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NEWSLETTER

Monthly Association Meeting

DATE/TIME

Monday, April 10, 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

Polypropylene for Pressure Piping Applications

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

President Report for April 2017

By Donald R. Ditter, CPD, GPD

I hope that this finds you all warm and well. Spring has Sprung, Trout season will be upon us soon, The Pens need to heal for a strong playoff run and the Pirates have started their season! Plus, there are many other great things on the horizon.

- Against the backdrop of a new U.S. federal government that will no doubt impact the future of the plumbing and water efficiency industries, the American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE), the Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE), the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), and Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI), in cooperation with the World Plumbing Council (WPC) will convene the sixth biennial Emerging Water Technology Symposium (EWTS) in Ontario, Calif., in May of 2018. A Call for Abstracts for this highly respected event has been issued and is available for download at http://www.iapmo.org/Documents/EWTS_Call_for_Abstract.pdf.

  Previously called the International Emerging Technology Symposium, the EWTS has been renamed to better associate the event with water and plumbing related issues. The sixth EWTS is co-convened by the four associations that have worked together closely over the past few years to grow the symposium and make it a can't miss event for those who work or are interested in the fields of safe plumbing, water distribution, and water efficiency. The co-conveners stress that the EWTS is still an international event and welcome abstracts and participation from across the globe.

  "Speaking on behalf of Barbara Higgens (PMI), Mary Ann Dickinson (AWE), Billy Smith (ASPE), and myself, we are looking forward to continuing our long-term commitment to convene the EWTS," said GP Russ Chaney, CEO of The IAPMO Group. "The EWTS continues to grow and build upon a reputation for being a highly respected forum where attendees can learn about and discuss the challenges associated with delivering safe water in and around buildings and the new technologies that will play a role in addressing those challenges. We're excited to work with ASPE, AWE, and PMI on developing another exciting technical program and networking event, and look forward to welcoming the many industry professionals who so graciously give of their time and share their knowledge to keep our homes and buildings safe."

  A series of videos from previous EWTS symposiums are available for viewing online at http://www.youtube.com/user/IAPMOGroup.

- Currently, I am planning to attend the annual Region 2 presidents meeting that will be hosted by the Eastern Michigan Chapter in Detroit on June 1st and 2nd. Our VP Membership (Mr. Paul McKee) will accompany me on the trip.

- Our ASPE Pittsburgh Annual Golf Outing is being held on Friday, June 16, 2017. I want to again open our outing up to those outside of the plumbing industry. If you have a friend or colleague that would like to enter a group to golf that day, please forward the registration form to them. The more the merrier!! Remember, Lunch, golf, dinner and prizes for everyone that day!! Also don't wait until the last minute. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole, donating prizes or want any other additional information, let Joe Starr, Greg Torchia or myself know.

- Our VP Technical is still looking for meeting topic ideas for the upcoming 2017-2018 ASPE calendar year. If you have an idea and would like to get it onto our list, please let Eric know.

- Hope to see you all at the Roman Bistro for the meeting!

VP Technical : Eric Reese

For the month of March, our speaker was Mike Scholze who gave us a presentation on Backflow Prevention. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Our speaker this month will be **Rick Siberine** for a presentation on **Polypropylene (PP-R & PP-RCT) for Pressure Piping Applications**. Rick's presentation will address the history of piping materials in plumbing and HVAC applications, the limitations and shortcomings of traditional materials, the use of polypropylene as a solution, joining methods and a comparison of polypropylene piping to steel and copper.

Mr. Siberine is the Eastern Regional Sales Manager for Nupi Americas and has 35 years of experience related specifically to industrial, institutional and commercial sales for various plastic piping materials involving fluid and air handling applications. These applications include but aren't limited to both pressure and drainage for single and double containment installations for industrial applications. Institutional and commercial applications primary focus being hydronics, geothermal, chilled water and potable water service. He has practical experience in efficient fluid dynamics for various plastic piping materials as well as methods to control expansion/contraction, proper supporting and burial. He is also certified in proper welding procedures including butt fusion, socket fusion, electro-fusion and compression joining.

Mark Musillo of Musillo Sales will be present this month's table top before Mr. Siberine's presentation begins.

We only have two more meetings left for the 2016 - 2017 year, so please consider coming out and joining us Monday April 10, 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 filling 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

Membership Report: Paul McKee

April, 2017 MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Paul McKee

The following is the membership roster as of the March 6, 2017 printout and including our newest member listed below. Our total number of members is 99 and breaks down as follows:

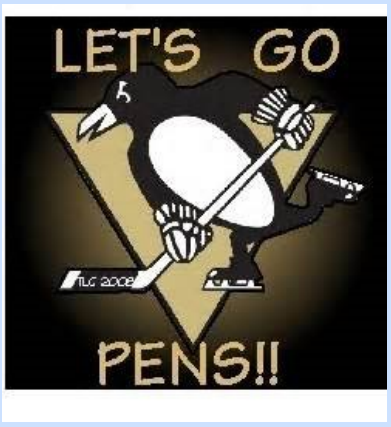
52 Full
30 Affiliate
6 Associate
0 Governmental
7 Special
1 Student
3 Retired

22 members have their P. E., 20 have their CPD, and 5 members have both.

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

Mark Richardson	April 2
Randy Stanger	April 10
Jeffrey Deken	April 11
Larry Hall	April 17
Bert Davis	April 19
Dennis Kopko	April 27
Scott Dolgos	April 27

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.



Young Professional Liason
Steve Pedicone, PE

Hello AYP members. There are only two months remaining for this ASPE season. I hope you can come on out to support the chapter, network with your peers, and learn something new!

I'm still looking to put together an AYP social event. I'm open to and looking for suggestions. I was thinking of setting up the event for the summer when the monthly meetings are on break, but am willing to entertain an event earlier if that works better for the group. Please let me know if you have any interest. There are about 12-15 AYP members, so it's a small enough size to do anything from just a meet-up for drinks and/or dinner, bowling, baseball game. We could also consider an event that includes our significant others (an idea I just stole from Don Ditter for the entire chapter!!). Please let me know if you're interested or have any ideas.

I'd like to make you aware that our chapter is looking into some ideas to provide more design specific training to our members. We previously entertained the idea of a code review meeting to help understand the differences between the ACHD and IPC requirements. As you may recall, that ended up as a chapter meeting topic last fall. We're currently reviewing some ideas from other chapters. I can provide you with some of those details if you catch me at one of the chapter meetings, or you can wait to hear more from me as it develops.

Lastly, I'd like to remind anyone who's interested in the CPD/CPDT to let me know if I can assist in any way. I can help you find the current study materials and connect you with any other members who are also considering taking the exam.

I hope you can attend the April meeting and look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks,

Steve Pedicone, PE

Secretary : Kevin M. Morrissey

Thanks for the good attendance at the March meeting. I appreciated the birthday drinks!

Please make sure you keep June 16th on your calendar for our annual golf outing. The forms were sent out last month. If you need them, just shoot me an email and I will be glad to resend them to you.

Go Pens and Pirates!

Please RSVP to me for the upcoming meeting

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Kevin

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