



**ASPE NEWS  
PITTSBURGH  
September 2014  
NEWSLETTER**

## ***Monthly Association Meeting***

**DATE/TIME**

**Monday, September 8, 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**

**Variable Speed Domestic Water Booster Systems**

**LOCATION**

**Sciulli's Bar and Grille  
1562 Island Ave  
McKees Rocks, PA 15136**

**COST**

**\$22.00**

**RSVP**

**Kevin M. Morrissey; [kmorrissey@mwspec.com](mailto:kmorrissey@mwspec.com)**

# President : Don Ditter

Hopefully you all enjoyed your summer. But now it is time to get back to business! I think that our new VP Technical is putting together a nice group of topics to start the season with some interest. Our new location (**Sciulli's Bar & Grille, McKees Rocks**) should also entice a few new faces to join us for a few meetings. Let's see if we can get some good turnouts for the meetings this year. Remember that your chapter strives with your involvement.

The **2014 ASPE Convention and Exposition** is being held in Chicago, IL September 18th thru September 24th. This is the 50th anniversary of ASPE which should make for an exciting time. If you have not registered yet, consider attending. There are some awesome design classes that offer CEU's toward your CPD and/or PE renewal requirements. The product show is always a wonderful experience to see the latest products and innovations. If you want to attend, the dates that you will need to be there are Monday thru Wednesday. Just go to [www.aspe.org](http://www.aspe.org) to register ! The weekend is set for the annual Society meetings. Also, it appears that the classes will be offered as a virtual class over the computer. This is another way to attend, so look into it.

We had our annual August board meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 and the following items of importance were discussed...

- Joint meetings with SFPE will be in October and November.
- Holiday tabletop will be at Sciulli's on Monday, December 8, 2014
- 2015 golf outing will be held once again at River Forest Country Club.
- The chapter board is looking into a spring/summer event (i.e. ballgame, picnic, Kennywood, etc.. any input would be welcomed. Volunteers will also be needed if we choose to do this.)
- We will attempt to reinstate a 50/50 drawing at the monthly meetings.
- The new ASPE Pittsburgh website is still in the works. Stay Tuned.
- As always we are looking for new members.
- Chapter will try to remind our current members of renewal. National is only sending one notice now and we are losing members to expiration.
- Our chapter will be sending a total of 4 delegates this year. Which will be Tom Taylor, Paul McKee, Jerry Valenti and yours truly !!

We are looking at teaming up with the Johnstown Chapter to get a few design courses to our areas that are presented by the national staff. Stay tuned to hear more on that in the upcoming season.

I hope to see a lot of you at the meetings. Please consider coming out to join us. It is a great opportunity to network and communicate with the other people in our industry.

Don

# Vice President Technical: Tom Taylor

Welcome to a new year of ASPE meetings here in the Burgh!

My name is Tom Taylor and I will be serving as the Pittsburgh Chapter Technical VP for the next 2 years. The Tech VP is tasked with the job of setting up the speakers for our monthly meetings. I am attempting to find new topics that we have not addressed in the past few years so we will have new and interesting meeting topics – and hopefully attract more members to our meetings.

Starting with this month, we will be meeting at a new location. The ASPE Board likes to adjust our meeting location every few years as another way of attracting more current and new members to our meetings. Our new location is Sciulli's Bar and Grille in McKees Rocks. They are at the North end of Island Avenue at 1562 Island Ave, just before the bridge to Neville Island. Here is a link to their website:

<http://sciullisbarandgrille.com/>

Our speaker this month will be Mr. Ed Ross of QuantumFlo, Inc for our presentation on Variable Speed Domestic Water Booster Systems and compliance with NSF-61 and ASHRAE 90.1.

Ed Ross is North Regional Manager for the Northern United States from Maine to Alaska for QuantumFlo, Inc. Ed has been designing, representing, and selling Domestic Water Pressure Booster Systems for 20 years. QuantumFlo is a leading manufacturer of Variable Speed Stainless Steel Constructed, NSF-61 Certified, ASHRAE 90.1 Compliant Domestic Water Pressure Booster Systems. They have 53 representatives in 6 countries worldwide.

Please come join us our new sport – SCIULLI'S for a meal, some networking and another GREAT Presentation. What the heck, even invite a friend or colleague to join us!!

RSVP to Kevin Morrissey to reserve a spot at the meeting!! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

We still have a few months open for meeting topics and the \$50 Monthly Table Top display. Contact me at 412-224-4855 or [ttaylor@allenshariff.com](mailto:ttaylor@allenshariff.com) to reserve a monthly meeting topic spot.

