

# BOARD REPORT



## Northeast Region Board Meeting – August 27, 2009

**DATE:** August 12, 2009

**TO:** Northeast Region Board of Directors

**FROM:** John Van Oort, Region Director Eastern NY Chapter

**SUBJECT:** Report of the Eastern NY Chapter

### A. Report Summary

1. The planning of the NER Conference has been this Chapter's primary focus for the last year. Technical Programs remain to be our strongest success story. Communications is our chapter's problem area.

### B. The Report

1. Summary of activities since last report: We held bi-weekly NER Conference Planning meetings and the ENYCSI Trade Show, Monthly Membership meetings through June which consisted of Diner meetings with Technical program after the diner. In July, we had a Family CSI night at the local Triple A baseball league. In August, the NER Conference meetings switched to weekly meetings.
2. Status of current programs: The planning of the NER Conference has consumed most of the chapter activities for the past year. We have participated in other activities offered by associated organizations such as AIA and NYSSPE. Our Program Chairperson, Annette Woodside has many of next year's Technical Program speakers already planned.
3. Problem areas: The most noticeable problem area we have been having has been in communications. The monthly newsletter hasn't been consistently written and the person originally appointed to the position of Newsletter Editor stepped down back in December/January due to time commitments. The Board Secretary has had to step in and that hasn't been consistent due to time constraints.
4. Success stories: Our monthly Technical Programs and Membership Meetings have been the #1 success story.

5. Schedule of activities prior to next Board Meeting: The only activity our Chapter has planned prior to the next Board Meeting is our annual Trade Show which will be running in conjunction with the NER Conference.
6. Changes in Chapter Membership since last report: Due to hosting the NER Conference, I have not had a chance to follow up on our Membership status but I do not feel it has changed significantly since the last Report.

**C. Suggestions for the benefit of the Region**

1. We would make the suggestion that the annual NER Conference be administered by the Region with paid Event Planners and have the Chapters assist in some of the staffing. We are finding that no Chapters are stepping up to volunteer to Host the future NER Conferences. Perhaps we should join with another Region to do a joint Conference.

**Respectfully submitted;**

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