



ASPE NEWS
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February 2014
NEWSLETTER

Monthly Association Meeting

DATE/TIME

Monday, February 10, 2014
4:30 to 5:30 Board Meeting
5:30 to 6:00 Social with Cash Bar
6:00 to 6:45 Dinner
6:45 to 8:00 Business Meeting

TOPIC

Let's Build a Model;

Putting Plumbing in a Revit Model

LOCATION

Del's Italian Restaurant and Bar
4428 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15224

COST

\$22.00

RSVP

Kevin M. Morrissey; kmorrissey@mwspec.com

President : Jerome Valenti

I want to take this opportunity to apologize to the membership for missing last month's meeting without giving somebody the heads up that I could not make it. The long and short of it is that a friend of mine died on Monday 13 January 2014. I was his POA (Power Of Attorney) and Executor of his estate. Any of person having had this responsibility knows you have things that must be done in short order. Since he passed at 6:00 Monday night it was late Monday before I realized that I missed the ASPE meeting.

We would like to report that all of the members have the Pittsburgh ASPE 2014 Day Planner. If we missed anyone please let us know. We have a few extra copies. Anyone who can get a copy into the hands of persons who may want to become an ASPE member or who may advertise in the 2015 Day Planner is welcome to have a copy. The Day Planner is the Hallmark of the Pittsburgh Chapter and our way of getting the ASPE Message to others in the Plumbing Profession.

As some of you know I am also on the board of the MVAMP (Mon-Valley Associated Master Plumbers). This organization is affiliated with the MYPAS (Mon-Yough Plumbers Apprentice School). The school has been in existence for 37 years. The program prepares Apprentices to take the ACHD Licensing Test. It is a gratifying experience to see youngsters go from Day Laborers to young trained Professional Trades Persons. Many of our affiliate members regularly make presentation at these meetings. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

A couple of weeks ago I had an opportunity to see Mike Como, Chief Plumbing Inspector for the ACHD (Allegheny County Health Department), and Tony Costa, President of the ACHD Plumbing advisory Board. It is probable that the Advisory Board will have a meeting in mid or late February. Two topics on the agenda will be the election of officers and a program of Continuing Education for Master Plumbers registered in the County. I must assume that, at this point, the agenda is not finalized and that any person having issues to present can request to be placed on the agenda.

See you at the February Meeting!

Thanks!

Jerry

Vice President Technical: Don Ditter



V.P. Technical Report for January 2014

As winter is hopefully coming to a close, our ASPE Year continues on!! I'd like to thank Steve Tarasovic for putting on a great Tabletop and Topic of presentation at last months' meeting. If you missed it, it was a very informative presentation on Medical Gas installations. This month I would like to welcome one of our other Chapter members, Jeremy Schmidt, as our presenter. Jeremy (*along with a little help from yours truly*) will be putting on a presentation on Revit Modeling. This year we have decided to make this topic a little more interactive. Case Technologies is providing our table top presentation and has also agreed to provide a few laptops for the "Crowd" to use and will help facilitate the interactive presentation. Jeremy will be actually putting piping and building systems within a model for this presentation and you will be able to follow along. So if you have any question and want to say "How do I.." or "Can you show me how to..", Please bring those questions with you. We want this to be more interactive at the user level and not at the BIM Manager levels as in the past. Below are a few things that Jeremy is planning to discuss, so come join us a Del's for a good meal and a GREAT Presentation.

Proposed Agenda for presentation:

- General Overview of Revit vs. CAD
- Plumbing fixture placement: Stock vs. modified
- Parametrics of tagging and sizing
- Connecting piping methods
- Calculation of pipe sizes using fixtures.
- Using schedules to validate model.
- Showing isometric views and annotating vies.
- Pipe fittings
- Clash Detection / Interference Checks
- OPEN Q&A Session

All 2014 Day Planners have been distributed to our members. Either by hand or by mail you should have received yours. If you have no received a copy, please let one of your Board Members know and we will be sure to get you you copy. Last month I updated a couple of entries in the Membership section and the Suite extension for Allen Shariff was missing. Please note the following change needs to be made to the membership directory.

Allen Shariff Engineering
700 River Avenue, Suite 600
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

If there are any other changes that you would like noted, please email me and I will be sure to include them in future newsletters so that it gets out to our membership.

As always, all of you CPD's out there, remember that you can still go to the ASPE website and go to the Educational Programs & Tools tab to get to the "Read, Learn, Earn" portion of the site and obtain CEU's toward your next renewal deadline. (<http://aspe.org/readlearnearn>) At the present time, these are still free to current ASPE members. So why not utilize the tool. If you have any problems logging in or downloading the materials, please let me know and I can assist you.

Also remember that ASPE is offering quite a few webinars on various topics. The cost of these webinars varies. The ASPE website has additional information and a description of these topics if you are interested. Here is the link to see what is available <http://aspe.org/WebinarArchives>.

Don Ditter

2013-2014 ASPE Meetings:

Monday, September 9, 2013:
Low Lead Legislation: The Effect on the Plumbing Industry

Monday, October 14, 2013:
Understanding Plastic Potable Water Piping Systems

Monday, November 11, 2013:
Steam to Water Heat Exchangers

Monday, December 9, 2013:
2013 HOLIDAY TABLETOP PRESENTATIONS

Monday, January 13, 2014:
Medical Gas Inspections – 10 most common mistakes in installation

Monday, February 10, 2014:
Let's Build a Model – Putting Plumbing in a Revit Model

Monday, March 10, 2014:
Kevin Flaherty - Bradford White Corporation

Monday, April 14, 2014:
New Technology for Clean Agent Fire Protection Systems
(Joint with SFPE & NICET)

Monday, May 12, 2014:
Different Medical Gas Alarms and Their Wiring Requirements)

Friday, June 13, 2014:
ASPE Pittsburgh Golf Outing!!! Save the Date!!

**What topics interest you?
Talk to your board members.
We want to hear from you!**

VP Membership: Paul McKee

There has not been a new report sent from the National Office, therefore no new membership report for the February newsletter.

The following is the membership roster as of the December 15, 2013 printout. Our total number of members is 91 and breaks down as follows:

48 Full
31 Affiliate
2 Associate
0 Governmental
7 Special
1 Student
2 Retired

20 members have their P. E. / 18 have their CPD / 4 members have both.

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

Tom Taylor	February 2
Melissa Walters	February 23
Douglas Barker	February 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.

Paul

Kevin M. Morrissey-Secretary

Dear Members and Guests:

We have had a good suggestion for an alternate spot to hold our meetings. Again, we look for input from all our members. We can use your help as we try to keep the topics educational and the venues enjoyable. If you have any suggestions, please see one of the board members, or send us an email.

See you Monday!

Kevin

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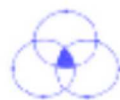
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