## EARNING CEU'S

As a reminder to 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>.

# 2014-2015 ASPE Meetings:

**Monday, September 8, 2014:**  
**Variable Speed Domestic Water Booster Systems**

**Monday, October 13, 2014:**  
Commercial Pex Piping Systems

**Thursday, October 23, 2014:**  
Optional meeting with SFPE @ Engineers Club in Pittsburgh  
Corrosion Protection in Fire Sprinkler Systems by Engineered Solutions

**Monday, November 10, 2014:**  
VESDA Air Aspirating Smoke Detection Systems  
(Joint w/ SFPE & NICET)

**Monday, December 8, 2014:**  
*2013 Holiday Tabletop Extravaganza*

**Monday, January 12, 2015:**  
Thermal Expansion in Piping Systems

**Monday, February 9, 2015:**  
OPEN - TOPIC AVAILABLE

**Monday, March 9, 2015:**  
SUMP PUMP CONTROL SYSTEMS

**Monday, April 13, 2015:**  
OPEN - TOPIC AVAILABLE

**Monday, May 11, 2015:**  
OPEN - TOPIC AVAILABLE

**Friday, June 12, 2015:**  
ASPE Pittsburgh Golf Outing!!!  
Save the Date!!

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

# *Vice President Legislative: Gregorio P Torchia*

Hello everyone, and welcome to the Pittsburgh Chapter of ASPE 2014-2015 season. Many of you already know me, but for those of you that don't, I have been an active ASPE member since 1998 and have served on the Pittsburgh Chapter Board in several different positions. I am honored to hold the VP Legislative position and hope I can be as effective in this position as Tom Taylor and Jerry Valenti both were in recent years.

My goal over the next year will be to bring you up to date on code related changes and other information that can help us become more efficient in our business. As part of this process, I recently met with Al Lowman, (Plans Reviewer with the Allegheny County Health Department) and have asked to meet with him on a regular basis throughout the season. The purpose of these meetings will be to review some of the codes enforced by the ACHD that may not appear in the Amendments or need clarification to contractors and engineers. One of our discussions was that Allegheny County is still using the IPC 2009 and the ACHD XV latest amendments. This will be under review next year to determine if we move to the IPC 2012. The following is the link to the current amendments -

<http://www.achd.net/plumbing/pubs/pdf/plumbingcode15.pdf>

As the season moves forward, if there are topics that you would like to have discussions on and some code interpretations that may need some additional clarification, feel free to email me at –

[gtorchia@allenshariff.com](mailto:gtorchia@allenshariff.com).

On a final note, while I believe the information above to be accurate, I ask that you check with the local AHJ for their final input.

Thank you –

Gregorio P Torchia

# VP Membership: Paul McKee

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a great summer and I look forward to a great year of meetings with all of you.

As most of you already know, we are holding our meeting at a new place for the first time in years. I hope that we can get more of you at the meetings this year. I look forward to seeing everyone.

As of the last membership roster printout received from the Society office dated July 31, 2014, our total number of members is 85.

Our membership total breaks down as follows:

48 Full  
2 Associate  
27 Affiliate  
0 Governmental  
6 Special  
0 Student  
2 Retired

20 members have their P. E., 19 have their CPD, and 3 members have both.

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

Donald Schock	September 9
Michael Kubacki	September 14
Jack Getkin	September 17
Kurt Scheer	September 18
Kathleen Conrad	September 19
Tim Brown	September 23
Mary Smith	September 24
Michael Voit	September 24
Matt Burke	September 26
Peter Costulis	September 29
Michael Savannah	September 30

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

## LET'S GO BUCS!



# **Kevin M. Morrissey-Secretary**

Dear Members and Guests:

As we start a new ASPE season, it is important to note that this organization is run for its members. Your board needs your help in order to make this a robust chapter.

I appreciate being asked to serve again as your chapter secretary and newsletter editor. I will try to make sure the newsletter gets published timely and completely and look forward to the help of our new board to make that happen.

“Free” Announcements—As before, you are welcome to send me information beneficial to the membership. In the past, we have been asked to include items that are really commercial in nature. We offer ad space in this newsletter for that purpose. Please make sure when you request free space, that it truly is an announcement.

Chapter Support—Please send me your information regarding advertising in the 2014/2015 ASPE Newsletter! We need your help!

See you Monday!.....Go BUCS!

Kevin

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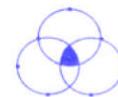
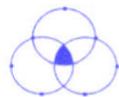
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