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President's Message

The Long Island ASHRAE Chapter is pleased to report that we had a very successful year full of excellent programs and back to basic sessions. Following all these programs up was another exceptional golf outing and I am looking forward to this year's fishing trip. All this would not have happened without the outstanding efforts put forth by our Board of Governors, Committee Chairs, and Volunteers they truly are an invaluable resource; we had Ten (10) PDH approved events along with Two (2) Distinguished Lecturers. I would like to take this opportunity to



thank all the Long Island ASHRAE Chapter Past Presidents, Executive Board, Board of Governors, Committee Chairs and their members for volunteering all their hard work, dedication and support over the past year. Our Chapter activities make the Long Island ASHRAE Chapter one of the very best!

Please make a note this month Chapter meeting will be the "Installation of Officers" 2013-2014. We will be installing the newly appointed Chapter Board of Governors and Committee Members as follows: Andrew Manos President, Richard Rosner, President Elect, Thomas Fields, Vice President, Donald Kane, Treasurer and Andrew Dubel, Secretary. We will also be awarding our Student Scholarships at this meeting and I am looking forward to meeting them all.

CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETING

DATE:	Tuesday, June 11, 2013
TIME:	6:00 PM - Cocktails 7:00 PM - Buffet Dinner
LOCATION:	Westbury Manor South Side of Jericho Tpke. 25 Westbury, NY 11590
FEES: Members - Guest - Student -	NO CHARGE

Reservations requested, but not required.

Please consider coming out to the Westbury Manor and show your appreciation of the past Chapter programs, facility tour, joint meetings, technical presentations, back to basics, student nights, YEA events, scholarship awards, etc. 2012-2013 season. It has been my pleasure serving on the board for the past 7 years and I am looking forward to the coming years helping the team keep on track of continuing the Long Island ASHRAE Chapter tradition of excellence.

Brian Simkins, LEED AP
President - Long Island Chapter

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William Kane

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Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA)

This month brings another successful year in ASHRAE to a close. We have had 3 back to basics nights. We have had good young engineer turn out. And we look forward to continuing YEA growth into next year. This year a third YEA member received a scholarship and traveled to a YEA leadership weekend.

The latest YEA leadership weekend has been scheduled. This October 24th through 26th will be held in Dubai, UAE. Regional scholarships are available to cover the cost of registration. Topics that will be covered include: Understanding the big picture, Personal goals that go way beyond work, What managers & leaders actually DO, How to stand out at work, and What successful people have in common. Details here: https://www.ashrae.org/membership--conferences/young-engineers-in-ashrae/yea-leadership-international---dubai

Are you going to the ASHRAE annual Conference this year? It will be held in Denver Colorado on June 22nd through the 26. Find out how to get involved here:

https://www.ashrae.org/File%20Library/docLib/ YEA/YEA-TC-Guide-2012.pdf.

Hope to see everyone at our finial meeting and on the ASHRAE fishing trip.

Andrew B. Dubel, P.E. YEA Chairman

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	PAOE POINTS FOR 2012/2013						
Chapter Members	Membership Promotion	Student Activities	Research Promotion	History	Chapter Operations	сттс	Chapter PAOE Totals
301	350	635	1,205	425	1,065	1,450	5,120

