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General Meeting
Thursday May 20, 2010

Westwood Tavern & Tap
1385 N. Meacham Rd.
Schaumburg, Illinois
Phone: (847) 969-9500

AGENDA

5:30pm-6:30pm  Cash Bar-
Cocktail Hour

6:30pm  Dinner - $35 ASPE Members with RSVP
$40 Non-Members and Walk-Ins

7:30pm  ASPE Chicago Chapter ELECTIONS

7:45pm  Technical Program: Fire Protection for Plumbing Engineers;
Brian Conway, P.E. of Great Lakes Plumbing and Heating

MENU

Appetizers
• Vegetable, Cheese & Fruit Trays
• House Salad
• Roasted Red Pepper Soup
• Grilled Asparagus

Dinner
• Filet Mignon
• Oven Roasted Baby Red Potatoes

Dessert
• Chocolate Cake
• Coffee, Tea, Soda

RSVP as soon as possible to Frank Sanchez, VP Technical!
• Return the enclosed card for those of you getting this via US Mail
• Call 847.316.9251
• Fax 847.328.4550
• Email Chicago.ASPE.RSVP@gmail.com

Local Chapters are not authorized to speak for the Society
President’s Message

Happy May everyone. Yeah, it’s May already! So, what have you done this year? Yeah? Me neither!

Product Show Recap:
April saw the return of our annual Product Show. I may be biased; but, I think it was our best show yet! Frank Sanchez and Phill Kroll put on an outstanding show! It was well organized and they did a splendid job of rounding up an outstanding group of volunteers. Thanks to Frank, Phill and everyone else who helped make this Show a success.

Equally big thanks go out to our wonderful Exhibitors! Times have been tough and you all put on your Sunday best and built more impressive displays than ever before! It floors me that you guys keep making nicer and nicer booths. I take a lot of pride walking on the Show floor and seeing just how professional our Show has become. Thanks to each and every one of you for showing faith in ASPE Chicago and congratulations on a magnificent Show!

So, were you there? Attendance was down a bit from the past couple of Shows. I know the weather was nice – were you out golfing? I noticed a lot of familiar faces missing. Whole firms who we are used to seeing at the Product Show were missing. If there is something we can do to help make this Show, which we already feel holds a LOT of value to our members, please do let us know. If you have ideas, don’t be afraid to share. The Chapter and Exhibitors BOTH need our Product Shows to be successful and for a LOT of people to pass through the doors.

Elections:
As you should all know, May is Election month. We haven’t received any interest in people running for Officer positions which means your slate of candidates at this time is:

President - Jason McDonald  
Vice President, Technical – Frank Sanchez  
Vice President, Legislative – Rick Butler  
Vice President, Membership – Mark Mannarelli  
Treasurer – Sean Allard  
Administrative Secretary – Natalia Dankanich  
Corresponding Secretary – Tony Navarro

Should you decide you want to run for a position, please just email me (jsm@grummanbutkus.com) prior to the May meeting and we will get you on the ballot.

ASPE Convention, http://aspe.org/EPEConvention
At the May meeting, we will also be doing elections for Delegates to the ASPE Convention in October. We have received several requests to be on the ballot and there is still time to get on the ballot. All you have to do is email me (jsm@grummanbutkus.com) and let me know that you want to be a Delegate and why. Do this no later than Monday May 17 at 5pm. We are still doing the math and waiting for May membership numbers to come in before we know how many Delegate positions will be available for voting. So, stay tuned.

Before you request to be on the Delegate ballot, please confirm that you can go to Philadelphia with us from October 29 – November 1 at a minimum. It is ESSENTIAL that you attend the Business Meeting that will run from Saturday October 30 – Monday November 1. The Business Meeting will end around noon that Monday which is when the Exposition opens.
ASPE (Society) has a LOT of sponsorship opportunities available for companies both large and small. Heck, I'll bet they would even be grateful for INDIVIDUAL sponsors should you be so inclined. Just go here - http://aspe.org/sites/default/files/webfm/2010Conv/Sponsorship_Guide_EPE10.pdf for more information. Sponsor levels start at just $5,000. In this time where many corporations are cutting back on advertising, this is a wonderful chance for you to get some inexpensive advertising to many of the top plumbing engineers, designers, contractors and more in the country AND the world! There are also promotional opportunities that start at only $2,200! This is the time!

