



## Northeast Region Construction Specifications Institute BOARD REPORT

**DATE:** September 16, 2017  
**TO:** Northeast Region Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Deborah Siener, Region Director

**SUBJECT:** Report of Buffalo/WNY Chapter

### A. Report Summary

1. The Chapter has been steadily losing members and our luncheon attendance has been declining. Our change to a new venue did not bring additional interest. Since January we have dropped from 50 to 40 members. We are planning to try a few evening and tour events hoping to gain more connections.

### B. The Report

1. Summary of activities since last report:

- May 11, 2017 Luncheon: Understanding the UL Fire Resistance Directory, the Performance Characteristics of Structural Steel (Program No. F01A04)
  - Provider Name: GCP Applied Technologies
  - Presenter: Craig Boucher
  - 18 attendees (9 CSI members, 9 guest)
- June 8, 2017 Summer Outing included a tour and dinner of the Richardson Complex. It is the site of the former Buffalo Psychiatric Center which has recently renovated a portion as a hotel, restaurant and conference center. It was a group of about 16 members with guests.

2. Status of current programs:

September 14, 2017: Postponed due to unavailability of venue.

October 12, 2017: Rector Seal scheduled but venue unavailable. Looking for new venue.

November 9, 2017: Half Day Seminar 12pm – 4pm

December 4, 2017, Christmas Outing TBD

January 11, 2018, Pella Cocktail Hour and Presentation 5pm – 7:30pm

February 8, 2018, Holiday Valley Ski Outing TBD

March 8, 2018, TBD

April 12, 2018, TBD

May 10, 2018 Possible Kemper System America plant tour

June 14, 2018, Summer Outing TBD

The Chapter a meeting August 24, 2017 to set the year. Only 5 people were available to attend. Scheduling a new meeting. No other activities have taken place since June Outing.

3. Problem areas: Several of our chapter Board/Committee Chairs have been enduring personal struggles which has affected the amount of time and energy available to support the Chapter.
4. Success stories: Bill Ferguson has put together many interesting and successful tours and events over the past several years since joining us. Silo City is a history tour of the first grain elevators in the nation and their influence on the City of Buffalo. ROC/Hotel Henry is also a great history and architectural lesson. The beautiful restorations of the Psychiatric Center on the grounds of property designed by Olmstead is a great look into the past and the future.
5. Liaison Activities: Certification Committee

### **C. Chapter Leadership Roster**

#### 1. Chapter Officers

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#### 2. Chapter Committee Chairs

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### **Respectfully submitted;**

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