



# BOARD REPORT

## Northeast Region Board Meeting – April 11, 2010

**DATE:** April 04, 2010  
**TO:** Northeast Region Board of Directors  
**FROM:** David Newman, Region Director  
**SUBJECT:** Report of the Hartford Chapter for Region Directors.

### A. Report Summary

1. Plenty of good programs.
2. Opened a PayPal account for credit card charges.
3. Working on improving Membership.
4. Problem Areas: Fill vacant Board Positions.
5. Revamped CDT training program.

### B. The Report

1. Summary of activities since last report:
  - a. Status of current programs: Dinner meeting programs will again incorporate the green theme. Our topics focus on bringing current construction related subjects to the membership. This years programs included The Connecticut Energy Code Update, The new LEED version 3, and Sustainable Wood Doors.
  - b. The Hartford Chapter had a joint Christmas Dinner with the Housatonic Chapter in Connecticut. We intend to have at least one joint meeting during the year.
  - c. The Hartford Chapter opened a PayPal account for processing credit card charges without the monthly fees associated with going through a bank because of our low volume. PayPal has a new option specifically for Non-Profits, making it easy to handle and transfer those funds. 2.9% + \$0.30 fee per transfer.
  - d. The CDT training program has been revamped by Scott Celella. We are providing classes consisting of 4 - intensive - 4 hour programs. Two Thursday evenings and two Saturday programs instead of 2 hrs a week over several weeks. Time restraints by attendees were strained in terms of scheduling and transportation (fuel costs) for numerous trips into Hartford. Scott had 2 candidates for the spring class.
2. Problem areas: We still experience a lack of volunteerism in relation to filling Board positions. Treasurer, President Elect, and Newsletter Editor are vacant. We have a new Membership Chair - John Robitaille. John is associated with the

University of Connecticut in Storrs. John will help us promote CSI academic program through the Engineering department at UCONN. One member, Amy Kilburn, one of the founding members of the Hartford Chapter, lost her job and moved to Maryland/DC area. TJ Gottwalt, a past president, took a new position and moved to North Carolina.

3. Success stories: Still having successful dinner meetings. Average 20-25 members.
4. Schedule of activities prior to next Board Meeting:
  - a. We are forging ahead to hold another Golf Outing Dinner fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund in May. The Golf outing was postponed last year.
  - b. Ashley wants to upgrade our website. Waiting to see the new National Website roll-out, before we make any changes.
5. Changes in Chapter Membership since last report: Current membership is 67. This is slightly below where it was last year at this time. Scott Bergsbaken is still enthusiastic that we can increase this number this year.

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

1. Reduce the Region Chapter Dues to \$5.00 per member.

**Respectfully submitted;**

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