If you are thinking about attending the Convention, and this is a GREAT year to go, I am happy to report that registration is quite reasonable - $695. And I hear there will also be early bird opportunities that could save us all a few bucks. Registration is supposed to open THIS month; so, keep your eyes open. Attending a Convention should be a goal for ALL ASPE members. Following this year’s business meeting will be keynote speaker Vince Papale (you know him from the movie “Invincible”). You will have the opportunity to see the business meeting where ASPE’s rules and Board of Directors are voted on. You will have the opportunity to see the most amazing plumbing exposition ANYWHERE! If you like the Chicago Chapter Product Show, go to this one – it’s HUGE! Also, at the Convention, you will have the opportunity to get some quality continuing education from national AND international presenters – very cool. Finally, the Convention will give you the opportunity to network and to make new friends from other Chapters across the country. The Convention experience is a wonderful one and you owe it to yourself to go!

ASPE Jobs
The ASPE Chicago jobs program is ongoing. I am VERY happy to say that we are seeing some success! So, if you are looking for new employment, please email me at jsm@grummanbutkus.com and let me know what you are looking for and how much experience you have. You are welcome to send resumes as well. If you are HIRING, please also email me and we will try to put you in touch with our lookers. As I have been saying, this is a confidential program and no one else sees this list.

CPD
ASPE Chicago’s CPD Review Class was held on Saturday April 3. We had 10 attendees and I think 9 of them took the test. Thanks to David DeBord for teaching the class once again and thanks to him AND all the attendees for putting up with the flood and the exploding projector – pop, smoke! The overall pass rate for the exam this time around was 43%, a nice step up from the exam administered last year. Congrats to all of our new CPD’s!

New Newsletter Editor
We have a new Newsletter Editor! Tony Navarro, our new Corresponding Secretary, will be taking over the duties for the next few months (and maybe longer) from Ben Rubach. Big thanks to Ben for squeezing in newsletter time into his busy work load. Ben’s service to the Chapter is greatly appreciated.

Geez, I thought I would have a short article this month. Guess I had more to say than I thought. Sorry about that! Hope to see ALL of you at the May meeting at Westwood Tavern & Tap in Schaumburg (formerly Pete Miller’s, formerly Prairie Rock Brewery). RSVP early to VP Technical Frank Sanchez at Chicago.ASPE.RSVP@gmail.com. See you there!

Jason McDonald, President
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May Primer Session: “None, nada!!” We are having elections!

May Meeting Technical Program:

Mr. Conway is a Graduate from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a BS in Fire Protection Engineering, an MBA from the Harvard Business School and is a member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE). Brian is a Principal member of the NFPA 14 Technical Committee (Standpipes) and serves on the NFSA City of Chicago Liaison Committee. Brian has worked for Great Lakes for the past 21 years.

During this presentation, Brian will provide a quick overview of the requirements to safely protect a building and its occupants against fire. He will review the types of fire protection systems, like wet, dry, pre-action, deluge and antifreeze systems. Also, he will briefly cover materials, pumps, and occupancy classifications. The meeting will allow for a period of questions and answers. Therefore, take advantage of this great opportunity and bring all your NFPA related questions to the table and get feedback from an expert!

Meeting Costs and the Importance of RSVP

RSVPs are extremely important. The lack of them puts a toll on all of us because it means that the restaurant has to set up more seats and prepare more food than what we anticipated. As of today, we have not had to send people back, but if we ever face that situation we will have to give priority to the ones that send their reservations ahead of time.

All you have to do is click on the email address below and hit send; that’s it. This is email is used only for RSVPs.

Email: Chicago.ASPE.RSVP@gmail.com

As an incentive to all of you who RSVP, we will continue having the free dinner raffles and we will give you a discount! See the front of this newsletter for details.

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Reduce, reuse, recycle... Rethink.
Another great “ASPE Chicago Chapter Convention” is gone...

Certainly, there are signs of economic growth and the industry is slowly picking up. Although it is taking longer to benefit certain sectors, we should all be optimistic and look at the positive signs. Also, let’s not forget that global recessions seem to occur over a cycle lasting between 8 and 10 years. Therefore, our next 8 years will be great for business! So, we should all focus on education and quality of work.

