

I'm late getting to this, but I've finally had a chance to have a Q&A session with our most recent chapter past-president, John Semtner.

Dusty: *During the years that you worked your way through the chairs, what areas of chapter operations did you find that you wanted to focus on improving?*

John: Communication with our membership has historically been sporadic and last minute. The last few years that was something I took a very "hands on" approach to and membership and attendance both increased. If we offer good programs and tell the membership about them, we will be successful.

Dusty: *During the 2014-2015 chapter year, as you served as President-Elect, the Chapter won the Golden Gavel award. What affect did that major accomplishment have on you as you transitioned into your year as President?*

John: We were riding high, but so are several others in our Region. I tried to continue the momentum that Joe set forth, but didn't push a lot of new policies. We increased membership, attendance, and RP giving from that year and that continued growth, I'm very proud of.

Dusty: *During the 2015-2016 chapter year, as you served as Chapter President, what turned out to be the biggest challenge that you faced, or what was the most surprising thing you ran into?*

John: The biggest challenge we all have is time for volunteering. My wife gave birth to my daughter during my presidency and work-life balance has always been something I struggle with. Toss a new child into the mix and it was a challenging ride.

Dusty: *What would you say was your single biggest accomplishment, or what turned out to be most the most important thing to you?*

John: Our event at Oklahoma State University was huge. Honoring Faye McQuiston was special to me and you could tell it meant a lot to him and his former students. Just working together with our distinguished faculty at OSU and learning about their research is something that has been missing from the last few years. I hope that event sparks a strengthening of that bond between the chapter and OSU.

Dusty: *What other accomplishments were meaningful to you?*

John: Re-establishing the spouses nights are important. If you look at our chapter "giants" their wives all know each other and support their husbands. If we aren't building the connection with the entire family, we won't be successful in the long run.

Dusty: *During the 2015-2016 chapter year, as you served as President, the Board of Governors voted to create a Vice-President chair position which would automatically be filled by the most immediate past-president. Essentially, that position was created for you to move right in to. What was the reasoning behind that?*

John: This was a direct result of my rewards chair identifying that our chapter's process was hurting our ability to honor our past presidents with awards. Most chapters follow the Secretary, Treasure, President Elect, President route. We followed a Secretary, President Elect, President, Board Member

route. Because this final year wasn't a "chair", we didn't have the points required for some of the ASHRAE awards. Giving this final year an honorary title will settle that.

Dusty: *How would you rate the planning effort for the 2017 CRC in OKC compared to that of being Chapter President?*

John: Many past presidents gave me great advice to delegate responsibility during my presidential year. Joe and I have tag-teamed the CRC planning and had a great team of members volunteer to tackle this chapter challenge. It is going to be a great event!

Dusty: *What can we expect from the CRC in OKC this April?*

John: White water rafting! Technical presentations from industry leaders. OSU is joining us again to present some of their history and current projects. Dinners and parties will be wonderful and something we will be proud of. This is going to be another great event to bring your spouse to and get a chance to show off how proud we are of our city.

Dusty: *Thank you very much for taking the time to provide this great feedback on your successful year as Chapter President, and also, thank you for all the effort you've put into our upcoming CRC. I know that it's going to be a great experience for all who attend.*

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