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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