The ASPE Chicago Chapter Product Show, also known as our Chicago Convention, is known for being one of the best in the industry. We have excellent seminars and the best products available in the market on display. We should all pay close attention to the great opportunity we had at our finger tips. Let’s remember that thanks to the strong support from our members and exhibitors, ASPE Chicago is able to provide 12 seminars and a one of a kind Engineered Product Show for free.

Not only did we have informative seminars providing the latest code updates, industry standards and technologies breakthroughs. But also, our exhibitors delivered amazing displays and they kindly shared their knowledge with anyone who approached them.

I had the opportunity to be the Product Show Chairman for a few years and decided to step down. However, I will always be a contributor and volunteer in order to maintain our show’s reputation. I know Mr. Phill Kroll will do an excellent job as the Chairman and I have no doubts the Product Show Committee will provide us with an incredible display in 2011 at the 40th edition of the event.

The 39th show was one of the smoothest shows I had ever been part of. It was a lot of work, but the Committee and the volunteers made this event a success and everything fell into place when required. Attendance was the only factor we could not control. Nevertheless, some exhibitors were pleased with the quality of the attendees and did not focus on the quantities that attended our event. We truly hope this event was a success for your business.

We had great prizes and giveaways during our event.

Our generous exhibitors provided some amazing door prizes, for instance,

Fleece Jackets, Best Buy Cards, Restaurant Gift Certificates, Bottles of Wine, Sox Tickets, iPod Nano, Fine Golf Balls, Water Closets, Bottles of Liquor, Cubs Tickets, Technical T-Shirts, Video Recorders and much more.

Also, I would like to congratulate the Lucky ASPE Chicago Raffle Winners! A portion of the profits will be donated to the Leukemia Research Foundation in Kenneth Wentink’s name.

Some of the prizes included, Sony 32” HD TV, HP Netbook, 8GB Apple Touch, Nintendo Wii Sports and a 1 TB Portable Hard Drive.

I would like to thank our volunteers, in alphabetical order,

Sean Allard, Mick Bradford, Rick Butler, Mike Cwanek, Bob Dahlmann, David DeBord, Jamie Diamond, Natalia Dankanich, Mike Imaoka, Don Johnson, Phill Kroll, Apple Lau, Jason McDonald, Mark Mannarelli, Tony Navarro, Dennis Richards, George Swietczak, George Pagach and all those who attended our Product Show Meetings.

Thanks to your dedication and support we delivered one of the best shows in the industry.

Finally, I would like to thank my company, Grumman/Butkus Associates in Evanston, for the unconditional support they have provided to ASPE throughout the years. Here is where the show took shape, materials were printed, envelopes mailed and all my "spam" was delivered your inboxes. Thank you Dan!

Remember to support the ones who support you, please refer to the attached list of exhibitors that attended our 39th Annual Product show. We will update and upload our exhibitor’s line cards to our website. Please refer to this document for your everyday projects and give them a call, they are an excellent source of information.

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39th ANNUAL ASPE CHICAGO PRODUCT SHOW AND TECHNICAL SEMINARS EXHIBITORS

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**Support the ones who support you.**
May Events

2010 National Conference on Building Commissioning (NCBC)
Event includes seminars, exhibitor show, and reception. May 25 - 26, Hyatt Regency O'Hare, (847) 696-1234 or visit website at www.peci.org/ncbc

Illinois Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors (IL PHCC)
CISCO Public Construction Workshops; Monday, May 10 OR Monday May 17, 9 a.m. – Noon. Contact Julia Mulvey: Julia@cisco.org or call (630) 472-9411

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
NFPA Training Seminar Week, Indianapolis, IN, May 17-21; call (800) 344-3555 or visit website: http://www.nfpa.org

Illinois Fire Prevention Association (IL FPA)
Trackside Cocktail Party; Tuesday, May 11, at 6 p.m. Arlington Park Trackside. http://www.ifpanet.org

American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)

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News From Your Treasurer

This was my first product show I have been a part of as a Chicago chapter officer. Although I was not an active participant in the planning of the show, I witnessed the hard work of the planning committee. I would like to thank all of those ASPE members who took out so much of their personal time to put together the classes and the floor show. Every year I always learn new information, or gain experience about a product that I did not have a comfort level with. It is also nice to get one on one time to meet the representatives from the various companies and ask them how something works or what its limitations are with the Reps. It’s really a great opportunity to see the latest in plumbing, fire protection and medical gas technologies all in one location. I think our chapter’s show is a great way to “build up” our knowledge base for the future. I would also like to make a huge thank you to all of the product reps who supported the show and our chapter. Without them it would be very difficult to be as successful as our chapter is. Thanks again to all of you who made this show possible I hope those of you who attended the show enjoyed it as much as I did!