Chapter Monthly Meeting - Program for	2012/2013
September 11, 2012 * At Westbury Manor Dinner Presentation – International Building Code Requirements for Design & Installation of HVAC&R Components from the Effects of Wind, Seismic, Snow & Flood Loads! Presenter: Richard Berger **1 PDH**	February 2013 VATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK Feb 17 through Feb 23
October 9, 2012 * At Westbury Manor Dinner Presentation—ASHRAE 52.2, Testing Air Filters on Particle Size versus Efficiency Presenter: Danja McMillan **1 PDH** Resource Promotion Night Back to Basic Session I - Fundamentals of Pumping System Design **1 PDH**	March 12, 2013 * At Westbury Manor Dinner Presentation—Condensing Boilers Designs and Applications Presenter: Ian Rowburrey **1 PDH** YEA Night Back to Basic Session III - The Rise of Variable Flow Primary and Fall of Primary/Secondary/Tertiary Pumping Systems **1 PDH**
November 13, 2012 * At Westbury Manor Dinner Presentation HVAC Air Duct Leakage Testing and Testing Methodology Presenter: Lee Feigenbaum, LEED AP BD+C **1 PDH** JOINT MEETING WITH SMACNA Student Activities Night, Membership Promotion, & YEA Night	April 9, 2013 ANNUAL FIELD TRIP Sysco Long Island 199 Lowell Avenue Central Islip, NY 11722 400,000 sq. ft. Food Distributor including 88,000 sq. ft. of Freezer, Ammonia Refrigeration Plant and Hydrogen Fueled Fork Lift Trucks (Indoor Air Quality) Dinner to follow
December 11, 2012 Holiday Party - Westbury Manor	May 6 th , 2013 * Cherry Valley Club, Garden City, NY ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
January 8, 2013 * At Westbury Manor Dinner Presentation—Dispute Resolution such as Mediation, Arbitration and Litigation, the pros and cons of each and what to expect Presenter: Michael D. Ganz, Esq. **1 PDH** Back to Basic Session II - Design and Analysis of Pumping System Design **1 PDH**	May 14 th , 2013 * At Westbury Manor Dinner Presentation—Update on Refrigerants: Past, Present and Future Presenter: Eckhard A. Groll, Dr. Eng. ASHRAE DISTINGUISHED LECTURER **1 PDH** Student Activities Night Refrigeration Night
January 2013 ASHRAE Winter teeting Jan 28-30 Convention Center, Dallas	June 11, 2013 * At Westbury Manor PAST PRESIDENTS & OFFICER INSTALLATION STUDEN T SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE GIVEN OUT
February 12, 2013 * At Westbury Manor Dinner Presentation—Introduction to BEQ Labeling Program Presenter: T. David Underwood P. Eng Joint Meeting with USGBC Resource Promotion Night Membership Promotion Night	
Chapter Regional Confer	

Burlington, VT August 15-17

Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Andy Manos – President Elect; Rich Rosner - V. Pres; Tom Fields – Financial Secretary; Charles Lesniak – Treasurer; Don Kane – Secretary; Andrew DuBel –BOG; Richard Halley – BOG; Carolyn Arote – BOG/Past President

The meeting was called to order by Andy Manos at 5:00 PM at Westbury Manor (Brian Simkins was enroute after picking up our evening's Distinguished Lecturer at the airport).

Secretary Don Kane noted that there were no corrections or changes to the minutes as published in the May Sounder.

President-Elect/Programs Andy Manos, reminded all to update their **PAOE points** information on-line. Additionally, all BOG/Committee chairs who have established **MBO**'s should prepare the final report for the year. The CRC will be held in Burlington, VT in August (15th-17th) this year. The Officer/Committee assignments as shown in the CIQ will be as follows for next year: Brian Simkins – Past President; Andy Manos – President; Rich Rosner – President Elect/Webmaster/Programs Chair/ Research Promotion Chair; Don Kane – Treasurer/CTTC Chair/GGCA Chair; Charles Lesniak – Financial Secretary; Andrew DuBel – Secretary; Tom Fields – Vice President/Historian; Lee Feigenbaum-YEA Chair/Membership Promotion Chair.

Chapter Technology Transfer Don Kane noted that our speaker tonight would be ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer, Eckhard Groll.

Treasurer Charles Lesniak reported that the current bank balance is \$24,973. Whenever possible, if purchases are made for the chapter, the W9 form should be submitted to avoid sales taxes. We need to open a separate account to handle expenses for CRC planning.

Historian Tom Fields noted that History scans are in process.

Research Promotion Richard Rosner reported that the chapter currently has received \$14,350 toward the goal of \$14,681. Additional funds are anticipated from directory listings, 50/50 and the Golf outing, as well as end of the year matching contributions from participating organizations.

Membership Promotion Charlie Lesniak distributed the BOG ballots received, which were verified for correctness. The BOG roster for next year will be: Andy Manos-President, Richard Rosner-President-Elect, Thomas Fields-Vice President, Charles Lesniak-Financial Secretary, Donald Kane-Treasurer, Andrew DuBel-Secretary, Richard Halley-BOG 1 Yr., Lee Feigenbaum-BOG 2Yr., Brian Simkins- BOG 1 Yr (past President).

