

# ASPE NEWS PITTSBURGH November 2017 NEWSLETTER

# Monthly Association Meeting

**DATE/TIME** 

5:45pm on Tuesday, November 14, 2017

**EVENT** 

**Tour of Local 27 Plumbers Union Training Center (6pm)** 

**LOCATION** 

Local 27 Plumbers Union Training Center 1040 Montour West Ind Park Coraopolis, PA 15108

**COST** 

The cost of the event will be \$5.00. We will be donating the collected monies to the "Scholarship Fund of the Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry" as a thank you to local 27 for allow us to tour their training center.

**RSVP** 

Confirm your attendance @ ASPE website

Check our website for more Information

See Eric Reese's Article on page 3 for details of the Tour

## President: Don Ditter

By Donald R. Ditter, CPD, GPD

Well, FINALLY the leaves have turned, the temperature has dropped and fall has arrived. I will not be able to attend the monthly meeting this time. But, I am hoping that we have a great turnout for the tour of the Local 27 training facility. I'll be back at it in December for the annual tabletop meeting.

Again, I would like to mention that the 2018 Day Planner advertisements are still available. This is our primary fund raiser for the chapter and we thank all of you that take an advertisement in the book. Contact Jack Getkin or myself to get your ad included in the book. As we always say, this book is a great way to get your products and company out in front of our community and membership for minimal cost.

It is with great pleasure that I announce our chapter is celebrating its 35th year. Society has recognized this and is planning to make a presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Steve Kormanik and Jerry Valenti are back from the Technical Symposium and are eager to update us on the information that they collected on hosting the 2019 Symposium in Western PA. Once I meet with them and gather some notes I will write up a report and publish it in an upcoming newsletter. If you are interested in lending a hand for this upcoming event, let one of your chapter officers know and we will get your name on the list.

Lastly, also make sure to reserve a table for next month's Holiday Tabletop Extravaganza that will be held at Gaetano's Event Center on Banksville Road (same place as last two years) on Monday December 11, 2017. You can contact Eric Reese (ereese@cannondesign.com) for more information on reserving a space.

Have a great time at the meeting and I will see you all in December!!!



### VP Technical: Eric Reese

I would like to thank everyone who came out for our October meeting to hear Ms. Laura Simon's presentation on Laboratory Plumbing Design and Special Waste Piping Systems. Laura did a great job on the presentation and I hope everyone found it and the subject matter as informative as I did.

I would also like to thank Mr. Kevin Morrisey at Midwest Spec. who featured the T&S Brass website for the product specific Table Top display.

For those of you who requested a CEU Certificate on last month's sign-in sheet. You should have already received it via email from the society. If you have not received it or forgot to indicate that you wanted one, please let me know and I will make sure you receive one.

For this month, we are taking our show on the road. We will be touring the Local 27 Plumbers Union Training Center in Coraopolis on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 14</u>, <u>2017</u>. The center provides plumbing journeyman and apprentices with the most up to date training methods and state-of-art technologies. The facility includes a model residential house to train apprentices on the installation of plumbing systems. Mr. John Inks of the local will be showing us the facility.

The cost of the event will be \$5 for those who wish to attend. We will be donating the collected monies to the "Scholarship Fund of the Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry" as a thank you to local 27 for allow us to tour their training center.

So please consider coming out and joining us for the tour on <u>Tuesday, November 14, 2017</u>. The tour is scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM. We ask that everyone attending meet in the facilities parking lot at 1040 Montour West Industrial Park at around 5:45 PM. Click <u>here</u> for a link to the location on google maps.

For those interested, after the tour we will be gathering at Industry Public House in The Pointe in North Fayette for food and libations. Please note, that the cost of such food and libations is not included in the \$5 cost of the training facility tour and is the responsibility of each individual.

Please RSVP for the tour on our web site at http://www.pittsburghaspe.org/meetings--events.html .

One last item.....the tabletops for our Holiday Extravaganza are filling up fast. I only have a few open spots available, therefore if you have not already contacted me and wish to have a tabletop please contact me ASAP at 412-209-2854 or <a href="mailto:ereese@cannondesign.com">ereese@cannondesign.com</a> before they are all gone.

