

BOARD REPORT



Northeast Region Board Meeting – April 11, 2010

DATE: April 5, 2010

TO: Northeast Region Board of Directors

FROM: John Ostrum, NER Director & VT Chapter Programs Chair

SUBJECT: Report of Vermont Chapter CSI

A. Report Summary

1. The Vermont Chapter is having a successful year despite low construction activity in Vermont. Four (4) continuing educational events (for a total offering of 11.75 AIA CEU credit hours) have been planned for the year. Two of the events are at the scale of full day conferences. This year, our April annual meeting will be held immediately following our April CEU event in hopes of increasing annual meeting attendance. We also are continuing to reimburse Vermont Chapter members who successfully pass the CDT, CCS, CCCA & CCPR exams. Rebecca Leet, Chapter VP is ably leading CDT study sessions. We have a new Newsletter Editor, Cam Featherstonhaugh. Maintaining membership, finding new board leadership, and finding new committee chairs continue to be the main challenges of the Vermont Chapter.

B. The Report

1. Summary of activities since last report:
 - **Oct 2, 2009 Biomass Heating Conference @ Shelburne Farms.** The event was a huge success: 44 Attendees, 7 Speakers, 8 Sponsor, Lecture + 4 site visits, (4) AIA CEU's.
 - **Dec 10, 2009 Initial Decision Maker & Green Elevators @ DoubleTree Hotel.** 24 Attendees, 2 Speakers, 2 Sponsors, (2) AIA CEU's.
 - **March 10, 2010 Project Documents presentation to Norwich University, School of Architecture.**
 - **April 8, 2010 Life Cycle Assessment & CSI VT Annual Meeting @ Burlington Firehouse Gallery.** We estimate 20Attendees for the program, 1 Speaker & 4 Sponsors, (1.25) AIA CEU's. Annual Meeting 00 Attend est.
 - **May 27, 2010 CSI Vermont's 5th Annual Green & Sustainable Conference and Green Products Trade Fair.** This year's conference is titled **Improving the Building Envelope ~ How to Achieve High**

Performance @ Shelburne Farms Carriage Barn. We estimate a minimum of 50 Attendees, 25 Trade Fair Sponsors, 6 Speakers, (4.5) AIA CEU's.

- **June 17, 2010 Awards Banquet @ Ethan Allen Homestead.** 20 Attendees expected.
- **Various dates as required: CDT Study Program** with Rebecca Leet ~ ongoing study sessions. 2 candidates passed last year and 2 candidates passed this year.

2. Status of current programs: Currently we are planning for our April 8th, May 27th, and June 17th events.
3. Problem areas: Maintaining membership & finding new leadership. John Ostrum is retiring as Programs Chair. We had to cancel our January continuing education program due to low sign up numbers. We believe this was due to the construction economy remaining soft in our region. Many of the architectural offices in our region have downsized and employees seem to be taking less time off for professional functions.
4. Success stories: a) CDT study program, b) new Newsletter editor, c) new contact with Norwich University's School of Architecture, d) continuation of our Chapter program to refund the cost (early bird rate) of the CDT, CCS, CCCA & CCPR exams to Vermont Chapter members who successfully pass the exams. To date we have paid for (5) CDT exams and (1) advanced exam.
5. Schedule of activities prior to next Board Meeting: See 'B.1'
6. Changes in Chapter Membership since last report: Current membership is (63).

C. Suggestions for the benefit of the Region

1. The Vermont Chapter highly recommends that other chapters adopt the 'carrot' of financial reimbursement of refunding the cost of the CDT and other certification exams to candidates that successfully pass the exams. It's a great way to increase interest in CSI and to build home chapter membership participation.

Respectfully submitted;

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