

## LEADERSHIP RECALL INTERVIEW

Tyler Lee - Past President, Baltimore Chapter 2009-2010

1. *Would you give a brief biographical sketch of your life?*

Born in Plymouth NH in 1971. Oldest of 3 with 2 younger sisters. Elementary School in NH then moved to upstate NY for High school & College. Graduated Hartwick College with a BS in Geology. Began working for an environmental engineering firm in Saratoga Springs, NY. After 4 years I was looking for a change and decided to join Emerson Swan (an HVAC manufacturer's rep agency) as an inside salesperson. After a few years inside I eventually moved to an outside sales position. In 2001 I was looking for a change of scenery so I moved my family to Annapolis Maryland to work for Chesapeake Systems. My youngest daughter (Raeghan) is 16 years old and attending South River High School while my oldest Daughter (Morgan) is a freshman at Rensselaer Poly Tech (RPI) in Troy NY and pursuing a double major in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

2. *What attracted you to engineering and the HVAC industry?*

I have always had passion for collecting vintage Texas Instrument calculators. I figured that getting into the HVAC industry would better my chances for finding the coveted I-2500 Datamath single-chip calculator for my collection.

3. *Describe the industry at the time. What were the challenges that you and your colleagues were facing?*

When I first started in the HVAC industry individual computers were not common. Watching as technology evolved has sped up the pace at which we all work. It's absolutely amazing how much more we can get done in a day. One negative effect of this evolution is that we personally interact with each other less often. This industry is built on long standing personal relationships which is one of the reasons I love it.

4. *How and when did you get started in ASHRAE?*

I started attending ASHRAE meetings when I first got into the industry so that I could educate myself on the different equipment & applications. Starting with a geologist's background didn't expose me to some of the other sciences of the HVAC industry, so I started attending ASHRAE meeting in upstate NY in order to educate myself on the different system designs & application of equipment.

5. *What was your ASHRAE chapter, regional and Society experience?*

I started serving in the Baltimore chapter in 2001 as the attendance & reception chair. After helping with a few other committee positions I was "drafted to the big leagues" as a Governor. Little did I know... this now meant I was on the ASHRAE conveyor belt of positions which culminated in my 2009 election to Presidency. After a few years off I was asked by an ASHRAE friend to help the chapter as the 2012 CRC Chairperson. We had a great CRC that year thanks to the efforts of all the other Past Presidents that I drafted,

6. *What were the major issues facing ASHRAE during your presidency or your time serving in subsequent positions?*

I had a great Board of Governors when I was the President so chapter operations ran very smooth.

7. *What were your presidential theme/goals?*

Don't get impeached!!

9. *What do you consider to be the major accomplishments during your term or your time serving in subsequent positions?*

One of the major accomplishments was Captain Sully landing that plane in the Hudson on January 15th, 2009. Way to go Sully!!

13. *What has ASHRAE meant to you personally?*

I have made some amazing lifelong friendships from being involved with ASHRAE.

14. *What advice would you give to a young person entering the HVAC field?*

I would encourage a young person entering the industry to participate on a committee. Most of the people involved are fun to spend time with and it will definitely help your career to build a network of friends.

15. *What other interests and/or hobbies do you have?*

I race high performance catamarans and trimarans as well as scaring rockfish away from my baits on weekends.

16. *Are there any other comments that you would like to make?*

Go Ravens in 2020!!