#### **Eric Reese, CPD**

2016-2018 Pittsburgh Chapter VP Technical

# VP Membership: Paul McKee

The following is the membership roster as of the October 6, 2017 printout. Our total number of members is 90 and breaks down as follows:

50 Full
27 Affiliate
5 Associate
0 Governmental
5 Special
0 Student
3 Retired

21 members have their P. E., 21 have their CPD, and 5 members have both.

I would like to welcome our newest Affiliate member Lea Teuteberg from Thermoflo.

The following members celebrate a birthday in the month of November. Please wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY if you see them.

Michael Ryan
Duane Englehart, CPD
Mike Reft, CPD
Robert Breisinger, PE
Timothy Zeitler
November 8
November 9
November 14
November 22
November 24

ATTENTION: Again, I would like to reiterate that we are looking for new members. If there is anyone that you feel should be a member of ASPE, please forward their information to me and I will make sure to get a hold of them and send them a warm invitation.

Thanks,

Paul

### Secretary: Kevin M. Morrissey

Time for a field trip—Brings me back to my grade school days. Hope you can join us.

You will see an announcement in the Newsletter today. Please keep in mind that if you have something of interest to the chapter (non-commercial), we are more than happy to pass along your information / news.

Always looking for additional advertisers. Please keep your chapter in mind when planning on how to get the word out about your company / product.

Hope to see you Monday! Please RSVP via the website.

Kevin

2018 Day Planner is in the works. If you have not already contacted someone on the committee, please do so quickly as slots are going fast:

Jack Getkin, Don Ditter & Greg Torchia 2018 Yearbook Committee

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### VP Education: Tom Taylor

### Future City Pittsburgh Judges and Volunteers Needed

Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Carnegie Music Hall (Oakland)

The Future City Competition is a national, project-based learning experience where students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade imagine, design and build cities of the future. Students work as a team with an educator and engineer mentor to plan cities using SimCity Software; research and write solutions to an engineering problem; build tabletop scale models with recycled materials; and present their ideas before judges at the Pittsburgh Regional Competition on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland. Regional winners will represent Pittsburgh at the National Finals in Washington, DC in February.

The Pittsburgh community has supported this event for 19 years. The competition's continued growth is a testimony to the program's unique capacity to challenge students to learn and test new concepts related to engineering and city planning, to apply the mathematics and science they have already learned, to explore their imaginations about what our Cities will be like in the future, and to build an example of the result using ingenuity and their own hands. It has proven to be an excellent introduction of the engineering profession to middle school students.

This year's challenge: **The Age-Friendly City**. Teams must include two innovation solutions that allow their future city's senior citizens to be as active, independent, and engaged as they want to be.

We invite you to volunteer for this year's Pittsburgh Future City Competition. Based on past experience we anticipate that we will need more than 150 volunteers to fill the positions of Essay Judges, Virtual City Judges, Registrars, Model Movers, Room Manager/Timers, Score Keepers, Special Awards Judges, Presentation Judges, Exhibit Area Control Volunteers, etc. Please share this with your colleagues, friends and family and in your company's/organization's newsletters.

Please visit <a href="http://futurecity.org/region/future-city-pittsburgh-volunteer-opportunities">http://futurecity.org/region/future-city-pittsburgh-volunteer-opportunities</a> to learn more and register. If you have judged/volunteered last year, you can simply re-activate your account.

Please contact me at kosickl@carnegiesciencecenter.org or 412.237.1534 with any questions.

Thanks.

Lisa

#### Lisa M. Kosick

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Region 2 Affiliate Report

What a blast! Montréal is truly a beautiful city. In all of North America, it is the city where one can experience what a European city is like without traveling overseas. For those of us who did travel, let it be known this was the second highest attended ASPE Technical Symposium on record.

Thursday as most attendees were arriving, AYP members were busy with committee meetings, a networking breakfast and their leadership academy. Registration and companies frantically preparing for the product show followed. Check out the ASPE Facebook page to see some of the event photos.