Sean Allard, Treasurer
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**Membership Report**

Hello again from your friendly V.P Membership,

Last month’s product show was a success mostly in part of the Manufacturer Reps., Manufacturers and to the attendees.
The product show attendance appeared to be light compared to previous years but it seemed that all participants had a great time. It appeared that attendance was down a little for the seminars but thanks to the presenters it was one of the more diverse seminars scheduled than in the past. We still managed to have well over 100 seminar attendees.

Thanks to the committee and all the board members who made this year possible.

This month we honor some very important people within the chapter. It is our anniversary month and we would like to pay special attention to the following members for the continued support and dedication to the society. The following members will gain recognition by receiving 30, 20 and 10 years anniversary pins at this month’s meeting. All individual are in alphabetical order.

**Dedication to the society 30 YEARS:**
- Mr. Dean Thompson

**Dedication to the society 20 YEARS:**
- Mr. Manuel Cordero
- Mr. Andrew Dailey
- Mr. Daniel Doyle
- Ms. Cynthia Lazarus
- Mr. Robert Melko

**Dedication to the society 10 YEARS:**
- Mr. Anthony Dauginas
- Mr. Chris LaVoie
- Mr. Scott Leopold
- Mr. Donald Rasmussen
- Mr. George Treutelaar
- Mr. Marion Wnuk

While on this recognition kick, we at the Chicago Chapter would also like to recognize the following members who are already members of the 30-year club for their continued support and commitment to our society:

Mr. Lorenzo Arreguin – 35 YEARS (1975)
Mr. Mark Brickey – 35 YEARS (1975)
Mr. Kenneth Cutler – 36 YEARS (1974)
Mr. Robert Dahlmann – 37 YEARS (1973)
Mr. Donald Johnson – 34 YEARS (1976)
Mr. David Pardue Sr. – 37 YEARS (1973)
Mr. Dale Schasker – 33 YEARS (1977)
Mr. George Wagrowski – 34 YEARS (1976)
Ms. Era Yee – 33 YEARS (1977)
Mr. Arnold Zehner – 34 YEARS (1976)

This is a great accomplish for any individual! Thanks again for your dedication to the society. These individuals are why we are best CHAPTER in the WORLD!!

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT THIS MONTH’S MEETING SO WE CAN RECOGNIZE THIS INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT!

Did you know that every time you introduce a new paid member, you and the sponsored member will receive a free dinner! For all engineering students, the Chicago Chapter will provide free membership (and even pay for the renewal dues) as long as the student remains in an engineering curriculum.

Again, if anyone that you know needs help with their dues renewal ASPE National has a "compassion waiver," program which allows a member to maintain their membership over a three month period. At the end of the third month they can renew at a discounted membership rate.

Please let us know when you move or change jobs so we can keep the Chicago ASPE directory up to date. This helps with e-mailings for the Monthly Newsletters as well as keeping records current at ASPE Headquarters.

HELPING EACH OTHER IS THE CHICAGO WAY!

Thanks,

Mark Mannarelli, Vice President Membership
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Administrative Secretary Update

Greetings!

My article today will be all about our annual Product Show. I hope you took advantage of it. It was nice to see us working together to achieve great results. Education and communication, exchanging information, knowing the latest technologies in our industry will improve our daily task. We offered a great variety of seminars, lots of prizes and of course famous Polish food - piroge and sweets are my favorites.

As you may all have noticed, I was selling raffle tickets. Our raffle was dedicated to the Leukemia Research Foundation in Ken Wentink's name. I think everyone participated in this event (I sold a lot of tickets). We, in return, had lots of great prizes. Hopefully you all enjoyed your winnings, there was something for everyone. Once again, thank you all for participating, your efforts are always greatly appreciated.

