

**BOARD REPORT**  
**Northeast Region Board Meeting**  
**October 22-23, 2021**



**DATE:** October 19, 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 continues to struggle since the start of the pandemic and has not been able 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: We have not been able to get the Board together for a meeting or schedule a program. As such our plan to hold a program in the second week of September, followed by our third in November has not happened.
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: None, still trying to schedule the next Board meeting.
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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