



## Northeast Region Construction Specifications Institute BOARD REPORT

**DATE:** October 4, 2021  
**TO:** Northeast Region Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steve VanDyke

**SUBJECT:** Report of Worcester County Chapter

### A. Report Summary

1. Our Board of Directors is now up to 8 members, with the addition of three new members who've never served on the Board before. We're excited to have new faces and energy on the Board, and to be able to spread the workload a little more.
2. Membership has seen a slight rise, now at 36. Although losing several members due in part to Covid and presumably employers no longer paying for dues, we've also gained several new members. Those that we've lost were generally not very active and we hope that the new members stay engaged.
3. The Institute's realignment is potentially very damaging to Worcester. As currently laid out, we will lose 36% of our membership. Five members list Worcester as their second chapter and will be lost permanently since the Institute will not allow multiple chapters any longer. Another 8 members live outside the line of demarcation the Institute drew between Worcester and Boston; we hope to reach agreement with Boston over moving that line East. Three of the members we'll lose to redistricting are Board members.

### B. The Report

1. Summary of activities since last report:
  - In June we held our annual Summer Social, which was a Worcester Bravehearts baseball game (college prospect ball) at Holy Cross. We've done this for a few years, and it was well attended this year as well.
  - In July we held our 23<sup>rd</sup> annual scholarship golf tournament and had a record-breaking turnout. In total 120 golfers played and we had 75 sponsors, with 7 "Eagle" sponsors (\$1,000) and our first-ever "Double-Eagle" (\$2,000) sponsor.
  - No programs are held in August.
  - In September we held the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Architectural Scavenger Hunt, where teams solve clues to find historical architecture in the city, race around the city to get photos of themselves at the destination, and return to the start for pizza, drinks and a presentation on the historical significance of the buildings.
2. Status of current programs:

- October will be in-situ water penetration testing of windows. Using materials donated by Marvin and Henry, and working with Voke School carpentry students, we'll build mock-up walls and GRLA Architects will demonstrate the ASTM testing procedure live.
  - November will be a presentation of common commercial code mistakes by the Shrewsbury Building Inspector.
  - December will be the annual holiday Social.
3. Problem areas: Things are going well for the Chapter. We have a full Board, membership is up, we're doing live presentations and they've been well-attended. Areas which could always use improvement are increasing membership and getting uninvolved members to be more involved.
  4. Success stories: By finding creative ways to keep meeting in person during the shutdown (building tours, baseball game, small audience size in a large function room) we were able to actually grow when many other shrank.

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

1. Chapter Officers (effective July 2021)
  - President: Marty Helly
  - Vice President: Mike Sheehan
  - Secretary: Robert Gutmann
  - Treasurer: Mike Lapomardo
  - Director: Kendra Likely
  - Director: Harry Poirier
  - Director: Roger Hoyt
  - Director: Peter Caruso
  - Immediate Past President: Steve VanDyke
2. Chapter Committee Chairs
  - Membership: Harry Poirier
  - Programs: Peter Caruso
  - Awards: Mike Sheehan
  - Newsletter: Robert Guttman
  - Certification: Steve VanDyke
  - Scholarship: Mike Lapomardo
  - Audit: Peter Caruso, Kendra Likely, Steve VanDyke
  - Education/Academic: Roger Hoyt
3. Chapter Nominating Committee Appointee: Steve VanDyke

**Respectfully submitted;**

Steve VanDyke, Immediate Past President, Worcester County Chapter

**END OF REPORT**

CC: Region Secretary