I am Proud to be part of the best chapter, Chicago ASPE.

In the mean time, enjoy the nice, sunny weather. I think we are all ready for the summer.

Natalia Dankanich, Administrative Secretary
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80 Degrees, No Rain

Another fine Product Show and Technical Seminars day is history. Co-Chairmen Frank Sanchez and Phill Kroll and the committee did a good job planning and executing the events. They were well attended and the buffet dinner was plentiful and tasty. As the old saying, “You’ve come a long way, baby,” we’ve come a long way since our Table Top displays at the Engineer’s Club, Swedish Engineers Club and Lawson YMCA.

The following is the history of our Product Show in our Chapter History which is on our Chapter website (http://chicago.aspe.org/ASPEChapterHistory-Chicago-website.pdf):

April Product Show

The product show growth has followed the Chapter membership. Starting out with minimal table top displays in the 1970’s, the 2007 show had 94 display/booth spaces. The show moved in 1980 from Zum Deutschen Eck to the White Eagle banquet facility in Niles, Illinois outside of Chicago. The White Eagle also worked out well for the Chapter. As the show expanded, adequate space was available. Show format has included dinner being available toward the end of show hours.

In 2000, a very positive and successful element was added to the product show – technical seminars. Usually 7 or 8 hour-long technical seminars are presented just before show hours. The 2007 Product Show, for the first time, featured 12 full hours of technical seminars. CEU’s are earned by the seminar attendees. Participation in the seminars has gone quite well. The product show has become a very busy, full day.

Don Johnson, Chapter Historian

Please Note:

The 39th Annual Product Show Technical Seminars Attendance will be published in the June Newsletter.
The Show Must Go ON
The 2010 Product Show again was a success. Great Presentations, Great Vendor turnout and GREAT FOOD. Even in a “down” year, vendor attendance was still great, traffic was a little down, but it was a beautiful day to be outside.

I still believe it is the best show in the industry, why:

12 Very informative seminars, four of which were approved for Illinois Plumber CEU’s
Numerous booths with new products we have not seen before A great booth raffle with our esteemed board-members handling the announcements like professionals on the “Price Is Right” The chance to see some old friends, and new friends away from the office.

Thoughts for next year:
What we need is for the entire chapter to promote the show, especially to the people out of our chapter. Don’t forget, this is our show, and the more attendance we get the more it benefits the chapter.

Additionally, if anyone has ideas that may improve attendance, or the show in general let the board know, we are always open to new ideas. A lot of work went into changing the show to make it more attractive to vendors and attendees. Work was done on trying to bring our cost down a bit to make the show less of a burden on the chapter. Job well done. Thanks again to the main guys responsible for the coordination, Frank Sanchez, Phill Kroll and the rest of the product show committee.

Code Stuff:
I also wanted to make you aware of a good article PM engineer, April addition. “IAPMO Begins 2010 Cycle”, by Julius Ballanco (who is that guy?)

It discusses the changes to the Uniform Plumbing Code, which there are more than 250 proposed changes. Of course “Green” is the main theme here.

You can see the article at: http://www.pmengineer.com/articles then scroll down to your right you will see the article title.

See you all at the May meeting, and the Golf outing.

Rick Butler, Vice President Legislative
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Affiliates
Thank you to all who attended the Chicago ASPE Product Show. This is truly the best product show in our industry and I believe it's because of our members.

This month I would like to give you a view of the Product Show from the eye of an exhibitor. We had plenty of time to set up before the show. That gave everyone enough time to leave the show and grab some lunch before the show opened. We did have some wanderers from the seminars come in the exhibit during set up. The first half hour of the show was a little shaky but then the people started funneling through. We got to talk to a lot of people and catch up with those we haven't seen in awhile. We stayed busy almost to the end. The flow of traffic was good. We weren't bumping into each other while we were talking to people at our booth. It was easy to hear the raffle over the loud speakers. The food was outstanding. (I ate too much, again). Another Outstanding Product Show!

See you at the May meeting at Westwood Tavern & Tap in Schaumburg! Thank you,

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ASPE Chicago Golf Outing 2010

This year’s outing will be held on June 18, 2010 at Hilldale Country Club in Hoffman Estates. We will start with a “Shot – Gun” tee-off at 8:30am (please note time). Shower and locker facilities are available in the clubhouse.