Student Activities Richard Halley reported that the submissions for Chapter Scholarships have been reviewed and will be awarded as follows: Patrick Montalto - \$1,000; Nicholas Panzarino - \$500 and Nicolas Hernandez -\$500. These will be awarded at the June meeting.

YEA Andrew DuBel reported that the Chapter/YEA fishing trip will take place June 14th, leaving out of Captree on the Dixie II at 3:00PM. All are welcome, reservations and prepayment is required.

Web Master Tom Fields/Rich Rosner are transitioning the web activities. ASHRAE National has a site that the Chapter website can be transferred to, with unlimited storage. This would permit the inclusion of photos and scanned historical documents.

Golf Andy Manos thanked Steven Friedman and Peter Gerazounis for their efforts that made this a successful an enjoyable event.

Old Business Don Kane inquired if we are still pursuing obtaining a US Postal Service mail box address? There was a brief discussion relative to the need to keep changing the PO box with changes in officers. Andy DuBel will check into commercial mail box services to see if forwarding services are available to permit maintaining the same address when new officers are elected.

New Business It was suggested that we look into what service the National uses for online voting, to eliminate the need for paper ballots. This will be taken up at the next meeting.

Time/Place of next BOG Meeting- 5:00 PM/ Westbury Manor/ June 11th. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted

Donald W. Kane, PE Chapter Secretary

June Program

The Long Island Chapter's Year End Celebration

Past Presidents Night, Student Scholarship Night







DATE:	TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013				
Time:	6:00 PM - Cocktails and Hors D'ouevres	Fee:	NO CHARGE		
	7:00 PM – Buffet Dinner				
Location:	WESTBURY MANOR (516) 333-7117				
	Jericho Tpke (South Side), 3/10 of mile east from Glen Cove	Rd., Nass	sau County, NY.		
	Directions are posted at @ www.ashraeli.org.				
	- Reservations requested but not required. Business attire suggested				
Presentation:	Please join us for our ASHRAE year-end meeting celebrating our past presidents and new officers. There will be no charge for our chapter members and guests, and we have arranged for a special buffet dinner and open bar for the evening. Our past presidents will be asked to talk a little about their ASHRAE experience during their board years and we suspect there will be some interesting stories. We will be having a Long Island Chapter trivia contest with prizes and our historical archives will be on display. The winners of our student scholarships will be present to receive their awards and we will finish off the evening with the installation of our new officers. Please mark your calendar for this special day and join us for some great conversation and excellent food and spirits compliments of the chapter.				

Research Promotion

Don't forget to pick up the 2013 Product Directories at this June meeting, no cost to members or advertisers. Please let our generous advertisers know when you use their services that you saw them listed in the Long Island Chapters Product Directory. Thanks again to those who have supported the Product Directory. The Product Directory is now online too, thanks Anthony, and can it be accessed at http://ashraeli.org/productdirectory.html just click on the cover page to browse through the entire directory.

Of the \$14,681 or more we were expected to raise **WE MADE IT TO \$14,865** to date. I still have another \$2,300 to collect for ads and other monies need to be sent in yet which will hopefully bring the total to over \$20,000. I have been reminded again, so I will remind all of you, that that all monies for this year have to be at national by **June 28th**. If the monies have to go through me first, like for the directory payment, they must be to me **NOW**. That's not a lot of time, leaving us just weeks to wrap things up. This is a busy time of the year also for most, so don't put off getting those funds out today while you are thinking about it. I am sending out a reminder today for directory ads and will be calling you next week if I don't have them by then.

