

Northeast Region Construction Specifications Institute

Scholarships and Scholarship Auction

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The first NE Region Scholarship Auction occurred at the FY92 Region Conference hosted by the Maine Chapter on Oct. 11 – 13, 1991 at the Marriot Sable Oaks Hotel in South Portland, ME. The auction was started as a “Crafts Show” as a part of the Spouses Program under the leadership of Charlene Lemieux, Margaret Pelletier and Judy Mitsui. This small group wrote to all of the spouses and asked each to bring a small hand-made craft that would be auctioned with the proceeds being used to create a scholarship fund. This first auction of small hand-made crafts raised a little over \$400.00 and the seeds were planted.

As best that can be determined, the seeds that were planted in October 1991 did not sprout for several years. In September 1998, the Rochester Chapter hosted the Region Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Rochester and the Scholarship Auction was reintroduced as a part of the Cocktail Hour preceding the Awards Banquet. This time, the items to be auctioned went well beyond small hand-made crafts and as a result the auction raised over \$3000.00 which was distributed through a drawing held during the banquet.

Since 1998, the auction has become a little more formal with eligibility criteria spelled out in Region Policy. Only those attending the Region Conference or donating article for the auction are eligible to submit names to be considered for a scholarship. Eligible scholarship recipients are limited to current members of a Chapter within the Region or their spouse, child, niece, nephew, grandchild, step-relative, in-law or sibling and the recipient must be accepted at or enrolled in an institution of higher education. Scholarships are in the amount of \$1000 and a minimum of 3 are presented at each Region Conference.

Fiscal Year	Conference Location	Attending CSI Member - Winner	Scholarship Recipient
1999	Rochester, NY		
2000	Lake Placid, NY	W. Calvin Bowne, Jr. Ted Healy	Greg Goldstein Emily Healy
2001	New York, NY	Howard Levine Arnold Silverberg Paul DiBona Frank DiGregorio Walter Damuck	Andrew Levine Mathew Silverberg Anne DiBona Leigh Ann DiGregorio Daniel Valentine
2002	Vergennes, VT	Frank DiGregorio	Jessica DiGregario

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2003	Providence, RI	James Grucella Doug Caniglia Mark Weiner Michael Debiak Carmen Luiz Vera Milton Costello Brad Armstrong	Peter Grucella Jason Ledoux Joanne Weiner Michael Debiak Carman Luiz Vera James Englezos Eileen Armstrong
2004	No Region Conference		
2005	Buffalo, NY	Richard Bodane W. Calvin Bowne, Jr.	Kate Bodane Ariana DiLibero Justin Goldstein
2006	Portsmouth, NH	Paul Beaudette Jerry Ciccari Milton Costello Ted Healy Dave Newman	Melanie Beaudette Matthew Ciccari Allison Claar James Englezos Heather Davis Jessie Goldberg Rachael Newman
2007	NER.LT.BAM – No Scholarship Auction		
2008	Portland, ME	Vince Bernard John Ostrum Stephen Drane	Scott Bernard II Anders Ostrum Rory Ann Chisholm-Drane
2009	New York, NY	Roland Barrett Roy Olsen Howard Levine Scott Tobias	Ryan Wagner Joanna SanPietro Jake Hurwitz Matthew T. Lewis