

BOARD REPORT



Northeast Region Board Meeting Fall FY'10 – Aug. 27, 2009

DATE: August 10, 2009
TO: Northeast Region Board of Directors
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SUBJECT: Report of Worcester County Chapter

A. Report Summary

1. The “Report Summary” has been omitted as repetitive since the report itself is brief (1 or 2 sentences) for each section, as requested.

B. The Report

1. **Summary of activities since last report:** The Chapter conducted the May 19 program, “Impact of Government Stimulus Program on Construction in Massachusetts” as a New Member Discount Program. The sign up period saw 7 new members take advantage of the 50% Institute and Chapter Discounts. The Twelfth Annual Construction Industry Summer Open Golf Tournament had great weather with good golfer turnout but less than average sponsor support. Two scholarships were given out, one to a new student chapter member attending the Boston Architectural College. The Annual Awards dinner was held on June 11th during which new members were recognized and awarded CSI lapel pins. Institute Director, Howard Levine, spoke briefly and congratulated the Worcester Chapter on seeing its first member about to be elevated to Institute Fellowship. Award winners will be published in the Chapter newsletter which is posted on the NER website.
2. **Status of current programs:** Eight Chapter programs qualified for AIA-CES LUs will be presented on the third Tuesday of the months September through May of 2010. A December holiday party and the June Awards dinner fill out the program year. The Chapter Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month and will conduct an August 11, 2009 planning meeting.
3. **Problem areas:** Leadership succession continues to be an issue, although a member was urged to step up and subsequently volunteered to serve on the board. Demands on other chapter leaders time at the Region and Institute level have somewhat effected their contribution at the Chapter level.

4. **Success stories:** Effective interesting programs and membership contact by board members has built attendance to an average of more than 50% of total chapter membership with 2 programs exceeding total chapter membership. The major effort of communicating to industry members the value of CSI membership, especially when coupled with the 50% membership discount program, resulted in a 22.6 % increase in Chapter membership over FY 2009. .
5. **Schedule of activities prior to next Board Meeting:** President Helly's Agenda for the chapter board summer planning meeting promises that FY2010 will be an active one for those involved with the Worcester County Chapter. Michael G Lapomardo will assume the duties of Northeast Region Director – Worcester County Chapter upon the conclusion of the August 27, 2009 Board Meeting. At that point I will concentrate on wearing my other hats with style and panache.
6. **Changes in Chapter Membership since last report:** On June 30, 2008 the chapter had 31 members as of June 30, 2009 the chapter has 38 members. Of that count 7 are new members directly attributable to the New Member Discount Program. One additional retired member who appears to be a paid up member does not show on the roster but Institute is checking his status as this report is being written.

C. Suggestions for the benefit of the Region

1. Develop a new model to make the Region Conference attendance more feasible and desirable for a higher percentage of the membership.
2. Provide leadership training at the local chapter level that is economical, easily accessible and valued by more of the membership.
3. Adopt a NER Membership Growth Incentive Plan

Respectfully submitted;

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