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November 2014 NEWSLETTER

Monthly Association Meeting

DATE/TIME	**Monday - November 10th, 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	**VESDA Air Aspirating Smoke Detection Systems (Joint w/ SFPE & NICET)**
LOCATION	**Sciulli's Bar and Grille** **1562 Island Ave** **McKees Rocks, PA 15136**
COST	**$25.00 ($1.00 toward "BE THERE RAFFLE")**
RSVP	**Kevin M. Morrissey; kmorrissey@mwspec.com**

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President : Don Ditter

Thanks to Mr. Joe Starr of Preferred Sales for our Presentation last month, great information on Pex Piping systems!! Hopefully this month will produce a great turnout! As a reminder our new location is **Sciulli's Bar & Grille in McKees Rocks.**

If you have not heard by now, The ASPE Executive Director, Jim Kendzel has resigned from his position. Jim has been the Executive Director the past 4 years for our organization. Along with the past 2 boards, they have made great strides for the society. I am sure that Jim will be missed and we would like to wish him the best of luck in his new endeavor!! With that being said, The Board of Directors has appointed Mr. Jimmy Smith as the interim Executive Director as they start the search for the right person to fill the position moving forward. Mr. Smith has extensive experience as a member of the society B.O.D. and I am sure that we are in great hands with him at this time.

As I stated last month, Mr. Kendzel had expressed interest in joining us for our December Tabletop meeting. We were hoping to have him here for that, but now that will not happen. But, I have extended an invitation to the Society President (Mr. Mitch Clemente) to join us. Mitch lives and works in Cleveland (don't hold that against him) and is in a great location to be able to join us. He has marked it on his calendar and is planning to attend. So, please come and use this opportunity to ask him any of the questions that you have about the society as well as meet a great man.

Jack Getkin, Greg Torchia and I have started to assemble the 2015 Edition of the ASPE Pittsburgh Day Planner. If you haven't got your advertisement in, there is still time to do that. Just contact Jack or myself and we will be happy to assist you with anything!! We need to get to print sometime in Mid-November to assure that we will have the Day Planners ready to distribute at our December meeting.

Remember, If you attended both October meetings (ASPE & SFPE), bring your receipt for both meetings to the November ASPE meeting and it will be free!!

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

Regards—

Don Ditter

Vice President Technical: Tom Taylor

For the months of October and November we tried something different with our technical meetings. We offered 3 total meetings for the 2 month period. And, to borrow a hockey terminology, we are offering a "home and away" collection of meetings with the Pittsburgh chapter of Society of Fire Protection Engineers or SFPE. The October 13 and 23rd meetings are now history. We are on to the November 10, 2014 meeting where we will see a presentation on Air Sampling Devices and also Beam Detection for large spaces.

The collaborative meeting with SFPE held on October 23, 2014, at "their house" in the Pittsburgh Engineers Club was lightly attended by ASPE members. Just Jerry Valenti and Tom Taylor from ASPE attended that meeting. The meeting focused on the topic of Corrosion Control in Sprinkler systems using a Nitrogen generator. The speaker was very informative and conveyed his topic very well. Our normal November 10 meeting will be in "our house" again with the SFPE members with the topic being Air Aspirating Smoke Detection.

Please remember our meeting on Nov 10 is at our new meeting location. Our new location is Sciulli's Bar and Grille in McKees Rocks, 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/

Xtralis / VESDA

Our speaker for this month of November will be Wes Marcks with Xtralis/VESDA. His presentation will cover Air Sampling Detection & Beam Detection, where and how it is applied; Applications & Environments for ASD *Beam detection technology & Applications; Codes & Standards and new technology.

Wes has worked for Xtralis for 15 years in various application engineering, product management and sales positions. He serves on NFPA Technical Committees for NFPA 232 - Record Storage Centers and NFPA 92 - Smoke Management Systems. Wes graduated from WPI with a BS in Mechanical Engineering.

The meeting starts at 6 PM with people starting to gather at 5:30. There is a cash bar and a buffet dinner for $25. RSVP to Kevin Morrissey at kmorrissey@mwspec.com to reserve a spot at the Nov 10 meeting!! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Vice President Technical: Tom Taylor (cont.)

DECEMBER MEETING – TABLE TOP EXTRAVAGANZA

We are taking reservations for the 12 open spot in our December meeting. For a $75 fee, each table top presenter will get up to 7 minutes to present his products to the attendees. Non-member presenter fee is $100, but members get first dibs on the spots. We have 2 spots filled already, so act fast to get your spot before they are all gone. There will be heavy appetizers and a free drink voucher for all attendees.

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.

Thanks — Tom

Vice President Legislative: Gregorio Torchia

Hello everyone, and welcome to the November meeting for the Pittsburgh Chapter of ASPE.
I wanted to bring attention to the updated guidelines that have been issued by the Allegheny County Health Department and the Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative. The following link will take you to the pdf for the guidelines located on ACHD's website -

http://www.achd.net/infectd/pubs/pdf/2014_FINAL_Legionella_Guidelines_for_Western_PA.pdf

As a reminder to the engineers and designers, when designing storm systems in Allegheny County, use the 4" of rainfall per hour for your sizing. While the charts in the IPC under section 1106 indicate Pittsburgh falls under the 2.8" of rainfall per hour (rounded up to 3") in a 100 year storm, there has been local weather data gathered in recent years which dictate rainfall rates above 3" per hour.

As we move 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.
On a final note, while I believe the information above to be accurate, I ask that you check with ACHD for their final input on all plumbing code questions.

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:
2014 Holiday Tabletop Extravaganza

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

Monday, February 9, 2015:
Oil and Grease Interceptors

Monday, March 9, 2015:
SUMP PUMP CONTROL SYSTEMS

Monday, April 13, 2015:
Latest Changes in NFPA 99 Medical Gas Code

Monday, May 11, 2015:
Boilers

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!

VP Membership: Paul McKee

Just a reminder that meetings are now located at Scuilli's Bar and Grille in McKee's Rocks

As of the last membership roster printout received from the Society office dated October 9, 2014, our total number of members is 85.

Our membership total breaks down as follows:

49 Full
2 Associate
26 Affiliate
0 Governmental
6 Special
0 Student
2 Retired

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

I'd like to welcome the newest members to the Pittsburgh Chapter.

John Matthews from A-Air
Randy Stanger from Delval

There are also a few prospective members in the works that should be joining the Chapter very shortly.

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

Mike Reft	November 14
Robert Breisinger	November 22
Timothy Zeitler	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

Kevin M. Morrissey-Secretary

Website Update—we have supplied our vendor with much of the information needed. We had hoped to roll it out with this newsletter, but not quite yet.

We do want the unveiling to be special and this is where you come in. We have 5 advertisers set up to be on our front page when we go live…….we would love to have more. If you can help, please let me know and send your logo, if possible, with the following attributes:

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The price of being in our newsletter currently gets you a spot on the website…..this special won't last forever! Take advantage. Thank you for supporting the Pittsburgh ASPE Chapter (and website!)

See you Monday!

Kevin

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October Chapter Meeting Attendance

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2014-2015 Monthly Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Date of Meeting: OCT 13, 2014
Meeting Topic: COMMERCIAL USE OF PEX PIPING
Meeting Location: SCIULLI'S IN McKEES ROCKS
Speaker Name: JOE STARR
Meeting Time: 6 PM to 7:30 PM
Speaker Company: UPONOR- PREFERRED SALES

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