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Monthly Association Meeting

DATE/TIME

Monday, September 12, 2016
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

Copper-Silver Ionization for the prevention of Legionella

LOCATION

The Roman Bistro
2104 Ardmore Blvd
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

COST

$25.00 ($1.00 toward "BE THERE RAFFLE!)

RSVP

Kevin M. Morrissey: kmorrissey@mwspec.com

Stay and join us for some /all of the Game!!

Check our website for more information

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President : Don Ditter

Hello and Welcome to the 2016-2017 ASPE Season!!! Hopefully you all have had an enjoyable summer so far. Yes, it is now time to get back to business! Our new VP Technical (Eric Reese) is putting together a great group of topics to start the season. We again have booked the Roman Bistro in Forest Hills for our meetings this season. Let's see if we can pack the room for these meetings. Remember that your chapter only survives with your involvement in our events, activities and meetings.
Also, over the summer the Chapter Board appointed a new member. Please welcome Erin Pelligreno, CPD of LLI Engineering as our new Women of ASPE Liaison. If any of our female members has any questions or concerns, let Erin know.

The 2016 Bi-Annual Convention & Expo will be held on October 28 thru November 1, 2016 in Phoenix, AZ at the Phoenix Convention Center. Attendees will enjoy a number of technical education sessions presented by experts in the field of plumbing engineering in addition to the wonderful Exposition floor and manufacturer's Product Show. Our chapter will be represented by 3 delegates this year. Tom Taylor, Jerry Valenti and Eric Reese has agreed to represent the chapter at the business meeting. If you have anything that you would like the delegates to address at the convention let them know. Otherwise, for general questions about the convention visit the ASPE Website or contact Stacey A. Kidd, Director of Membership & Meetings, 847.296.0002, x227 or email her at skidd@aspe.org.

The 2017 ASPE Golf Outing will be held on Friday, June 16, 2017 at River Forest Country Club. So mark your calendar early so that you do not miss this event.

A few other exciting things are in the works that we hope to make happen. More AYP social events, a couples evening bowling event and a few more. So, stay tuned and watch for announcements in the future newsletters.

Please consider coming out to join us. It is a great opportunity to network, communicate and socialize with the other people in our industry. Remember, no matter how you are associated with the plumbing industry you are welcome to join us. We have Engineers, Plumbers, Manufacturers, Representative and other professionals that join us each month. So, why not???

Alright, I am too long winded already, so I hope to see a lot of you at the meetings this upcoming season. Oh yeah, come join us this month and after the meeting we can watch the Steelers open the season against the Redskins on Monday Night Football!!

DON

Vice President Technical: Eric Reese

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2016-2017 ASPE year. My name is Eric Reese and I will be serving as the Pittsburgh Chapter Technical VP for the next 2 years. For those of you who don't know who I am, I've been a Plumbing Designer for past 33 years. The last 26 years of which have been in the Pittsburgh area. Locally I've worked for Baker and Associates, Dodson Engineering, Astorino and currently work for CannonDesign. Since my kids are now all grown, I thought the time was right for me to became more involved in the Pittsburgh chapter of ASPE and to give back to the society and profession that has served me so well throughout my career. I would like to take a moment to thank the previous VP Tech., Tom Taylor, for the great job he had done the previous 2 years. And I hope that I'm able to continue his exemplary efforts in presenting new and interesting meeting topics.

Our speaker this month will be **Mr. Chris Gauthier of ProCare Water Treatment Inc.** for our presentation on **Copper-Silver Ionization for the prevention of Legionella** in domestic water systems.

Chris Gauthier is the CEO & Founder of ProCare Water Treatment Inc. and is also the Chief Technical Officer for the corporation's R&D division. The corporation designs, manufactures and distributes medical, commercial and military grade copper silver ion generators, used for facility potable water Legionella growth remediation or prevention globally since 2002.
I realize that our meeting coincides with the first Steeler game of the year, but please consider coming out and joining us at the **Roman Bistro in Forest Hills** for what I'm expecting to be a great presentation and an important topic.

