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President's Message



JUAN ROJAS,
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Super Bowl!

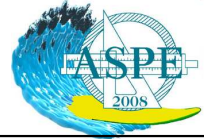
It's that time again, by the time you read this article you already will have moved on to the next sport on prime time, and with that the illusion that your favorite football team will be in the super bowl the next time, this is why I love this time of the year, it grant us the opportunity to start again, a new beginning and hope that this year will be the year of your team to make it to the final show of the season.

Although for some of us our team let us down the previous season, but we seem to find a way to motivate ourselves by finding reasons to believe that the new season will be different and better. So we remake completely our train of thoughts and we find a place in our heart for the beloved team spirit to live again for this new promising beginning.

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By now everyone should be back to work and savoring holiday memories or trying to figure out how to get to work on Inauguration Day. Personally, I have a reserved seat on my couch since there is no way I will fight the crowd. Because of the holiday madness my column is a little light this month.

LEED

I attended the EcoBuild Fall conference in December and learned from a seminar that LEED 2009 will be upon us shortly. Some items of interest include an increased emphasis on water saving fixtures and systems. The LEED point system is revised with a greater number of points and revised distribution of points. Anyone considering taking the LEED exam is advised to take it soon before the new 2009 exam is instituted. The new exam is considered more difficult.

More Green News

Several companies have joined forces to promote "green" products and services. There is a website, www.rateitgreen.com, that includes a forum where members can share information and ask questions concerning products, services and systems. Waterless Company, LLC and Johnson Controls are just two of the companies participating. The forum is free as is the product listing service but requires registration. Check out the site and let me know what you think.

Code News

ICC is preparing to publish the 2009 codes but it will undoubtedly be some time before many authorities adopt these versions. As always contact your local authority to verify the current version of code in force.

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President's Message Continued...

Motivation, that is the key word, we constantly give it to ourselves but rarely to others. The problem is the majority of the time is not having the intention to recognize it. Surely anyone would think, we need to motivate and compensate others, but normally we do not have an idea how to do it, nor do we give time to ourselves to do it, even though we know that the necessary time and cost is minimum.

If we were to search for the word motivation, chances are we will find many ways and forms for describing and defining such a powerful word. Motivation is a generic term that it is applied to a vast series of impulses, desires, necessities, longings and similar forces.

To know how to motivate: the truth is motivation is an internal process that each person has, and it is as simple as making a specific and sincere comment about a person's good qualities, by doing this you are creating a positive relationship.

Positive relationships that we need to add and maintain in our account in the bank of memories in order to be able to withdraw one day. We add to this account by ways of motivating and together with the ability of communicating, we must develop the skill to listen, so we can understand one another's position.

ASPE communicates and in many ways have tried and continue trying to get its members involved in participating and volunteering in the many committees and/or programs that it offers. Please join me in saying thank you to the society and its board of directors. Keep up the good work!

Yours truly,

Juan Rojas
President
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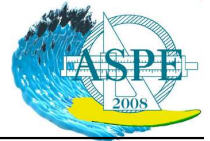
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Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!

During the ASPE Convention delegates voted on changing our membership policy. Our current policy allows a 90-day grace period for those who have not renewed by the expiration date. This policy was amended and now states there is no 90-day grace period for those missing their expiration date and from that point going forward they are no longer a member of ASPE. The recommendation is that renewing your membership should be deemed as a high priority. Now if you fall in the category of having received your second notice, please renew as quickly as possible so as to not be dropped from the official roster.

On another note, we fell short of our goal to grow our chapter to 200 members before the end of the year but guess what? We have a whole new year to attain this goal. So for those sitting on the fence, we ask that you get in the game and be a member of this great organization. For those of you who know of or have access to individuals who would benefit from joining us have them contact me at dewilson@ghtltd.com or any other officer listed in this newsletter.

Lastly, the chapter hosted its annual holiday social in December at Phillips Seafood in Annapolis. I was informed that it was a great turn out and the food was delish! If anyone has ideas about a new location feel free to contact the board. We are open to a new adventure

Thanks for lending me your ear.

V.P. Membership
Derek E. Wilson



I'd like to thank January's technical speaker Bob Murdock who spoke about non-potable water systems and safe drinking water. The meeting fell over a hectic week for DC due to the inauguration of our new president, but this did hinder a good turnout. Thanks to all that were able to come. I was unable to attend, but heard from those that attended that it was a good meeting.

Also, I would like to thank Matt Morris and S.E. Taylor & Associates, Inc. for being the Table Top Presenter. For more information please go to www.setaylorassoc.com.

The February 18, 2009 speaker will be Todd Stevens from Viking and the topic will be "Foam Extinguishing Systems. Mr. Stevens and Viking will also be the Table Top Presenter. Don't miss out!

Future speakers and presentation are:

March 18, 2009 - Frank Baker - Rainwater Harvesting.

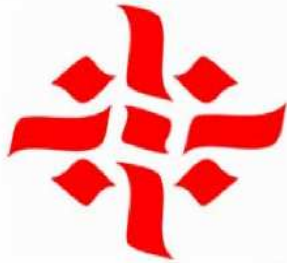
April 15, 2009 - Frank Murphy - Fire Hydrant Testing

If there is topic or speaker you would like to see at a technical session at the monthly meeting, please feel free to contact me at matt.lane@aecom.com.

Hope to see you there.

Matthew Lane, CPD, LEED® AP, CFPS





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