



BOARD REPORT

Northeast Region Board Meeting – November 5, 2011

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TO: Northeast Region Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Report of Academic Program Committee

A. Report Summary

1. Some Chapters are continuing to utilize the strong Academic Programs of the Institute which continues to be one of the strongest Programs.
2. Some Chapters have good ideas and plans but unable to execute due to lack of volunteers or cooperation of Academic Liaison.
3. Only 4 Chapters have increased student membership and 4 have maintained student membership since last Report.

B. The Report

1. Summary of activities since last report:
 - a. Some Chapters have promoted activities relating to Academic Program or continue the Programs that worked for them which has resulted in sustained or increased Student Membership.
 - b. Some Chapters are in the process of developing new programs.
 - c. Some Chapters have developed good programs for students but have not been able to execute due to lack of volunteer or support from Academic Liaison.
 - d. Vermont Chapter has the highest increase in student membership by reinstating their program with Vermont Technical College.
 - e. Metro New York, the largest Chapter in the Region has also the highest student membership resulting from successful outreach programs.
 - f. Only 4 of 16 Chapters have increased student membership since last Spring Report.

- g. Some Chapter chairs are playing dual roles which has possibly resulted in reduced activities and less time available to develop relationship with Academic Institutions.
- h. Some Chapters have continued their student scholarship programs.

2 Problem areas:

- a. Although Chapter & Committee Chairs see the value of Academic Program, overload of work restricts Chapters from using Program to full advantage.
- b. Only 10 of the 15 Chapters have designated Academic Programs Chair. Some chapters due to lack of volunteer have Membership, Education or Emerging Professional Chair play role dual role with Academic Chair.
- c. New Hampshire Chapter offered a BIM class to New Hampshire Institute of Technology but could not benefit from the program due to lack of volunteer to follow up.

3 Success stories:

- a. Metro New York Chapter held Construction Jeopardy class in Pratt University.
- b. Vermont Chapter helped Vermont Technical College create a club They are conducting CDT classes with help of CSI Liaison. Classes are also open to all CSI members.
- d. Maine Chapter continues to have a strong Academic Program and increased membership.
- e. New Jersey Chapter, has been successful in converting 1 graduating student membership to emerging professional and increase student membership through support of Academic Liaison.
- f. Long Island Chapter continues to support the Student Affiliate program in SUNY Farmingdale. Meetings are held bi-weekly in the college which is well attended. Students are helped with presentations.
- g. Worcester Chapter continues to provide 4 scholarships to students.
- h. Maine Chapter continues with their strong Academic Program.
- i. New Hampshire offered presentation on BIM to New Hampshire Technical School.
- j. Syracuse Chapter invites students and faculty at all their monthly meetings who can attend free and can get free annual membership with attendance in 2 meetings in one fiscal year. This has resulted in increased membership.

4. Schedule of activities prior to next Board Meeting:

- a. Syracuse chapter is planning a Specification Competition. Winner will get a summer internship at Beardsley Design Associates firm. This will not only provide opportunity to students, but will also provide opportunity for Architectural firms to identify graduates with technical aptitude and interest. Since then, Architectural firm King + King has also shown interest to offer summer internship.
- b. Academic Committee of Metro New York Chapter held meeting with City Professor at City College of New York to discuss the needs of their Academic Institution, and to develop new programs to support them. Committee decided to develop a summer internship program for students incorporating activities relating to specification in the existing internship programs of Architectural firms. This program while attracting students will help identify potential candidates with technical interest for new hires. Metro New York like past years will also host events at the Pratt Institute with support of Academic Liaison.
- c. Long Island Chapter will continue to offer sponsorship to students and hold a competition at SUNY, Farmingdale that incorporates with their curriculum.
- d. New Jersey Chapter, in partnership with New Jersey Institute of Technology will hold their monthly meetings in the Department of Architecture. The meetings will have opportunity for network followed by AIA approved session which is part of the CDT preparatory course. Students attending meeting will be offered one year annual membership. Each session will be conducted by a CSI certified industry expert representing Owner, Architect, Contractor, Manufacturer or Independent Specification Consultant to offer various perspectives. All meeting will be free for students. The membership has responded very positively to this program as the meetings will help towards certification and will offer more than what flash cards and power points can provide which is available to all in the Institute website.
- e. Maine Chapter scheduled 4 monthly meetings in campus of Academic Institutions. They have for years offered the CDT prep class and is this year evaluating if they would like to continue the program. The Board has voted to support the development of Student Affiliate at the University of Southern Maine.

5. Changes in Chapter Membership since last report:

The following is the statistics of Membership. The numbers in () refer to count in last report. The numbers in bold are those that increased since last year's report.

a. Statistics of Student, Intermediate & Total Membership

○ Chapter	Student	Emerging ▪ Professional	Total
○ Boston	(5) 5	(6) 4	(172) 173
○ Buffalo	(3) 2	(2) 2	(59) 57
○ ENY	(0) 0	(3) 1	(50) 46
○ Hartford	(0) 0	(0) 0	(60) 55
○ Housatonic	(2) 1	(1) 0	(40) 39
○ LI	(5) 5	(1) 3	(65) 65
○ Maine	(10) 16	(3) 2	(95) 99
○ MNY	(58) 57	(2) 9	(258) 263
○ NH	(3) 0	(3) 0	(34) 35
○ NJ	(2) 5	(2) 3	(83) 91
○ RI	(0) 0	(1) 0	(77) 73
○ Rochester	(4) 2	(1) 1	(94) 92
○ Syracuse	(-) 3	(2) 1	(51) 56
○ Vermont	(2) 27	(0) 0	(51) 74
○ Worcester	(3) 3	(1) 1	(42) 38

Note: Membership count includes all chapter members and not just members with Home Chapter as reported in Membership Committee Chair report. This count is taken as several members offer voluntary service relating to Academic Activities in multiple Chapters.

C. Suggestions for the benefit of the Region

1. Create a committee to develop a summer internship program which all Chapters can utilize.
2. Consider creating a Student Affiliate program if you don't have one already.
3. Follow up with graduating students to ensure they continue membership as Emerging Professionals.
4. Check list of all unaffiliated student membership. Syracuse Chapter processed new membership forms for student but as they did not pay Chapter dues, they found that the student remained unaffiliated members. Worcester Chapter on other hand identified several students from other states who joined their Chapter as they offer free Student Chapter Membership. They increased the Chapter dues to \$10 to encourage members who are truly interested in their Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

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