

Monthly Association Meeting

DATE/TIME

Monday, March 13, 2017
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

Backflow Prevention—Mike Scholze of McKamish

LOCATION

The Roman Bistro
2104 Ardmore Blvd
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

COST

\$30.00

RSVP

Kevin M. Morrissey: kmorrissey@mwspec.com

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President : Don Ditter

Chapter President Report for March 2017

By Donald R. Ditter, CPD, GPD

I would like to thank everyone that attended the February meeting. Our friends from MedPipe offered us an excellent presentation on Specialty Gas Design.

FREE WEBINAR

ASPE is hosting a free webinar on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. The webinar is titled "Roof Drains – The Hole Story". Please visit the ASPE Website at <https://aspe.org/roof-drains-webinar> for additional information and to register. Those that attend the webinar will earn 0.1 CEU or 1.0 PDH upon completion.

MEMBERS NEEDED TO REVISE PEDH VOLUME 1

ASPE is looking for experts in the following topics to review and update chapters in *Plumbing Engineering Design Handbook, Volume 1: Fundamentals of Plumbing Engineering*: plumbing standards, cost estimation, corrosion, seismic protection of plumbing systems, energy and resource conservation, acoustics in plumbing, value engineering, ensuring high-quality plumbing designs, and building information modeling. The deadline for this project will be April 7. For more information or to volunteer, contact gpianta@aspe.org.

CELEBRATE WORLD PLUMBING DAY

World plumbing day is celebrated annually on March 11th to promote the important role played by the plumbing industry in protecting global public health. Please find a way to celebrate our industry and enlighten those of the importance of plumbing in society.

2017 PITTSBURGH CHAPTER GOLF OUTING

Our annual chapter golf outing is starting to get into the planning stage. The date for the event will be Friday, June 16, 2017 and once again is being held at the River Forest Country Club. If you are interested in attending, sponsoring or being part of the committee, please see Joe Starr for any information that you need.

2019 TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM

As I mentioned before, We need to get started in the planning for the upcoming Technical Symposium that will be held in Pittsburgh on October 24-27, 2019. If you are interested in being a part of the committee or volunteering at the event, please let me know and I will get you any information that is needed.

Thank You and I hope to see a lot of you at this month's meeting !

VP Technical : Eric Reese

The Pirates are in Bradenton, the Pens are ramping up for another cup run and the Steelers are debating on whether now is the time to draft Ben's replacement. All of which can only mean one thing.....Spring has Sprung!

We made it through another Western PA winter.

For the month of February, our speaker was Kevin Coyne from Concoa with assistance from Steve Tarasovic from Medpipe who gave a very informative presentation was on Specialty Gases. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Our speaker this month will be **Mike Scholze** for a presentation on **Backflow Prevention**. Backflow prevention plays a very important role in our responsibility to protect consumers. There are numerous factors that determine the applications of the various types of backflow preventers but more importantly, there are critical system considerations that can affect their operation. Mike's presentation will address these items and focus in on water system hydraulics and their effect on backflow assemblies.

Mike is employed by McKamish Inc. in the Design Build and Business Development branch of their Estimating Department. Previously, he worked in the field for 20 years as a Plumber/Foreman. Upon completing his apprentice training, he taught the Backflow Certification course at the Local 27 trade school for fifteen years. During that time, he was asked to co-teach the same course at the annual United Association Instructor's Training Program in Michigan, which he continued to teach for next ten years. During this time, he obtained backflow certifications through the ASSE for Backflow Assembly Instructor, Repairer and Cross-Connection Control Inspector.

Keven Morrissey of Midwest Spec. will be present this month's table top before Mike's presentation begins.

There are only three more meetings left for the 2016 - 2017 year, so please consider coming out and joining us Monday March 13, 2017 at the **Roman Bistro in Forest Hills** for another informative and educational presentation.

RSVP to Kevin Morrissey to reserve a spot at the meeting!

I'm starting to fill the spots for the 2017 -2018 meeting technical presentations, so if any manufacturer's representatives would like to take one of these openings, please contact me at 412-209-2854 or ereese@cannondesign.com.

Eric Reese, CPD

2016-2018 Pittsburgh Chapter VP Technical

Chapter Affiliate Liaison: Jack Getkin, Jr

I am pleased to announce our affiliate to be recognized for the month of March, 2017 is Joe Starr of Preferred Sales. Joe has loyally served the Pittsburgh chapter as its treasurer and the lead coordinator of our annual golf outing. Joe's biography has been posted on our website and I encourage you engineers and contractors to contact Joe when he may be of assistance to you.

Our participation in Merit Badge University at Carnegie Mellon University for 2017 was terminated due to very small number of Scouts who registered for Plumbing Merit Badge. After polling the chapter members who had agreed to support our effort, we decided to withdraw for 2017 and try again for 2018. Many thanks to all of the members who agreed to assist.

Jack Getkin, Jr.

Chapter Affiliate Liaison

From ASPE National

As a reminder, our next [webinar](#) is tomorrow, March 8 at 2 p.m. EST, "**Roof Drains: The Hole Story,**" will help attendees understand roof drains from the architectural/roofing point of view, important roof drain design issues, roofing material design details that can greatly impact your liability, how to install a drain to minimize ponding and reduce maintenance, the coming revision of A112.6.4, green roof designs, and the hidden dangers of siphonic drainage. Thanks to [Froet Industries](#), this webinar is free for ASPE members. Registration is open at aspe.org/content/roof-drains-webinar. **Registration closes TODAY at 5:00 p.m. EST.**

Pittsburgh ASPE Affiliate of the Month

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Joe Starr

Preferred Sales Inc.

My name is Joseph Starr and I have worked within our local plumbing and HVAC industry for the past 42 years. For the past 4 years I have been employed by Preferred Sales Inc., an independent manufacturer's representative firm that serves the Western PA, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky markets. I was a principle at Conroy-Starr & Associates for 25 years with my partner Gary Conroy. We merged our agency with PSI at the beginning of 2013. 8 Years were spent as a representative with Fitzgerald & Associates and I worked for 5 years at Gateway Supply Co. after I graduated from Peabody High School in 1974.

My wife, Debbie and I, have been married for 35 years and we have one son, Jason.

I was told a long time ago, to decide if I wanted a job or if I wanted a career. I chose the career route. I have thoroughly enjoyed the relationships that I have built over the years in our industry, it has been good to me. At some point, you need to give back. I decided to support our ASPE Chapter some 28 years ago and have proudly served as Treasurer over that course of time. I also have been involved with our annual golf outing for the past 25 years. I really need to thank all the members who have helped me over the years with our ASPE ventures.

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Secretary : Kevin M. Morrissey

We had a good turnout at our February meeting. Great to see so many faces supporting the chapter.

Accompanying this newsletter, you will find information on our annual golf outing. Please be sure to mark your calendars.

We are always looking to add to our stable of manufacturers to support our newsletter and website with an ad. See if you can spot the new ad in this month's newsletter!

Hope to see you Monday! Please RSVP

Kevin

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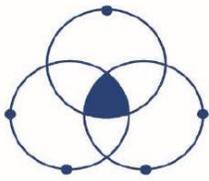
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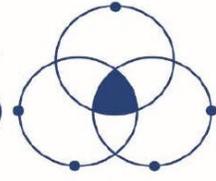
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