I have enjoyed working with you all and appreciate your generosity. I signed up to do RP again next year for the chapter and think I have worked out the first year bugs. I just hope another "Sandy" stays away as it really played havoc with my start into RP, not to mention the devastation for us all. I will also be the President Elect next year and amongst my duties I will be in charge of getting the program speakers for our meeting nights. If you have an interest in speaking or if you know of someone or just want to hear about a certain topic, let me know as soon as possible as I want to fill up the schedule early. I thought it would help round out the positions if I became the webmaster also so I am taking on that spot next year as well. I will be a one stop person for you to contact who can help take your donations, get you in the product directory, get you a company showcase at our meetings, get you or others as our meeting speakers and help disseminate all of the information on the web! My contact information is below and I can be reached by phone at 631-737-9170 at the office or on my cell at 516-982-2648.

Have a great summer!!!

CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

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Richard L. Rosner, P.E. ASHRAE Research Promotion Chair c/o Nassau Suffolk Engineering & Architecture, PLLC 801 Motor Pkway, Suite 103 Hauppauge, NY 11788

- 2) You can bring your check to any of the meetings and give it to me. I will mail it into headquarters.
- 3) You can contribute via paypal from the ASHRAE LONG ISLAND web site just click on the donate button.
- 4) You can contribute directly on-line. www.ashrae.org
- * Please make sure you accredit your contribution to the LONG ISLAND CHAPTER 006 *

Thank you again for all your support!

Richard L. Rosner, P.E. Research Promotion Chair



Research Promotion (Cont'd. from Page 7)

We would like say 'thank you' to all the contributors listed below whom have already donated to ASHRAE this year:

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CTTC - SAVING OUR PLANET - ONE BTU AT A TIME

"May you live in interesting times"...thought by some to be a Chinese curse (or proverb) while attributed by others to less ancient English speaking sources, the wish conveyed certainly seems appropriate for those of us involved with the HVAC/R industry. Some view the increasing regulation of what may be used as a refrigerant and how it is used as a curse, while others (especially those who feel that we are experiencing anthropogenic climate changes) feel that it is a blessing, another step to further protect this 'third rock from the sun" from itself. While the debate on global warming will continue unabated for the foreseeable future, without taking sides, there are certain facts which we have to accept and deal with. First and foremost, mechanical system design today is, for the most part, driven by regulations. Some may deal with energy efficiency, others may deal with resistance to seismic and wind induced forces while others still address those compounds which have been identified as being green-house gases(GHG) or possessing global warming potential (GWP). Previous articles in these pages (as well as the technical presentations at our monthly Chapter meetings) have addressed some of the issues involved in meeting these regulatory requirements.

We have presented approaches to energy efficient building design from both the "big picture" approach (such as the USGBC LEED program) covering a broad range of requirements, to other, more specific ones, such as; minimizing duct leakage and restrictions, the use of more accurate and reliable sensing and control devices, the use of condensing boilers to extract more BTUs from each gallon or cubic foot of fuel and the use of "natural" refrigerants such as ammonia and cryogenic nitrogen for cooling food in transport, distribution and storage. In all cases, it is always necessary to compare the positives and negatives of each solution in order to make a rational choice as to what is the best approach for a given application, though today, some of the choices are established by regulation rather than engineering analysis.

Those who were fortunate enough to have attended last month's chapter meeting, heard ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Eckhard Groll present a look back into the history of refrigerants and a look ahead into what lies before us. Most striking was the slow, almost evolutionary, development of different refrigerants from the beginning of (refrigerant) time until around 1970. From that time until the present, however, a plethora of refrigerant types have been developed, tested and, in some cases, been accepted for use by industry in various types of equipment. Also notable is that, with the overshadowing regulation of GHG and GWP compounds, characteristics (such as "moderate flammability") which were previously considered show-stoppers are no longer impediments to use - except, perhaps, if one wants to drive a vehicle manufactured by Daimler. Based on some testing performed by Daimler, an in-house determination was made that the fire hazard associated with certain refrigerants was in excess of what they felt was reasonable. However, there are those who feel the testing methodology used was not representative of the real-world conditions and liken the concern to the ban on saccharin for use a sweetener, based on testing performed on rats. Further review indicated that the testing performed used massive doses and subsequent mechanistic studies showed that the test results did not have application to humans, and saccharin was removed from the "Report On Carcinogens"... thirty years later! Hopefully, it will not take thirty years to develop a reasonable test scenario/methodology to evaluate the flammability characteristics of refrigerants in vehicles (perhaps a good candidate for a joint ASHRAE/SAE RP study), or it may be rendered moot should autos have to incorporate on-board fire-suppression systems (not totally a bad idea, given the amount of thermoplastics used in a modern vehicle).