RSVP to Kevin Morrissey to reserve a spot at the meeting! **LET'S GO STEELERS!!**
We still have the January 9, 2017 meeting presentation open, a few of the $50 Monthly Table Top displays, and spots for the Holiday Table Top Extravaganza for our December 12, 2016 meeting. Please contact me at 412-209-2854 or ereese@cannondesign.com to reserve a spot.
EARNING CEU'S

As a reminder to all of you CPD's out there, remember that you can still go to the ASPE web-site 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.

Eric Reese, CPD
2016-2018 Pittsburgh Chapter VP Technical

Membership Report: Paul McKee

The following is the membership roster as of the August 5, 2016 printout.
Our total number of members is 100 and breaks down as follows:

53 Full
31 Affiliate
5 Associate
0 Governmental
7 Special
1 Student
3 Retired

21 members have their P. E., 19 have their CPD, and 5 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
Paul Kody	September 11
Michael Kubacki	September 14
Jack Getkin	September 17
Kurt Scheer	September 18
Kathleen Conrad	September 19
Mary Smith	September 24
Michael Voit	September 24
Matt Burke	September 26
Peter Costulis	September 29
Michael Savannah	September 30

I would like to welcome our newest members from over the summer:

Shawn Walsh from Zurn Industries
Steve Stoltis from Barton Associates, Inc.
Michael Ryan from Zekelman
Adam Warriner from Barton Associates, Inc.
Mark Richardson from Zurn Industries

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 W. McKee
Plumbing Designer

Young Professional Liason
Steve Pedicone, PE

Welcome back to the new ASPE season! I hope everyone has had a great and safe summer. I'm looking forward to getting back to work on the AYP initiatives and I'd first like to remind everyone to reach out to any peers that you might have that are looking for learning and networking opportunities. The AYP group was initiated to help organize the up and coming professionals and give us an avenue to get to know each other. I've always found ASPE to be very helpful to provide me with the resources I need to solve the difficult design problems I face every day by means of training, monthly presentations, and above all else, my interactions with my fellow members. I hope that you'll join us for our first monthly chapter meeting this upcoming Monday, September 12th.

The ASPE Pittsburgh Chapter Board has graciously agreed to sponsor a social event this month. The social will be a casual event same as in the past. We'll convene at the bar area of the Roman Bistro at 4:30p with appetizers and refreshments courtesy of the Pittsburgh Chapter. The monthly board meeting will follow and begin at 6p. If you cannot make it at 4:30p, no problem, come when you can. Please let me know if you plan to attend, but more importantly, please RSVP to Kevin Morrissey if you plan to attend the monthly chapter meeting.

There are several items that are ongoing in the Pittsburgh AYP group. We've previously discussed the idea of connecting individuals considering taking the CPD exam and the possibility of putting together a study guide. We've also talked about organizing design and/or plumbing code discussions. If you have any interest in one or both of these ideas, please let me know so that I can keep your specific concerns or interests in mind as the ideas develop.

I look forward to our first meeting of this season and hope that you come out and join us

Thanks,
Steve Pedicone, PE

VP Education–Tom Taylor

Welcome to the 2016-2017 ASPE year.

This year we will be starting a new feature.

The Society office no longer accepts just the sign-in sheets as proof of a member attending a monthly meeting. So we will issue CEU Certificates to those members who want to earn and collect the hours to further their ASPE certification.

Those members will be required to include their e-mail address and indicate on the sign-in sheet that they wish to receive the CEU Certificate.

See you all on Monday September 12.

Chapter Affiliate Liason
Jack Getkin, Jr.

