

# Vermont Green Building Network 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Founded in 2002, the non-profit Vermont Green Building Network (VGBN) is the VT Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). VGBN works with the building industry to achieve its vision of fostering green building in Vermont, contributing to a thriving local economy, a healthy environment, and high quality of life in all communities. VGBN is primarily a volunteer-driven organization, and the support of members is critical to our success in carrying out the annual Vermont's Greenest Building Awards Competition, education and advocacy work. We have over 70 members listed in our online member directory, and we also maintain a mailing list to which 500 Vermont green building professionals subscribe. Our Vermont Green Building Gala and Annual Meeting brings together members and friends to network and share green building practices and ideas.

#### **EDUCATION & NETWORKING**



VGBN hosts USGBC Upper Northeast Regional Summit in Spring 2014

VGBN is committed to educating green building professionals as well as the general public on cutting edge green building practices and promoting their benefits. In 2014, VGBN hosted the U.S. Green Building Council Upper Northeast Regional Summit in Burlington. The event brought together over 100 green building professionals from New England, New York and Quebec. Workshops, presentations and networking sessions worked to inspire our region's green building professionals and maximize their ability to effectively participate in creating a more resilient, sustainable future.

The summit commenced the evening of April 3rd at the University of Vermont's Aiken Center. An educational workshop, green building tour, and opening reception kicked off the summit's festivities. Green building professionals who attended the tour were able to observe the Aiken Center's innovative living machine, which employs phytoremediation to treat wastewater. A full day of workshops, presentations and networking sessions was held at Main Street Landing in Burlington on April 4th. Attendees heard from Upper Northeast USGBC chapters, Vermont leaders, USGBC staff from Washington, D.C., and keynote speaker and VT-based architect, David Sellers.





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VGBN staff built and launched a new website in 2014.

### **ADVOCACY**

VGBN received a Lintilhac Foundation grant to continue our work advancing legislation for the City of Burlington requiring commercial building energy benchmarking. VGBN has been delighted to work with the Burlington Electric Department, Burlington CEDO, Institute for Market Transformation, the City of Boston, Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership (NEEP) and local stakeholders and business owners to advance this initiative.

VGBN staff and board members also attended the 2014 Vermont Legislative session to urge the State of Vermont to carry out more energy efficient building practices in its development projects.

#### VT'S GREENEST BUILDING AWARDS

VGBN announced the third annual VT's Greenest Building Awards in November to recognize the most energy efficient buildings in Vermont. This statewide competition recognizes exemplary residential and commercial buildings that meet the highest standard of demonstrated energy performance. Winners of the 2014 competition will be announced at the Vermont Green Building Gala on Janaury 29, 2015 at Main Street Landing in Burlingon.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### **Balance Sheet**

As of December 31, 2014

NOTE: VGBN has one paid staff at 0.2 FTE

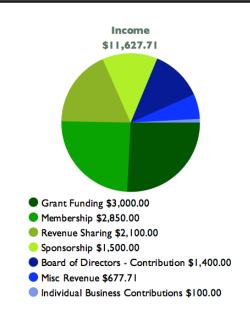
#### **ASSETS**

Checking & Savings \$8,094.07 Fixed Assets \$661.96 Total Assets \$8,756.03

Net Income: (\$1,243.43)



Office Supplies \$51.84





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