But, we digress...why are we developing all these new refrigerant compounds, evaluating compromises between thermal performance and possible flammability or toxic/corrosive combustion by-products? Because a lot of the refrigerants are leaking into the environment. Therefore, we are focusing on developing compounds that, when leaked into the environment cause little harm. Unfortunately, when the refrigerant leaks into the environment, it is no longer in the mechanical system so the HVAC/R system no longer performs its function, or performs at an efficiency much less than anticipated, perhaps required (remember those efficiency mandates). Rather than having DOE and EPA doing battle to determine whose regulations are more important, perhaps we should be spending more time on making sure the refrigerant stays in the system it is designed to be used in!

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All systems leak. Some less than others. However, as an example, let us consider supermarket refrigeration equipment. In this industry, 25% leakage (based upon the amount of refrigerant in the system) is considered "average". In some cases leakage rates as high as 50% have been reported. How does this compare with other applications? Automotive applications, even though subjected to vibration, temperature extremes and periods of non-use are in the 10-20% leakage bracket (although, anecdotally, this seems to be drastically improving in recent years). Even the International Space Station has had several well publicized (ammonia) coolant leaks, in 2012 and again this past May, (2013), but still probably fares better than a supermarket. On the other hand, there are supermarkets who have been able to maintain leakage as low as 6.5%. What factors need to be considered with regard to refrigerant leaks? Shaft seals, connections, piping runs and system configuration are major concerns. What can be done to improve performance?

Shaft seals can be either wet or dry types. Wet seals are typically found in large rotating equipment, such as power plant turbine-generators which use hydrogen gas as the cooling medium within the machine housing (due to good thermal properties and low windage losses due to small molecular size). The sealing is effected by a film of oil and while it is important to contain the hydrogen gas within the housing, it is also important that no air be permitted to enter the housing (which would result in higher windage losses and, if the air/hydrogen ration were to become within combustible limits, result in a catastrophic combustion event). Even with the best of wet seal technology, and the relatively slow rotational speed of the turbines, a 450Mwe power plant may release approximately 300,000 scf of hydrogen a year. To put this in perspective, this would represent approximately six (6) 330 cubic-ft bottles at approximately 2200-2300 psi. Wet seals, then, do not appear to be an ideal candidate for most HVAC/R applications, as along with gas leakage, one can expect some finite amount of oil leakage. Dry seals, which may use ceramic, metallic or elastomeric elements do present an economical choice for shaft seals, especially if care is taken to select the materials used based on the expected temperature variation, vibration and chemical compatibility.

Piping/tubing leaks can occur due to manufacturing defects, installation damage or damage in use. Leaking tubes due to manufacturing defects and/or installation damage can be detected by testing. To detect minute leaks may require a helium or hydrogen/nitrogen based leak detection system to be employed. Damage after installation is best prevented by adequate guards, bollards and the like, to prevent errant contact with the piping.

The configuration of the HVAC/R system should minimize long distances between condensers and evaporators or, perhaps, utilize a secondary coolant loop (using, for example, glycol) as the thermal transport medium between the cooling equipment and the point of use.

Last, but not least, we must be concerned with connections between parts of the system. In one study of refrigerant leaks in German supermarkets, 96% of the total refrigerant loss was through field assembled joints. 22% of the measureable leaks were from flared fittings--which were responsible for 50% of the refrigerant loss. This is the point that Mr. Pareto would say "eureka". Use of O-ring type connections (with material selection based, as with shaft seals, on the temperature, chemical compatibility and vibration resistance)either spring loaded or incorporated into a mechanically crimped fitting, will eliminate the bulk of the leakage. If care is taken to protect piping against physical damage and the connection seals are improved it is likely that even the 6.5% leakage rate could be improved upon.

In conclusion, one can hope that the same kind of effort that has been devoted to finding refrigerants which can safely leak into the environment will be directed to developing seals which do not leak, perhaps allowing us in the future to not have to compromise when selecting a refrigerant for use.

