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President's Message



JUAN ROJAS,
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The ASPE tradition runs deep during delegates meeting.

Having gotten the great opportunity to participate and be one of the ASPE delegates representing our local chapter during the convention has been a personal rewarding experience. I am pleased to report that it was a very successful convention. ASPE members are very enthusiastic people and it is this same enthusiasm that they bring to the delegate meetings that makes me proud to belong to this society and especially to our local DC chapter. The best news here, at least from my humble perspective, is the way the society conducts business. All of this is possible with the help of volunteers dedicated to improve our plumbing industry and their good will to the society.

New society officers were elected some reelected and with that a new board is in place for the next two years. This board cannot do it alone, we must help in any way we can. Locally, each chapter member can help to make this a better organization.

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It is November and the smell of pumpkin pie is in the air and my diet will be down the drain soon. Chapter delegates and members are back from the ASPE convention in Long Beach and are trying to recover from the jet lag. There were some very interesting products on display at the Exposition. From a code standpoint the talk was of the change to the California code that eliminates (or nearly) lead from plumbing fixtures. The consensus of the manufacturer's reps I talked with was that it was inevitable and most every state will eventually follow California.

One of the guest speakers at the convention was a representative from the International Code Council (ICC) that spoke about the PMG Safe Water Initiative. For many people in the world "black water" is their only source of drinking, bathing, and washing water and every 15 seconds a child dies as a result of it. The ICC is partnering with associations worldwide to help alleviate this problem. A black wristband with the quote "Every 15 Seconds" and a website address is available from the ICC along with information at the following web address:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/pmg/safewater/support.html>. This is a worthy cause that everyone in our industry should support.

Another speaker, this time from the EPA Water Sense program provided insight into efforts by the EPA to promote water saving ideas and products. Extensive information on products, partnering opportunities, and educational materials are available at their website,

<http://www.epa.gov/watersense/>. Even if at times we find ourselves at odds with the EPA this is a positive effort toward conserving water and our resources.

In a recent article I relayed a question concerning the 2007 revision to the ASME A117.1 elevator code. The revision requires an equivalent of 50 gpm drainage for elevator pits. The question was, "If you have a bank of 3 elevators do you need a 50 gpm pump for each one?" After talking with several people at the convention everyone agreed the intent of the revision is for a 50 gpm pump for each elevator. Keep this requirement in mind for your future designs. As always, contact the AHJ for their requirements and whether they have adopted this code change.

Thanks goes to one of our members, Carl Sherman for the following WSSC code amendment that includes revisions to the requirements for grease removal. Click on the following to see the full pdf: <http://www.wsscwater.com/business/cadd/CodeDocument090308.pdf>. Along with this the Plumbing and Drainage Institute (PDI) have some new publications concerning grease interceptors including PDI G 102. Visit their site at: <http://www.pdionline.org> for a complete listing of publications.

Do not forget the next ASPE DC chapter meeting on November 19.

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So striking and dominant was the exhibition of new products that each and every plumbing industry manufacturer had in display in their respective booth. Thanks to all of those sponsors and to their local sales representatives that made it all possible with their contribution and participation.

As you may have noticed our DC chapter is trying to improve communications with its members, as previously mentioned this is a two way street, please contact any of the chapter board officers with any comments or suggestions to help our chapter. As we hear suggestions of what members like to add or take away it definitely helps us improve for the better of society.

Membership growth is what we envision. Unfortunately the current financial situation might prevent potential members to join ASPE or even worse current members to drop their membership. Please we encourage you to be a part of this society. If you make a living in association to the plumbing industry then you know how important it is to fulfill your expertise responsibilities to your clients, and what better vehicle of information to keep abreast of new plumbing industry developments than benefits provided by ASPE membership.

Extra! Extra! Consulting engineering firms wanting to post a recruiting advertisement in our newsletter and/or in the DC chapter webpage is totally free! We will post a free advertisement for three months for any consulting engineering firm that has an employee who is a member of ASPE in good standings.

Again thank you for your continuing support to your local DC chapter.

Yours truly,

Juan Rojas
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Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!

All the officers of the Washington DC Chapter would like to welcome all of our new members so far from July 08' to the present. We hope that you all have the opportunity to join us at our general meetings every third Wednesday of the month to network, meet code officials and hear wonderful lectures on new products and code issues.

