



Northeast Region Construction Specifications Institute BOARD REPORT

DATE: March 11, 2023
TO: Northeast Region Board of Directors
FROM: Steve VanDyke, Worcester Chapter Director

SUBJECT: Report of the Worcester County Chapter

A. Report Summary

1. The health of the Worcester Chapter is good. Membership has remained steady, our Board remains nearly full and engaged, and our exclusively live-and-in-person programs have been well attended.

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B. The Report

1. Summary of activities since last report:

October 2022 – Concrete Repair. Presented by Dave Mastay, Technical Rep for Sika, and covering what to do when you pull the forms away and the concrete wasn't mixed, placed or finished properly. Originally planned as a live demo at Sterling Concrete, but they were not able to host us. Well attended by 22 people.

November 2022 – Tour of Performing Arts Center. A joint program held with Central Mass AIA, to tour the new Performing Arts Center at The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. 47 attendees total, between the two organizations. Based on the success of this, our May meeting will be another joint-organization building tour.

December 2022 – WCCSI Audacious Yankee Swap, a family holiday social with a comedian, meal and exchanging of gifts you'd be too embarrassed to use. Held in-person at a function hall. A total of about 63 signed up, but a few dropped out because we had a snowstorm that night. Out of those who came, 14 were members and the rest were spouses and guests.

January 2023 – Energy Code. In-person program presented by Patty Sheehan, Building Inspector for the Town of Shrewsbury. Massachusetts recently rolled out a new residential energy code based on the 2021 IECC with very strict requirements to exceed that Code. Patty brought everyone up to speed on the basics (and probably scared a few away). Good attendance at 23.

February 2023 – Firestopping. Held in-person at Worcester Polytechnic Institute's burn lab, and presented by Brian Moreau of 3M. After a quick powerpoint on firestopping basics and code requirements, a 4' x 8' mock up wall with various types of penetrations and firestopping methods was lit on fire simulating the ASTM testing method, do demonstrate how proper installations work and what happens when materials are not used properly. Very well attended with over 50 people showing up.

2. Status of current programs:

March 2023 – Worcester Carbon Neutral by 2030. The Governor's "Leading by Example" policy requires State-owned buildings to be carbon neutral by 2050, but the

Worcester City Manager plans to beat that goal by 20 years. City officials will outline tactics to meet that goal. To be held in-person.

April 2023 – Construction Recycling. Presented by Harry Poirier of Sika Sarnafil, learn tactics to improve sustainability goals and get LEED points.

May 2023 – Building Tour. Hosted by Peter Caruso of LPAA, we'll see the new \$300M 5-story Doherty High School his firm designed. This will be a joint-event with Central Mass AIA.

June 2023 – the 25th annual Construction Industry Summer Open golf tournament. Our annual fundraiser event. We've had ~125 golfers for the last few years and expect a similar capacity crowd. The event allows us to give out two 4-year (5-year if pursuing and MAAB degree in Architecture) scholarships in honor of charter members Ted Healy and Mike Lapomardo Sr. Investments have done well enough that we were able to increase the amount of the scholarship from \$750/yr to \$1,000/yr.

3. Problem areas:

- a. None really. We have a strong board of 6 plus our immediate past president, we host in-person programs every month which are well-attended and membership is holding steady.
- b. We are having trouble getting Board members to step up into the President's role. Marty and I have taken turns as President since around 2015...

4. Success stories:

- a. Membership is currently 37. So far for 2023, we lost 1 but picked up 2 new members, one of which I introduced to CSI while he was a college intern at my firm 13 years ago. So plant those seeds people – sometimes they grow members.
- b. We are seeing repeat attendance by AIA members at our events, which is because we are way cooler than AIA and we hope to poach their members from them.

5. Liaison Activities: Certification Committee Chair.

C. Chapter Leadership Roster

1. Chapter Officers:

- a. President: Marty Helly
- b. Vice President: Peter Caruso
- c. Treasurer: Mike Lapomardo
- d. Secretary: Rob Gutmann
- e. Region Delegate: Steve VanDyke

2. Chapter Committee Chairs: (while committee chairs may take the lead on issues related to that committee title, due to the chapter size the board operates as a committee of the whole on most activities)

- a. Membership: Harry Poirier
- b. Education: Roger Hoyt
- c. Awards: Vacant
- d. Programs: Peter Caruso

e. Certification: Marty Helly

3. Chapter Nominating Committee Appointee: Steve VanDyke

Respectfully submitted;

Steve VanDyke

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CC: Region Secretary