Don Kane, P.E. CTTC Chair

Membership

I would like to say "hello and welcome to our chapter" to all our new members who signed up this year. This has been an amazing year with year with 33 new members joining our chapter. We had 2 membership promotion nights one in November and one in February. This is my last year as the chapter membership promotion chair and its been a pleasure writing these articles for the past two years and getting the word about joining ASHRAE.

There are many perks of being an ASHRAE member. With your membership you get discounts on the many publications and standards that ASHRAE produces. You also get a discount at our monthly meetings where you can earn between 1 and 2 PDH credits, enjoy great company, and delicious food. ASHRAE is multinational society with over 51,000 members so you have the ability to add a lot of people to your Facebook friends list. Just kidding, ASHRAE is a great networking opportunity at both the regional levels and at society levels. And ASHRAE is a great place to help engineers new to our field to find their place in it. Another perk is the indisposable 4 books ASHRAE provides us with when renewing our membership.

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Charles Lesniak, P.E. Membership Chairman

History

ASHRAE was founded in 1894 at a meeting of engineers in New York City, formerly headquartered at 345 East 47th Street, and has held an annual meeting since 1895. Until 1954 it was known as the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers (ASHVE); in that year it changed its name to the American Society of Heating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHAE). Its current name and organization came from the 1959 merger of ASHAE and the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers (ASRE). The result, ASHRAE, despite having 'American' in its name, is an influential international organization. Amongst other international activities, it helps organize international events

Thomas J. Fields, P.E., LEED AP History Chair

Student Activities

School is finally out! Students who are moving out of their dorms should be sure to update our mailing address for you. This can be done by logging onto ASHRAE.org. If you are losing your school email address, be sure to update that also. We would like to congratulate our 2013 student scholarship winners, Patrick Montalto - \$1,000; Nicholas Panzarino - \$500 and Nicolas Hernandez -\$500. These will be awarded at the June meeting.

All winners and their parents are invited to attend our June meeting where awards will be presented. Thank Have a great summer and we hope to see you in the fall.

Richard Halley Student Activities Committee Chair

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The Rocket Science of Productivity

4 Rules of Learning Curve Maximization for Increased Productivity in the Construction Industry

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According to NASA, "the theory of learning is simple." This 'simple' theory of learning that is commonly referred to as "The Learning Curve" is as relevant to the construction industry as it was to the assembly of the Mars Lunar Rover. For builders this "simple" theory impacts costing, budgeting, forecasting, and scheduling. Hinze and Olbina (2009) add that the learning curve can help refine estimates, predict profits, and aid negotiations. Fortunately, adherence to a few 'simple' Rules of Productivity can help leaders and managers utilize this theory to reduce direct labor costs as workers learn to work in a more efficient and profitable manner.

T.P. Wright first introduced the concept of the learning curve to the aircraft industry when he published an article in the February, 1936 *Journal of Aeronautical Science*. Wright was among the first to recognize that repetition of the same operation or task resulted in less time or effort expended on that operation. For his learning curve, Wright asserts that "the man-hours necessary to complete a unit of production will decrease by a constant percentage each time the production quantity is doubled." Though originally offered to the aircraft industry, NASA observes that learning curves have subsequently been applied to all types of work from simple tasks to more complex jobs like building their space shuttles. To that end Abilla (2007) asserts that "it is easy to apply the concept of the learning curve to construction because output is a physical product that is easily measured." Indeed, any industry where repetitive tasks can be tracked by physical progress can gain easily quantifiable benefits from understanding how the learning curve functions – its benefits and limitations.

