

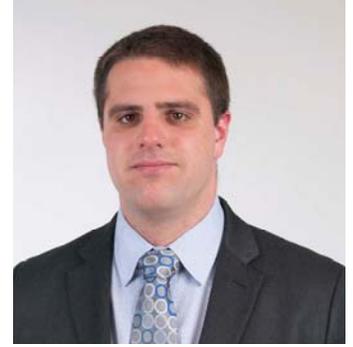
History

Welcome, everyone, to the October newsletter. For this month, I have interviewed our very own President from 2018/2019, **Richard Halley!** Please read below to find out more about him.



1. What do you like to do in your free time? When I'm not driving to Swim Practice, Soccer Games, Gymnastic Practice and Track team work outs I enjoy all types of water sports. As a boating family we like to cruise whenever possible. We also like to hit the slopes in the winter and play board games

2. Where have you worked in the past? I started my career as an Applications Engineer for Johnson Controls. I spent 7 years on the World Financial Center project and the Area Management. In 1997 I joined the Trane Company as the General Manager of the Building Automation Division. In the last 22 years I have held multiple positions with Trane and took over the Long Island Area Management in 2009. I also serve on the industry advisory committee for Suffolk County Community College HVAC&R Program



- 3. When and why did you decide to pursue a career in HVAC&R?** I have always liked to tinker with mechanical things. Growing up I spent a lot of time with my father taking apart fixing and putting back together all types of things. Graduating from SUNY Farmingdale I attended a work fair and was fascinated mechanical systems in buildings and the rest was history
- 4. What was the year you held the president position in ASHRAE LI?** 2018/2019
- 5. When/Why did you decide to join the board?** In 2009 when I moved back to the Long Island Market I wanted to give back to the industry that has been so good to me over the years.
- 6. What do you feel was the greatest contribution you made in ASHRAE?** Many things... As the student advisory chairman I was given the opportunity to work with many talented young people and help them start their careers in HVAC&R. I enjoyed working on both the chapter and regional level as the 2017 CRC Chairman. Last year it was my pleasure to see the Long Island Chapter recognized as the best operating chapter in Region I for the fourth year in a row.
- 7. How has ASHRAE played a significant role in your career?** I have made so many personal connections and relationships it's impossible to count them all. On a technical side ASHRAE has kept me up to date with current technologies and industry codes and regulations
- 8. What recommendation would you make towards students showing interest in HVAC&R?** Join a student chapter, Get involved with people who have spent the life in HVAC&R, Ask lots of questions. HVAC&R is an industry that touches so many organization and is way more than Heating and Cooling. HVAC&R is all was changing, always doing things better and you will never be board

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