

BOARD REPORT



Northeast Region Board Meeting – November 3, 2012

DATE: October 19, 2012

TO: Northeast Region Board of Directors

FROM: John Dwyer

SUBJECT: Report of Region Director, Syracuse Chapter

A. Report Summary

1. The Syracuse Chapter has a small but dedicated leadership group. Kevin Phillips, our former President, has assumed the Treasurer role. Charlie Laun, a long time director, has assumed the Presidency. Cal Bowne is very involved on the board, and also holds the Awards and Academic Chairman Post.
2. The Chapter is financially stable.
3. The Chapter puts on nice events.
4. Meeting attendance and membership growth are still challenges.

B. The Report

1. Summary of activities since last report: We completed our leadership transition. Our May meeting included a tour of a former Temple, remade into a Leed Platinum level boutique hotel. The Chapter held a June golf outing and a September meeting focusing on the application of sustainable design practices to schools.
2. Status of current programs: The chapter holds meetings monthly, at a new day this year, the last Wednesday of the month rather than Monday. We're changing the format also: our board meeting starts at 2 30, a social hour at 4 00, then the meeting at 5 00. The December meeting is an awards dinner, the June meeting is a golf outing sponsored jointly with the Syracuse AIA Chapter. We try to include a tour of a project site and a tour of a manufacturing plant supplying architectural materials also. In the Spring we hold a Construction Outlook meeting with the Syracuse Builders' Exchange featuring a panel of contractors and design professionals sharing information about their current and projected work.
3. Problem areas: Membership is stagnant. We could use more members on our board and committees to help the Chapter. Meeting attendance for some events can be low. No newsletter, only a flyer for meetings. No activity on committees other than program and academic.

4. Success stories: Cal Bowne organized a Spec Hunt event for students studying construction at our local colleges. Students were given specs. for products that were being displayed by vendors attending with tabletop displays. Based on the specs. and discussions with the vendor reps, the students completed a test and won prizes. It was definitely a fun evening, and will be done again this year.
5. Schedule of activities prior to next Board Meeting: We've recruited a new Membership chairman, Steve Moolin. Kevin Phillips is performing an audit in his new role as Treasurer. We have our November meeting: Bidding and Construction: How Good are your Documents? Scheduled for November 28 at a new location for us, the Syracuse Builders' Exchange.
6. Changes in Chapter Membership since last report: The chapter membership stands at 57 down from 58 that we reported at the Spring meeting.

C. Best Practices to share with the Region

Our Construction Outlook meeting continues to draw attendees, from our chapter as well as the wider construction community.

Respectfully submitted;

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