NASA's cost estimating tool (http://cost.jsc.nasa.gov/learn.html) shows learning curve as a constant percentage every time a unit of effort or "production quantity" is doubled. For instance, when the rate of improvement is 20% between doubled quantities, the learning percent is 80%. NASA continues to present learning percentages for a variety of industries (see Figure 1 for full list). Though construction is notably absent from the list, their estimates range from 85% for labor intensive tasks like aerospace and shipbuilding to a stingier 95% for repetitive machining operations. With this, NASA suggests that gains associated with repetitive tasks are greater when they are performed by hands-on labor as opposed to simpler shop or machining operations. This supports Abilla's (2007) assertion that "the most obvious way learning is realized is with experience acquired by direct labor." Recent observation of labor-intensive construction/ building activities conducted in a field environment revealed a 77-80% learning curve. This represents a 20-23% increase in efficiency every time a unit of effort is doubled, and somewhat exceeds NASA's estimate for learning while completing repetitive tasks. If these findings are applied to a sample task that initially takes 100 hours to complete, after 6 repetitions this ultimately results in a 36% increase in efficiency (see figure 2). However, Hinze and Olbina (2009) caution that "the [learning curve] predictions are approximation(s)." In this data set it is noteworthy that the 4th repetition showed gradual improvement en route to the final predicted efficiency gain. Learning curve predictions must allow this type of flexibility.

While an understanding of learning theory is advantageous for anyone in the construction industry, it is similarly important to understand that the learning curve does not provide positive gains infinitely. To the contrary, if observed over a long enough timeline the learning curve demonstrates diminished, if not negative returns. Abilla (2007) points out that "typically, the increase is sharpest after the initial attempt and then gradually evens out." Dozzi and Abou (1993) continue that "the learning curve eventually reaches a plateau that reflects the minimum amount of time required for a task." As repetition increases, learning decreases and the time required to complete a task stabilizes. After this point of maximum efficiency is attained, the time required to complete a repetitious task can only increase.

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Fortunately, adherence to some "simple" Rules of Productivity can help leaders and managers in a variety of industries utilize the learning curve to their advantage. Direct labor often accounts for the greatest cost on a job. Since learning curve theory states that labor intensive tasks gain the greatest reward from learning through repetition, this is where leaders and managers must focus their attention in order to attain maximum profitability. First and foremost, leaders and managers must get involved with Job Task Planning prior to construction. Design must precede construction. Contractors stand to gain huge increases in efficiency when they get involved earlier in the design process. Abou and Dozzi (1993) confidently state that "design improvements have the greatest impact" when measuring the effectiveness of direct labor. To that end, Tony Guzzi (2012), President and CEO of The EMCOR Group recently attributed strong revenue growth to EMCOR's involvement "at an earlier stage in the contracting cycle." By getting involved with the design process builders can insert repetitive tasks into the design in order to increase their efficiency.

Workforce Management follows Job Task Planning once a job begins and progresses. Wideman (1994) points out that managers and leaders must ensure sufficient and continuous availability of work prior to commencement. After investing the effort to include repetitive tasks in the design phase, leaders and managers must ensure an uninterrupted workflow in order to reap the rewards of their efforts. Personnel assigned to repetitive tasks must also remain uninterrupted. Abou (1993) points out that it is "desirable to have the same person perform a task several times as opposed to making personnel changes along the way." It is therefore desirable to allow the same workers to complete repetitive tasks so that they can gain efficiency and profitability through repetition.

Another important Rule of Productivity that managers must pay special attention to both during the pre-construction planning process and during construction is Logistics. In seeing to proper Workforce Management, managers must not disrupt productivity through failed logistics. Instead, they must ensure sufficient and continuous availability of physical resources prior to beginning work and throughout the building process. Learning curve calculations aside, Abou and Dozzi (1993) estimate that this task alone represents a 6% gain in productivity when compared to the inherent inefficiency that results from the "starting and stopping" (i.e. mobilization) that occurs when "an essential component of an activity is not available when it is required."

Builders must also understand the Human Factors that contribute to productivity. Motivation and boredom are of the utmost importance when workers are performing repetitive tasks. Abilla (2007) states that people need to be motivated and interested in what they are doing. If workers lack motivation, they will perceive repetitive tasks as boring. Abilla (2007) continues that when boredom invades the workplace, "learning and performance will be compromised." It follows that when performance is compromised by monotony, quality and craftsmanship suffer as well. In speaking to motivation, best-selling business author Jim Collins (2001) suggests that if you can successfully implement these Rules of Productivity, then "you will not need to spend time and energy 'motivating' people." To the contrary, if workers have meaningful work and sufficient supplies then they will self-motivate!

