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## ASHRAE LI Past Presidents Interview - Matt Vitrano Addition



### **What do you like to do in your free time?**

I tinker with anything that has an engine – cars, boats, jetskis, dirtbikes.

### **Where have you worked in the past?**

I worked at MG Engineering at their NYC office for the beginning of my career. I learned a lot about all different types of systems and about the NYC high-rise industry in general.

### **When and why did you decide to pursue a career in HVAC&R?**

It was more of a “right place, right time” deal. I interned at a small plumbing firm in Melville through a friend of the family where I learned basic plumbing design and AutoCAD commands. Once I started at MGE, I jumped over to HVAC and haven’t looked back.

### **What was the year you held the president position in ASHRAE LI?**

2021-2022

### **When/Why did you decide to join the board?**

When I joined MGE, Tom Fields was the current President and he brought me to a few meetings. Shortly after that, I joined a committee position and then the board.

### **What do you feel was the greatest contribution you made in ASHRAE?**

My tenure as president fell at a weird time. The pandemic was slowing down and my main objective was to revive in-person meetings. We only had a small handful of hybrid (in-person and virtual) meetings and we brought our monthly in-person numbers back to pre-pandemic levels.

### **How has ASHRAE played a significant role in your career?**

I have met so many people in our local industry which has helped me countless times. It also opens doors to leadership opportunities as well as training such as the YEA leadership weekends.

### **What recommendation would you make towards students showing interest in HVAC&R?**

Get involved - Come to chapter meetings and learn everything you can from the presenters. Also, sign up for any events that your local chapter may offer. Meet as many people as you can so when the time comes to look for a job you can reach out to them!

- Steven Gerazounis

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