

2021 / 2022 LEADERSHIP



"Every man owes a part of his time and or money to the industry in which he is engaged."
-Theodore Roosevelt

PRESIDENT

Matt Briand is President of Edgerton, Inc., a business started in 1956 by his grandfather, (one of CHCC's founding members) Charlie Edgerton. Prior to acquiring Edgerton in 2012, Matt spent 17 years in staffing and recruitment. Being relatively new to the industry, he felt it was important to surround himself with HVAC professionals. CHCC afforded him this opportunity. Matt joined the CHCC Board of Directors to further enhance the HVAC industry in CT. Matt believes, as business owners or executives it is important we give back to the industry in which we work.



PRESIDENT ELECT

Brent Davenport is one of two owners of the Shaffer Company. He has been working in the trade for over 25 years and initially joined CHCC, like many others, because of his father, Tim Davenport. Since joining the Board of Directors, Brent has been instrumental in advancing CHCC's Scholarship to include a hands on technical competition.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Joe DeFusco has been in the trade for 37 years. Joe first joined CHCC in 1996, after being recruited by Tim Davenport. He served four years as association president. Joe initially joined the Board of Directors because he saw the need for the association to represent and protect merit shop interests with local and state government, from there he became active on the government affairs committee, where he has served as Chairman for eight years. Additionally Joe serves as Chairman representing the Merit Shops on the General Assembly Apprenticeship Hiring Ratio Task Force.



SECRETARY

Hank Cullinane entered the HVAC Industry following college in 1986, working for his parents company Clover Corporation, today he is the company's vice president. Hank's father Harry was CHCC's Code Chairman, Hank took interest in building codes and followed in his fathers shoes. Hank believes in the advancement of industry through association participation. According to Hank, if you show up to enough meetings, they put you on the board. "Actually, I like sharing ideas and working together toward a common goal", - Hank Cullinane

TREASURER

Ralph Fico is a CPA by trade, he earned both his undergraduate degree in Accounting and his MBA from Sacred Heart University. He worked seven years in public accounting before entering the HVAC Industry. Ralph was a cofounder of a retail oil delivery company, which later sold and he opened Duct Diagnostics, a duct cleaning and sealing company. Duct Diagnostics is celebrating 23 years in business. Ralph brings a wealth of experience to the role of CHCC Treasurer.





BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Jim Chard has been in the trade since graduating from UConn in 1982. He is currently President of F. J. Chard & Son, Inc. in Burlington CT. He has been a CHCC member since 1990. Jim is a Past President of the association (2007-2008) and has served on the Board of Directors since 2001. "I encourage all tradesmen regardless of company size to take advantage of what CHCC has offered to us over the past 30 years". - Jim Chard

BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Eric D'Eramo has been with ENCON Heating & Air Conditioning for the past 19 years. Prior to the HVAC Industry, he has experience in Public Accounting. Eric began participating in association events and networking 20+ years ago where he brought a wealth of industry business knowledge and experience. Shortly after he joined the Government Affairs Committee where he became a staple providing testimony on many apprentice hiring ratio bills at the State Legislature, eventually becoming the Committee Chair. In 2011 Eric became the associations' 30th President and held the office from 2011 through 2014, serving for five consecutive years. Today, Eric believes firmly in giving back to the industry.



BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Bryan Mackenzie began working in the trade 40+ years ago, delivering fuel oil. Today, he is Vice President of R & B Refrigeration, a company that began in Bryan Mackenzie's garage back in 1984. Bryan is passionate about educating the next generation and is an avid supporter of the technical schools. Bryan has served on the CHCC Board of Directors and education committee for several years. Bryan finds great pride in continuing to bring people into our industry and watching them prosper.



BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Nick Nedjoika is a sales and marketing manager with System Aire Supply Company (SASCO). Nick has worked in the HVAC Industry for 16+ years. He came to SASCO his senior year of high school and saw great opportunity with both the company and the industry. Nick was encouraged early on to participate in CHCC events, networking with contractors and joining committees.



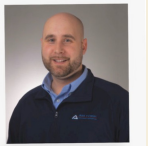
BOARD OF DIRECTOR / GOLF CHAIRMAN

Chris Perley graduated Emmett O'Brien Technical High School in Ansonia, CT in 1989, he is celebrating his 32nd year in the HVAC industry. Chris began as an installer and eventually worked his way into sales in 1998 with his latest journey bringing him to the wholesale side of the industry as territory sales manager with the Star Supply Company. Chris is a past president of the association and has been an active member for 20+ years. The CHCC has helped many companies

overcome challenges and continue to expand their knowledge base as well as take the time to celebrate our common goals. "I cannot picture what business would look like in this state without this organization and everybody who contributes to it" - Chris Perley

BOARD OF DIRECTOR / TRADE SHOW CHAIRMAN

Don Wheeler is a territory manager for The Star Supply Company. Don has worked in the HVAC Industry for 30+ years. He is a graduate of Emmett O'Brien Technical H.S. Don went to work for Star through a work-study and was hired following graduation. Don's involvement with CHCC started through The Star Supply Company, attending meetings and participating in the trade show in the early years. Don currently serves as Chairman of the Tradeshow Committee and is always looking for committee members and event ideas.



BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Steve Zagurski, President at Air Temp Mechanical Services Inc. Prior to entering the HVAC Industry, Steve worked for Electric Boat, unsure of the long-term demand for submarines at the time he sought job security and ultimately decided to join the industry in 2005. Steve believed with the four seasons and extreme temps, there will always be a demand for HVAC no matter what time of year. After completing trade school he started as an apprentice > D2 > S2 > project lead > project manager/estimator > vice president > president. Air Temp presented an

opportunity to learn and grow with the company. Steve began participating in CHCC to network and learn/share ideas with other industry leaders with years of experience. "It is important to me to continue to promote HVAC as a rewarding career path to others considering the trade" - Steve



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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