter function or meeting? **Every month meeting and BOG**
Ie. Past Presidents meeting or any other?

What types of chapter activities are likely to attract you to attend? **All**

What would you say is the biggest draw for your attendance to meetings? **PIE Points 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 ?
Attempt to bring in new people.

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 **It really doesn't matter as long as you get people.**

What do you feel would be a good way to encourage Consulting Engineers to attend meetings ? **We try with some success but it is always the same people.**

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? **I wish I knew.**

What areas of the industry do you think need ASHRAE's attention the most? **I think they do a good job..**

Is there anything that ASHRAE is doing now that concerns you? **They've gone from no attention to sustainability to too much attention with goals that I think are impossible to obtain.**

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? **Not gone**

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.) **No**