Failure to follow these Rules of Productivity could have costly consequences. Wideman (1994) reports that if delays occur between reps, the "unlearning curve" effect can be noted as the workers fall out of practice (see figure 3 for observed results of "unlearning" applied to sample data). In addition to setbacks on the learning curve, initial productivity when beginning (or resuming) a task is not 100%. There are extended losses that include (re) mobilization, material handling and distribution, and start-up.

Management has much, if not more control over efficiency than labor has. Hinze (2009) estimates that "85% of cost reduction is expected from management." Regardless of the trade or industry, leaders and managers must pay special attention to Job Task Planning, Workforce Management, Logistics, and Human Factors in order to fully benefit from learning associated with repetitive tasks. If these 'simple' Rules of Productivity are properly executed, Abilla (2007) reports that "the rate of improvement [will be] consistent and predictable." In an industry where predictable and consistent improvement is the goal, leaders and managers must account for learning as a best practice.

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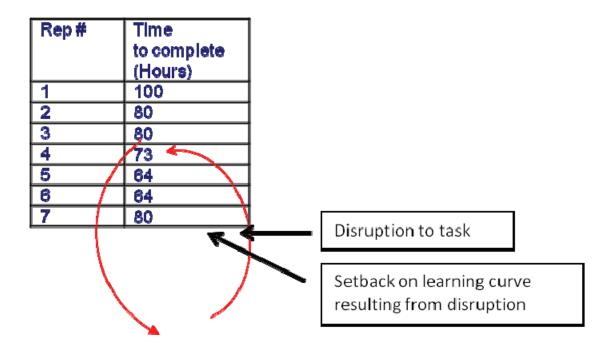
Figure 1 – Learning Curve Percentage by Industry from NASA NASA's cost estimating website (http://cost.jsc.nasa.gov/learn.html)

- 1. Aerospace 85%
- 2. Shipbuilding 80-85%
- 3. Complex machine tools for new models 75-85%
- 4. Repetitive electronics manufacturing 90-95%
- 5. Repetitive machining or punch-press operations 90-95%
- 6. Repetitive electrical operations 75-85%
- 7. Repetitive welding operations 90%
- 8. Raw materials 93-96%
- 9. Purchased parts 85-88%

Figure 2 – Example Time Study of 80% Learning Curve

Rep#	Time to complete (Hours)
1	100
2	80
3	80
4	73
5	64
6	64

Figure 3 - Example Time Study of Unlearning Curve



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RAE, ASME Fellow, is a professor of Architectural Engineering and director of the Indoor Environment Center at The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa. As ASHRAE's president, Bahnfleth chairs the Society's Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

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Darryl Boyce, P.Eng., Fellow ASHRAE, is assistant vice president

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THURSDAY	1:00pm	3:15pm	Technical Sessions - National Life / UVM Alken Hall	Vermont Conference Room	Registered Attendees
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	7:00am	9:00am	Breakfast	Mezzanine (2nd Floor)	Registered Attendees
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	8:00am	10:00am	Caucus	Lake Champlain (2nd Floor)	Delegates & Alternates ONLY
FRIDAY	9:00am	4:00pm	Companion Trip to Stowe	1st Floor Lobby	Registered Attendees w/ RSVP
E	10:00am	11:45am	Chapter Operations Workshop	Lake Champlain (2nd Floor)	Chapter Officers
	12:00pm	1:00pm	Lunch	Mezzanine (2nd Floor)	Registered Attendees
	2:00pm	3:30pm	Executive Session	Lake Champlain (2nd Floor)	Delegates & Alternates ONLY
	2:30pm	5:00pm	Tour of UVM Aiken Center	1st Floor Lobby	Registered Attendees w/ RSVP
	3:30pm	5:45pm	Business Meeting 2	Lake Champlain (2nd Floor)	Delegates, Alternates & Regional Officers and Chairs
	6:00pm	10:00pm	Presidential Dinner	ECHO Center	Registered Attendees
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	8:00am	11:00am	Government Activities Workshop	Adrondack Ballroom	GA Chairs
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