

BOARD REPORT



Northeast Region Board Meeting – August 27, 2009

DATE: July 13, 2009

TO: Northeast Region Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Report of Region Director, Long Island Chapter

A. Report Summary

1. The Long Island Chapter holds monthly meetings in centrally located Melville, NY each month except December, June (Awards Dinner), July and August. Our latest membership report shows 80 members and we average about two dozen attendees at our meetings. We continue to offer an annual CDT prep class and all of our presentations offer Learning Units to attendees.

B. The Report

1. Summary of activities since last report and status of current programs: Great effort continues to be made in scheduling pertinent topics at our monthly Chapter meetings in a continuous effort to bolster attendance. All presentations provide AIA/CES Learning Units to attendees. We continue to develop our website and have added a list of past presidents and award winners. The website lists Chapter meeting information, Region and National news and developments, advertising space and a help wanted section. An email notification blitz is sent out a week before each meeting announcing the month's topic and meeting information. We offer attendees a buffet dinner for a modest fee of \$10 and we usually make more than we spend on food. We offer sponsorships at our meetings for \$100 and most presenting companies take up this offer. We remain financially sound.
2. Problem areas: One problem area which the Board has identified is finding members who are willing to get involved at the Board level thereby growing our leadership pool. If we do not identify and recruit our future leaders now our shortsightedness will begin to hurt us in the near future.
3. Success stories: The programs presented at our monthly meetings remained strong this past year and we averaged about a 25 - 30% attendance rate. We have been working on establishing a Student Affiliate at SUNY Farmingdale which we hope will come to fruition this coming year. We have set up a scholarship competition

which goes to the best specification on the final project as judged by the Chapter Board and provided several presentations to the students. Eight members (10%) of the Chapter are registered for the NER Conference. At the last count of 46 members registered for the Conference, the Long Island Chapter makes up nearly 18% of Conference attendees.

4. Schedule of activities prior to next Board Meeting: The Chapter held its summer planning meeting on July 16 where the Board and Committees worked on their budgets and goals for the upcoming year. In addition to the CDT prep class we provide annually, this year we are hoping to provide a CCS prep class also.
5. Changes in Chapter Membership since last report: The struggling economy has affected our Chapter membership growth; the good news is membership did not decrease; the bad news is we had a zero net increase after winning the Region Small Chapter Membership Award for the previous two years. The Board has set a five percent membership increase goal for itself for the coming year.

C. Suggestions for the benefit of the Region

1. The Board needs to closely examine and develop a plan for future Region Conferences as well as leadership training at both the Chapter and Region level. We would also like to see the Region pressure National to keep good on their promises such as standardized CDT training (CDT in a box), etc.

Respectfully submitted;

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