Coffee, juice and rolls will be served from 7:30am – 8:30am in the snack shop and beverages will be served throughout the day.
As years past, lunch will be served between the 9th and 10th holes. There will also be special displays and activities as you play the course.
Cocktails (cash bar) will begin at 3:00pm with buffet style dinner to follow at 4:00pm.

Reservations forms were mailed out to all affiliate members at the end the beginning of April. As you know, because of the “Shot – Gun” start, we are limited to 152 golfers, so when this limit is filled, we cannot accept any more golfers. Reservations will be accepted on “First Come-First Served Basis”. Each Manufacturer, Sales Rep., Supplier, etc. is limited to two (2) foursomes again. Don’t delay in returning the reservation form. You don’t want to be left out.

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Also, Please Note:

Lunch will be served between the 9th & 10th Holes. (Sponsored by Metropolitan Industries)

The cost for the Outing this year is:
Sponsor Golf Hole $100.00
Golf & Dinner $150.00 each
Dinner Only $60.00 each

Riding carts (Included in the price of Golf and Dinner) Range balls will be available prior to the shot-gun start. Shower and locker facilities area available in the clubhouse

We are limited to 144 golfers (36-foursomes), so reservations will be accepted with payment on a “FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED” bases on the attached reservation form. Because of the limit, each Representative firm or manufacturer will be limited to 2-foursomes. We look forward to receiving the

cooperation we had last year from the Hole Sponsors again, we request that you staff the hole you selected so that you may meet all your customers and competitors.

If Hole Sponsors wish to hand out gifts, we ask that they give them to everyone attending.

ALL DONATIONS OF DOOR PRIZES will be gratefully acknowledged.

The Chicago Chapter Golf Outing is the best of its kind. You don’t want to be left out.

We would like to thank Metropolitan Industries for sponsoring the lunch once again and also Luczak Sales for sponsoring the coffee, juice & rolls.

Steve Triphahn; Golf Outing Chairman
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Renewing Friends

This “Human Interest” story again illustrates that ASPE is a very good venue for networking. You never know who you may run into!!

A long, long time ago (even before computers!!), when I got out of college, I worked for The Austin Company in Des Plaines. There was a guy that I worked with who would work for 6 months and then return to Purdue University for 6 months to continue his education. His name was Verne Rezabek. We both learned plumbing and fire protection from 2 “old timers” that were close to retirement. As Verne and I were “Probies” (or “rookies” for those of you who do not watch NCIS) and most of the company was much older than we were, we naturally became friends. We even worked for a few months in Austin’s Cleveland office to help them with some plumbing work. After a few years, Verne left Austin to work for another company. We lost touch. At this year’s Product Show, I was “on break” (doing my best work) and this guy approached me, saying “Aren’t you…” I also said “Aren’t you…” It was Verne. After 35 years we both attended the Product Show and finally reestablished contact. He now works in Itasca and we discussed old times as well as the possibility of my employer doing some work for his employer. I suggested he join LinkedIn to find others that he had known back then. ASPE is a great place to network if you just look around.

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New Perspective of a Familiar Event

I have been an ASPE member four years now and I have not missed a product show yet. However, things were a bit different this year; simply because I experienced the show as an ASPE Board member first, and an industry professional second. I spent a bit less time observing the equipment on display and a bit more time getting to know the members and representatives in attendance. Perhaps this was due to my extended attendance (in the past, I arrived after 4 while this time I spent the day). I would rather believe it is due to recent events in our economy and how these changes have affected our industry. Unfortunately, too many of us have seen coworkers leave the industry, some temporarily, some potentially permanent. Cost cutting efforts have trimmed the business to a core group. Yet, despite the still-recent hardships, at the show there was an optimistic undertone to the conversation. People were happy to be at this year’s event and were content to connect with colleagues, peers and friends. Economically, I am confident the worst is behind us now and we can begin preparing for the upswing (never mind how gradual the upswing may be). Rather than trouble in the past, it appears we have chosen to look forward; positively. This is good, our Chapter has outlasted another recession. We can look around and be happy to see so many familiar faces still working and building for the future.

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