The weather could not have cooperated better, well above temperatures I was forecasting in last month's article. In the evening, people were out in droves. It was great to meet so many ASPE members along my way. Strolling the city was a refreshing experience.

The Friday morning ASPE Welcome Breakfast & Awards Ceremony was not well attended. At best, the room was less than half-full. It appeared to some of us that did attend that maybe our ASPE members did not realize this was more than just a breakfast. It was a time to reward our chapters for their accomplishments. Many missed their own accolades.

To make matters worse, the Friday am product show was not well attended either. Looking back, it seems most members used their Friday morning to visit local attractions before starting their technical sessions. Although one might not blame them, planning for future symposium might want to take this into account.

On the other hand, the technical sessions were very well attended. The courses I attended were informative, good questions were asked from the audience, and at times were contentious. It is always good to challenge a speaker with facts, not emotions, and the speaker needs to respond in kind, with facts, not their product's capability. This is how we all learn.

Because of overlapping time frames, I could not attend all the early morning committee meetings. I did sit in on the Long Range Planning and Research meetings though. There were some really good discussions with great ideas, especially when one considers these started at 7:15am Saturday and Sunday. You'll read or hear about these in other newsletter articles or by attending your next chapter meeting.

The ASPE Saturday Night Party at the Grévin Wax Museum was very interesting. Some of the people on display were truly lifelike, others not so much. I'd like to close by saying that one of the best takeaways for me was Terry Fox and our own AYP winner, Kari Lynn Rosteck. Kari grew up in Toronto where Terry Fox is idolized, and rightly so. Terry fought cancer in the late '70's and early 80's. He brought attention to this disease by attempting to run across Canada. Although he passed on before he could complete his goal, he lives on in every young Canadian. They all participate in the "Terry Fox Run" in school growing up. Here is a picture of a proud Kari, duplicating the pose of the wax figure of Terry.



Dann Holmes – ASPE Region 2 Affiliate Liaison NSF International – Building Water Health Business Development Manager r2al@aspe.org or (734) 214-6222

# A WOA's Young Professional Perspective on ASPE's 2017 Technical Symposium

By Kari Rosteck November 1st 2017



What a success! I never thought I could get so excited about plumbing. Attending ASPE's 2017 Technical Symposium was an amazing experience all thanks to the passionate attendees, unique technical sessions, fun evening activities and informative tours.

The four-day event started with a crash course on business development. Fellow young professionals and myself were taught the secret ingredients of growing mindshare, retaining client relationships, and when to go after a lead.

The symposium progressed to the Product Show where I was able to ask all my questions to an array of technical and sales staff on the latest and greatest plumbing products. Then came all the technical sessions. Their topics ranged from the fundamentals of plumbing design to innovations in medical gas design.

One of the most valuable opportunities from the symposium, in my opinion, was the Waste Water Treatment Plant tour. Montreal houses the third largest Waste Water Treatment Plant in the world and yes, it even comes with some funny smells! We learnt about and toured every stage of the treatment process from the pumping station to the sludge incinerators.

I would like to share some of the important takeaways and lessons learned from my experience at ASPE's 2017 Technical Symposium:

- Get to know the National Board Members they have a wealth of knowledge!
- Attend and participate in the Committee Meetings understand their direction and find ways to get involved!
- Get ready to feel motivated to update your **specifications** when you get back to the office the technical sessions always mention new items to consider!
- Introduce yourself to everyone you can truly learn things from anyone who attends with all the unique backgrounds and experience levels

All in all, I want to thank WOA for the opportunity to attend my first trip to ASPE's 2017 Technical Symposium with the WOA Technical Symposium Scholarship. I want to give special thanks to the Montreal ASPE Chapter for hosting such an amazing event and all of my fellow ASPE members for creating such an inclusive and encouraging atmosphere. Bravo!

Thank you,

#### Kari Rosteck

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### December Tabletop

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December 11, 2017

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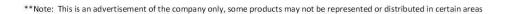
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