



Northeast Region Construction Specifications Institute BOARD REPORT

DATE: 09/24/18
TO: Northeast Region Board of Directors
FROM: Michael Sheehan WCCSI Secretary / NER Director
SUBJECT: Report of Worcester Chapter

A. Report Summary

1. The City of Worcester, New England's 2nd largest, is in the midst of a Renaissance, unfortunately our Chapter has not seen the fruits of the Cities progress increase our growth. We have, however, learned that "hands-on" monthly member meetings produce better attendance, and we hope to capture some of that audience into our membership. As always, our goal is to increase awareness that CSI is a diverse group, that nurtures a camaraderie unlike any other.

B. The Report

1. Status of current programs:

Board Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm.

Chapter Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. Typically at 5:00 pm. Most events include happy hour, presentation and dinner. Schedule is adjusted for events which include tours or are located on site.

- May 15 2018- Commercial Fiber Concrete **Recommended and well attended.**
- June 19 2018- Worcester Bravehearts Baseball Outing Just for fun. **Recommended and attended by about 90 people.**
- July 27 2018- WCCS Scholarship Summer Golf Outing **Recommended and Highly successful**
Scholarship Program: Funded through our Golf Tournament. This year we increased the amount to \$750 per year paid for a maximum of 5 years. Previously the amount was \$500 per year. Preference is given to students planning to study within the construction field.
Over the Last 19 years we have given out scholarships to 43 students.
- August 2018- We typically do not meet in August, but this year we had a private tour of Worcester's Bancroft Tower, and we brainstormed future programs with invited guests. **Very Productive**
- September 2018- Scavenger Hunt. Well attended. **Diverse group of 20. A Yearly Favorite.**

2. Future Programs

- October- Insulated Concrete Forms

- November- Where Roof Meets The Wall
- December- Holiday Party
- January- Code Jeopardy for Door Hardware
- February- Spray Fireproofing
- March- An up close chat with the Shrewsbury Ma Building Inspector

3. Academic Liaison:

Steve Van Dyke continues working with WPI in Worcester and Fitchburg State in Fitchburg. Students are regularly invited to chapter meetings and we have held programs on campus.

4. Problem areas:

Membership: While our membership has remained stable, we have had very little growth. Recently, we began handing out promotional flyers which provide information and an application to sign up. **Update:** Although membership has dipped, we sense an interest by a few new potential members to join us as a result of our monthly activities.

5. Success stories:

Our golf tournament continues to be a highly successful event both for the participants and the money raised for scholarships. This year we were close to 120 golfers

Our chapter meetings are another strength, and pairing with other groups outside of CSI has been beneficial as well.

Our board – we lost 2 key BOD Members, but the remaining group has stepped up and we haven't missed a beat.

6. Liaison Activities: I have not been involved in any committee assignments and will discuss this in Long Beach.

C. Chapter Leadership Roster

1. Chapter Officers

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3. Chapter Nominating Committee Appointee

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