

BOARD REPORT



Northeast Region Board Meeting – April 11, 2010

DATE: April 7, 2010
TO: Northeast Region Board of Directors
FROM: Ned Keating, CSI; Boston Chapter Region Director
SUBJECT: Report of Region Directors

A. Report Summary

1. The chapter like the economy seems to be on the upswing from 6 months ago. Membership declines have hit a plateau and appear to be trending back up; major positions are filled with continuation of participation from the core leadership group, and a good balance of new activity with some new participants added.

B. The Report

1. Summary of activities since last report:
 - The chapter has seen an increase in “emerging professionals” taking leadership roles and hopes to foster the next group of future leaders.
 - We have a new chair, Tracey Powell, to restart the efforts of the Academic Committee and to reach out to local universities.
2. Status of current programs:
 - Meeting attendance has been holding steady at 40-45 people
 - The programs held this year have been excellent topics that pulled in fairly large crowds
 - Annual joint meeting with ICRI, International Concrete Repair Institute, had approximately 90 attendees with a balance of people from both organizations
 - Calendar is filled with two more programs scheduled with Summer Social being worked on
3. Problem areas:
 - The chapter is working on increasing participation in committee activities and in finding chairs for undermanned or defunct committees.
 - The chapter lost members steadily over the holidays due to the poor economy but that seems to have leveled off and we will be attempting to regain lost members over the coming year.
 - Winter Social had to be downsized due to lack of response. This is one function for which there is a separate fee not covered by chapter dues, so the economy played a major role

4. Success stories:

- The Boston chapter has nominated, Brian Neely to complete a second term as president. Jay Ford has volunteered to become President- Elect. Don Bannon is running for Vice President. All other officer and director positions are or will be full. We anticipate receipt of the election ballots by early next week to confirm these positions.

5. Schedule of activities prior to next Board Meeting:

- Looking into establishing scholarships from exiting funds
- Certification exam prep courses to be offered
- Will be taking a table at the Boston Architectural College products fair to introduce CSI to the students
- Reach out Academic Committee program, (above) to local universities

6. Changes in Chapter Membership since last report:

- There was a membership drop of 10% to 161 members over last year, at a time of reported 40% architectural related unemployment in Boston area
- The chapter lost members steadily over the holidays due to the poor economy but that trend appears to be reversing, and we will be attempting to regain lost members over the coming year.
- On the bright side, we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel with firms starting to rehire and projects getting the go ahead. Members, who let their membership lapse or just have put off renewing, are verbally committing to “come back”.

C. Suggestions for the benefit of the Region

1. None;

Respectfully submitted;

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