

BOARD REPORT
Northeast Region Board Meeting
April 30, 2022



DATE: April 20, 2022
TO: Northeast Region Board of Directors
FROM: Rebecca Campbell, Vermont Director
SUBJECT: Report of Vermont Chapter

A. Report Summary

1. We have a small chapter and small board who is getting burned out. We've had some successful programs this year, but don't have a plan for continued leadership for next fiscal year. We'd like to discuss the possibility of merging with neighboring chapters.

B. The Report

1. Summary of activities since last report: We've held two events: A tour of a recently renovated school and a program on solar ready design.
2. Status of current programs: Our annual conference is scheduled for May 19, but we don't have a good picture of how attendance will be this year.
3. Problem areas:
 - a. Difficulty recruiting new members and volunteers. Our board of directors is currently 4 people, all of whom have been on the board for a few years including three of us who have been on the board for a decade or more. We are all feeling burn out and feel that it isn't healthy for the chapter for us to continue as leaders without new volunteers joining. We had a discussion with national staff about options for moving forward and concluded that our best option would likely be to merge with an adjacent chapter(s). We have not yet discussed this with other chapters or our membership.
 - b. Due to this burn and over-commitment we haven't gotten information about our programs out as early as we should.
4. Success stories: Our two programs this year were both successful and we have pulled together what should be a good conference, however we didn't start advertising it until earlier this month.
5. Schedule of activities prior to next Board Meeting:
 - a. Conference on May 19.
 - b. Discussion on the future of the chapter to be scheduled.
6. Changes in Chapter Membership since last report: We currently have 23 members, I believe this is down from 24.

C. Director's Liaison Activities

1. No liaison assignment.
2. I have served as a member of the Finance and Nominating committees.
3. Finance committee had adequate participation, the nominating committee did not have full participation and is still working to find a candidate for treasurer.

D. Best Practices to share with the Region

1. None to report at this time.

Respectfully submitted;

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Cc: Region Secretary