In recognition of the commitment and dedication our affiliate members bring to our chapter, the board would like recognize one affiliate member each month in our newsletter and give that member an opportunity to post information about them self along with the product(s), manufacturer(s) they represent on the chapter website. Each month, a new affiliate member will be randomly selected from those who regularly attend meetings and otherwise support the chapter. I am pleased to announce our first affiliate to be recognized is **Andrew McLaughlin of Victaulic.** Congratulations Andrew the board appreciates your continued support of the Pittsburgh Chapter! The ball is in your court! Send me your line card along with any other professional and personal information you would like to be posted on the chapter's website.

Meanwhile, to the chapter's entire affiliate membership, you are the glue that holds our chapter together. Without your continued involvement and support, much of what we do would not happen. We need you, your continued involvement, and support. Please do your best to attend as many meetings as possible while also being on the lookout for other ways you can help keep the Pittsburgh Chapter the outstanding ASPE chapter it is.

Finally, we will be publishing a 2017 edition of the Pittsburgh ASPE yearbook. Details about advertising opportunities and associated costs will be distributed soon. If you have thoughts and/or ideas of helpful information to be considered for inclusion in our next addition, please send these to me (jackg@herrmannassoc.com) and/or Don Ditter (dditter@hflenz.com) as soon as possible.

Jack Getkin, Jr.
Chapter Affiliate Liaison

Region 2 Affiliate Report

Although we are in the dog days of summer, it is time to think about going back-to-school, college and the start of a new educational season by visiting your local ASPE chapter.
Most of you are aware each of the five ASPE regions holds their annual Chapter President's meeting in early June. I have been fortunate to attending these meetings since 2011. This year, the Cleveland Chapter was host to Region 2. It was a wonderful event. They showed some of the best Cleveland has to offer in a short time. They may have set a new standard for other chapters to emulate. Friendly competition amongst chapters is good for everyone.

Cleveland went to work on the manufacturers early to ask if they would be interested in sponsoring (supporting) the Region 2 Chapter Presidents Meeting. It sounded like a great idea! Why not, but like any good business decision one must ask "what's in it for me"?

Cleveland had the answer. Interaction! What would be better than to host a party, bringing everyone together into a social setting? This included reps, manufacturers, engineers, and presidents, V.P. technical, past presidents and their spouses.

The Cleveland Chapter made sure all sponsors where recognized. There were many. Here is the line-card listing them all. Our entire region thanks each and every one of them for their gracious support.

I would be remiss if I did not talk about the other great things we did in Cleveland. We attended an Indians baseball game with excellent seating that included access to unlimited food and beverages. Yes, we were walking. The game ended with a wonderful fireworks display.

After the game, many walked to a local bowling alley to indulge further into the areas entertainment.

The question now is what can we do as Region 2 to better support the companies that support us? We have some ideas and with any luck, we can reach out to these companies at a national level during the upcoming ASPE Conference and Expo in Phoenix, AZ. The following day was all work that included additional acknowledgments from Keith Bush, CPD Region 2 Director. Two plaques were presented. The Pittsburgh Chapter was awarded for their outstanding educational training related to plumbing with the Boy Scouts of America. The Eastern Michigan Chapter for their work in opposition to an ongoing legislative effort by state officials not requiring annual inspections on residential backflow devices.

The bar has been set extremely high for The Eastern Michigan Chapter; they will be host to the 2017 Region 2 President's Meeting. Send in your suggestions now.

Regards,

Please reach out to me at:

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

Secretary : Kevin M. Morrissey

Welcome to a new season of Pittsburgh ASPE.

We have reached out to our current “Chapter Friends” who continue to support us with the website and newsletter advertising. Please take time to see and support those who are supporting your chapter.

We are always looking for more!! Please consider this very reasonable venue for getting the word out about you, your company, or your manufacturers.

As always, I truly appreciate the help in sending me your RSVP for the meetings. This helps us greatly as we make sure we have enough food for everyone!

Our website will be updated this week with our newest board members!

Go Steelers!

Regards,

Kevin

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