We are currently at 181 members and would like to reach 200 by the end of 2009. So we are asking if you know of anyone in our trade that has not yet joined us and would benefit from such an experience please have them contact me or anyone of our hard working officers to ensure a speedy membership process. Application forms are available online at www.aspedc.org or at www.aspe.org. I will also bring with me to the general meetings membership applications just in case you bring with you additional co-workers you would like to enlist.

Listed below are our new members:

- Mr. Kevin Brill
- Mr. Juan Cabrera
- Mr. Andre Gill
- Mr. Corey McGhie
- Mrs. Rezarta Pejo
- Mr. David Sefton
- Mr. David Shell
- Mr. Carl Sherman CPD
- Mr. Daniel Zimmerman III

The Board has decided to have our annual Holiday Social December 6th at Phillips Seafood Restaurant, 12 Dock Street, Annapolis, MD. 21401. The social will start at 12 noon with a meet and greet and will end promptly at 3pm. We are extending an open invitation to all to join us. If you would like more information please contact me at dewilson@ghtltd.com. Provide your email address as well so you can receive an EVITE for this event and others. The Board looks forward to seeing you and if you are at this month meeting please make sure you let us know you are a new member and so we can give you a special seat up front.

Thanks from your V.P. Membership
Derek E. Wilson



I'd like to thank October's speaker Erin Shaffer, Vice President of Federal Outreach of Green Building Initiative (GBI). "The mission of the Green Building Initiative is to accelerate the adoption of building practices that result in energy-efficient, healthier and environmentally sustainable buildings by promoting credible and practical green building approaches for residential and commercial construction." Ms. Shaffer's described what GBI is, where they came from, where they are heading, and how to use them. If you missed the October meeting, you can find out more about them at www.thegbi.org.

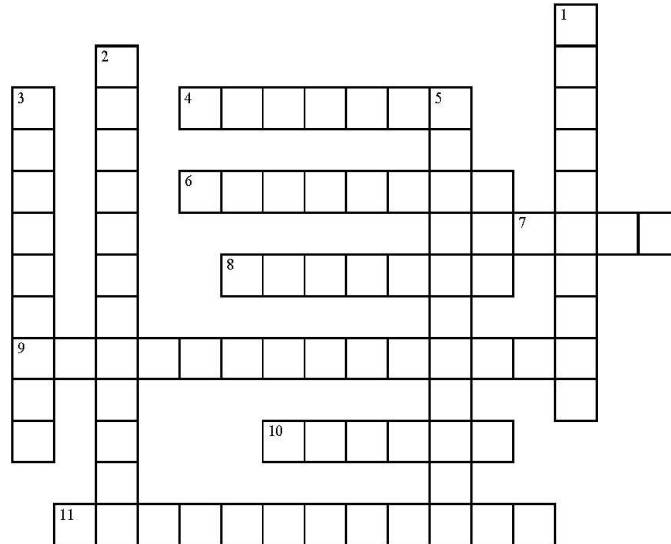
I'd also like to thank Chris Barnard from Barnard Associates for being the October table top presenter.

The technical speaker for November will be Mr. Maurice Jones, Jr. Mr. Jones is the supervisory fire protection engineer of the Fire Protection Systems Unit from the Office of Building and Fire Code Administration Alexandria Fire and EMS Department. The topic for November will FIRE PUMPS.

The table top presenter for November will be Gareth Koogle with STH.

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.

ASPE November Puzzle



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- 4 ASPE Headquarters
- 6 New roof drain technology
- 7 Magazine
- 8 Holiday Social Boat
- 9 ASPE President
- 10 Org/chapter website address
- 11 November Speaker

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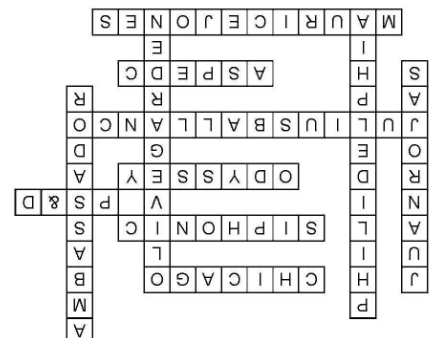
- 1 First convention hotel in LA
- 2 ASPE 2010
- 3 Chapter president
- 5 Meeting Restaurant

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