



**Northeast Region Construction Specifications Institute  
BOARD REPORT**

**DATE:** 10 20 23  
**TO:** Northeast Region Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Joe Lobdell, AIA, CSI

**SUBJECT:** Report of New Jersey

**A. Report Summary**

1. New Jersey Chapter has rebuilt due to the loss of several of Board members dropping off the Board some with notice other with no notice. Continue to support the NER at several levels (Director, Awards Committee, Membership).

**B. The Report**

1. Summary of activities since last report:
  - a. Since last report membership continues to increase.
  - b. After losing 4 board members last year the chapter is on the rebound.
  - c. Looking for PowerPoint/program to help introduce CSI to the colleges.
  - d. The board members feel New Jersey is in "Good Shape"
2. Status of current programs:
  - a. Had one in person event.
  - b. Had 3 three virtual events.
3. Problem areas:
  - a. We are still looking to get back to more in person event after the Covid shut down.
  - b. Working thru the Affiliation Agreement, Etc.
  - c. Too many emails from Institute reference to Affiliation Agreement items.
  - d. Still learning Star chapter. Not "User Friendly"
  - e. Too many emails from Institute reference to Affiliation Agreement items.
  - f. Having a hard time working with the IRA.
4. Success stories:
  - a. Had a good election with 5 new members to support the NJ Board. With a good election able to fill and to have the board more active.
  - b. Maintaining over \$23,000 in bank account.
  - c. Membership increased up or maintained over 9 months from 65 to 81 members.
  - d. Back to monthly virtual events.
5. Liaison Activities:

- a. Barton Ross - Award's committee.
- b. Jae Horbacz - NER Membership Committee.
- c. Joe Lobdell - "23" NER Director.

### **C. Chapter Leadership Roster**

#### 1. Chapter Officers

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| a. President      | Barton Ross     |
| b. Vice President | Mark Bess       |
| c. Treasurer      | Diana Rattazzi  |
| d. Director       | Jae Horbacz     |
| e. Director       | Steve Laurente  |
| f. Director       | John DeGirolamo |
| g. Director       | Matt Wolchko    |
| h. Director       | Brian O'Donnell |
| i. Past President | Joe Lobdell     |

#### 2. Chapter Committee Chairs

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| a. Membership                    | Jae Horbacz                  |
| b. Programs/Events               | John DeGirolamo              |
| c. Awards                        | Barton Ross                  |
| d. Commination                   | John DeGirolamo              |
| e. Education, Community Outreach | – Mark Bess/ Brian O'Donnell |
| f. Nominating                    | Joe Lobdell                  |

#### 3. Chapter Nominating Committee Appointee

- a. TBD

#### **Respectfully submitted;**

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**END OF REPORT**

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