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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? **Since 2002**

Are you currently a member ? **Yes**

How long were you a member of ASHRAE before you got involved as an officer or BOG member ? **1 ½ 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? **My boss encouraged me to join.**

What year were you president of the Champlain Valley Chapter? **2008-2009**

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

What is your current position/title at work? **Energy Consultant**

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

Did the Chapter win any awards at the regional level when you were president? **Yes**

If so do you remember which ones? **Gold Ribbon History Award, Sustainability, Honor Roll Special Citation Certificate, Research Promotions**

Have you ever been active at the regional or society level? **No**

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

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? **Recruiting new people to attend the meetings and join the chapter.**



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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 meetings

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?

Utilities/Consultants/Vendors/Contractors/Estimators/Management

25/5/25/20/25

Present

Do you know who the elected President is for 2010-2011? **Shawn LaBelle**

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 him or her to be active in the chapter? **It is a very rewarding experience to be involved in the chapter and helps you build strong leadership skills.**

What is one thing that you would say you gained from being involved in running the chapter? **Being President helped increase my confidence and improve upon my public speaking skills.**

When was the last time that you were at a Chapter function or meeting? **March**

Ie. Past Presidents meeting or any other? **I attended the most recent Past Presidents meeting.**

What types of activities are likely to attract you to attend? **The technical sessions.**

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

Location, Speaker/Topic, Networking, Socializing, or Professional development?

Professional Development and Socializing

Future

If you were to give one tip to next years, or any future years leadership what would it be?

Read the MBO (Management By Objective).



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Are you currently on the Champlain Valley Chapter's mailing list? And do you regularly visit the home-page at www.ashraevt.com? **Yes**

What would you say was the optimal percentage of attendees from the different disciplines at ASHRAE meetings should be in a healthy ASHRAE chapter?

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What do you feel would be a good way to encourage Consulting Engineers to attend meetings? **Finding topics that interest them.**

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 think a 15 minute general round table discussion would be a good venue to solicit feedback.**

What areas of the industry do you think need ASHRAE's attention the most? **Energy related codes and topics.**

Is there anything that ASHRAE is doing now that concerns you? **I think the amount and frequency of the mailings is a concern.**

Have you been to any ASHRAE winter or summer meetings? **Yes**

If so what did you like or dislike about them?

Would you encourage members to attend? **Possibly**

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.) **Yes, I have been influenced by the standards, codes and training.**