

BOARD REPORT
Northeast Region Board Meeting
June 17, 2021



DATE: June 16, 2021
TO: Northeast Region Board of Directors
FROM: Kenneth R. Gehringer, AIA, CDT, CCCA, Vice President, Long Island Chapter
SUBJECT: Report of Long Island Chapter

A. Report Summary

1. The Long Island Chapter has struggled over the course of the pandemic but is finally hitting the restart button to get activities going again.

B. The Report

1. Summary of activities since last report: The Covid-19 shutdown in March 2020 forced the Long Island Chapter to suspend its operations as our Board is small, older, and technically challenged. We held our first Board meeting on March 31, 2021, and a second on April 28 and developed a plan to start back up slowly instead of trying to jump back in with both feet and drowning due to our limitations. It was decided to start back up with quarterly program/membership meetings for the rest of the year and transition to monthly or bi-monthly meetings in 2022. We also decided to create a Chapter Instagram account to try and drum up interest by promoting members and their projects. On May 19 we held our first program “Stronger & More Resilient Infrastructure” via Webex. The program was well received by attendees (about 1/3 of the approximate 24 email notifications sent) since we were unable to recover our 200+ email list from Vertical Response email notification website.
2. Status of current programs: Our next program date will be in the second week of September, followed by our third in November. We will be exploring going back to monthly meetings in January 2022.
3. Problem areas: The Long Island Chapter Board is small, older, and technically challenged. We are exploring the possibility of using STAR Chapter to assist, does anyone have any experience with them?
4. Success stories: We started up again instead of folding. We also created a Chapter Instagram account to try and drum up interest by promoting members and their projects.
5. Schedule of activities prior to next Board Meeting: Bi-monthly Chapter Board meetings and quarterly program meetings to complete the year.
6. Changes in Chapter Membership since last report: Has been a challenge getting this information from National’s website, so we are unsure at this time.

C. Director's Liaison Activities Not applicable for this report by the author at this time.

D. Best Practices to share with the Region

1. None at this time.

Respectfully submitted;

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