



# ASHRAE

*Technology for a Better Environment*

## **Champlain Valley Chapter Leadership Recall interview**

### **Past**

Are you a registered Professional Engineer? **No**

If so in what states and discipline? **N/A**

How long have you been a member of ASHRAE? **Since 1990**

Are you currently a member ? **Yes**

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

Do you recall if there was any particular reason you decided to get involved? **I was young and green and met many new people who ended up to be some of my best teachers and mentors**

Was there some particular person that helped or encouraged you to get involved in ASHRAE? **Michael Hertzberg, P.E. – He was my boss at that time.**

What year were you president of the Champlain Valley Chapter? **1996-97**

Who was the DRC when you were President of the chapter? **Joseph Ting P.E.**

What is your current position/title at work? **Engineering/Business Development**

Did you hold the same position when you were President of the Chapter? **Yes, but working for a different company.**

Have you ever been active in any other chapters aside from the Champlain Valley Chapter? **No** If so what Chapters? How did they vary from the Champlain Valley Chapter?

Did the Chapter win any awards at the regional level when you were president? **Yes** If so do you remember which ones? **We were awarded PAOE Star Award and Special Citation, Gold Ribbon for History, and top honor in Research Promotion.**

Have you ever been active at the regional or society level? **Yes** If so what positions have you, or do you currently hold? **I was the CRC 2000 Chairman when the CRC was held on Burlington, Vermont**



# ASHRAE

*Technology for a Better Environment*

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? **We won the most improved chapter performance award when I was President – I really didn't do the work, just helped coach and encourage others work together and build chapter.**

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? **Over the course of the entire year it was having interesting and informative programs. All of the other excitement and participation build off of that.**

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 still had some of the charter members of the chapter attending meetings and several college students from University of Vermont and Vermont Technical College.**

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

**I would say that 25% were contractors, 25% vendors, 20% engineers, 10% utilities, 10% students, 10% other.**

## **Present**

Do you know who the elected President is for 2010-2011? **Yes, Shawn Labelle from VMI**

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? **Absolutely, I had many people mentor me, I am definitely interested in doing the same. Have already been involved with mentoring several ASHRAE members.**

In 1 sentence, what would you tell someone to encourage him or her to be active in the chapter? **ASHRAE gives you the opportunity to learn, participate, be/become a leader, contribute some of your time and talent, and enjoy all of it!**

What is one thing that you would say you gained from being involved in running the chapter? **The ability to work with many different types of people with different interests, abilities, and agendas.**

When was the last time that you were at a Chapter function or meeting? **In June of 2010**

Ie. Past Presidents meeting or any other?



# ASHRAE

*Technology for a Better Environment*

What types of activities are likely to attract you to attend? **Monthly meetings, summer golf outing, seminars, joint meetings with other organizations.**

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

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

**I think it's a combination of all of the items mentioned above. If a big group shows up to a meeting, and the venue is nice, food is good, social interaction is great, and the speaker connects with everyone and teaches them something – they will be back to the next meeting!**

## **Future**

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

**Learn to trust and depend on your leadership team. If everyone does their job, no one gets burned out and the Chapter has a great year.**

Are you currently on the Champlain Valley Chapter's mailing list? And do you regularly visit the home-page at [www.ashraevt.com](http://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?

Utilities/Consultants/Vendors/Contractors/Estimators/Management **25% contractors, 25% engineers, 25% vendors, 25% others**

What do you feel would be a good way to encourage Consulting Engineers to attend meetings? **Somehow get them to tell us what they would like for programs – involve them in programs where possible.**

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? **No response! Some individuals are never happy with anything – bad way to go through life.**

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? **One-on-one phone call or conversation with enthusiastic person who makes them feel like their input is REALLY wanted and valuable. Perhaps even follow-up with that person to let them know that their input helped put together a great program some particular month.**

What areas of the industry do you think need ASHRAE's attention the most? **Energy conservation and Green Building – ASHRAE is a leader here, keep it up!**



# ASHRAE

*Technology for a Better Environment*

Is there anything that ASHRAE is doing now that concerns you? **No, I really like how they have proactively used the electronic tools and internet to make information readily available to it's membership.**

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

If so what did you like or dislike about them? **Loved the Expo, other meetings are a little dull.**

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

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 am a LEED AP and constantly use ASHRAE referenced standards and other technical information while working on LEED projects. Architects, Owners, and other professionals involved with these projects have a high regard for ASHRAE Standards.**