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Chicago Chapter General Meeting
Thursday December 19, 2013

La Villa Restaurant
3632 N. Pulaski Road
Chicago, IL 60641

Plenty of free parking!
Metra: Old Irving Park Station
Blue line: Irving Park Station
then 3 blocks south!

Booster Night!
Holiday Party & Game Night

AGENDA

5:30pm–9:00pm
Open Bar: Call Liquor, Beer & Wine
Hats off to all the outstanding Affiliates, ASPE Chicago and our members!

Program:
No technical program tonight, just a great night of socializing with good friends, and a chance to try out your skills on a select number of games!

6:30pm Dinner, ($35 ASPE Members, Non-Members and Walk-ins)

RSVP as soon as possible to Mark Mannarelli, VP Technical!
◊ Return the enclosed card for those of you getting this via US Mail
◊ Call: 630.901.6446
◊ Email: Chicago.ASPE.RSVP@gmail.com
◊ Go to Chicago.aspe.org and RSVP!

MENU

Appetizers:
- Tower of shrimp
- Many others!

Dinner:
- Salad
- Soup of the day: Red Pepper Cream
- Pepper steak
- Baked chicken
- Pasta
- Mashed Potatoes
- Vegetables

Dessert:
- Ice Cream
- Coffee, tea, water, soda

Local Chapters are not authorized to speak for the Society
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As the Holiday Season approaches us, I would like to wish Chicago ASPE Members and their families a safe and happy Holiday Season.

November Meeting

Wow, four Marines attended our “Toys for Tots” event. They were very thankful, and the speech from one of the Marines, who has been involved with several locations’ Toys for Tots program, claims Chicago is the “Tops” for supporting this event. Thanks to Mark Mannarelli, VP Technical, for setting this up!

The night also included our first “Spotlight” program. I can say REPCO has set the bar awfully high with their “Da Bears” video. I can’t wait to see the future spotlights and to see how they respond to the REPCO’s performance. Thanks again to Frank Sanchez, 2014 ASPE Convention Host Committee Chair, for setting up these “Spotlights” - we are booked for the remainder of the year. Speaking of the Host Committee, Frank Sanchez, and Theresa Allen are still looking for volunteers for the committee. They need volunteers for pre-convention planning as well as during the convention. Please contact them if you are interested (fsanchez@grummanbutkus.com or tallen@grummanbutkus.com)

December Meeting

The December meeting will continue to be our “Booster Night” extravaganza. The tradition of Booster night was to bring a new interested individual to this meeting to “Boost” attendance. That has gone to the wayside a bit, so please bring a potential new member. Also, our 50/50 raffle will be dedicated to the recent Illinois tornado victims. Additionally, significant others are also welcome to this event. Back in the day, we would have many significant others attend. Let’s see if we can bring that up again. Please read on for additional information on the December meeting.

Finally, as you know, we will not be having a product show in 2014, due to the National convention. Although it is not too early to be looking for new venues, seminars, ideas, etc. so we will be setting up an exploratory committee to start to develop our 2015 show. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact me or one of the other Chicago Chapter board members.

Can’t wait for Booster night. It is going to be great!

Rick Butler, President
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VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL: TECHNICALLY SPEAKING

November Meeting: Rainwater Harvesting
Unfortunately due to travel delays, we were not able to have our technical presentation on Rainwater Harvesting last month.

I would like to thank all the members who participated in the Toys for Tots program at last month’s meeting. It was great to see the four Marines who donated their time to come and speak and help distribute toys to approximately 2,000 children in the Chicagoland area. We will again be collecting toys at the December meeting for the Toys for Tots program.

For your records, the following individuals attended the November 2013 meeting of the ASPE Chicago Chapter.

Alvero Gonzalez      Dave Zagury      James Dipping      Mike Owen
April Ricketts       David DeBord     Jamie Schwarz     Nevo Martelli
Bill Bauer           David Erickson    Jason Romano      Otton Finiewicz
Brandon Taylor       David Lehman      Jim Jolly         Phill Kroll
Brian Carlos         Dennis Richards   Jim Majerowicz    Randy Forito
Brian Hank           Ed Lichner        Joe Ficek         Ray Cruz
Brian Mazzocchi      Emily Smith      John Nieman       Rick Butler
Chris Sbarbaro       Era Lee          Keith Seier       Sean Allard
Chris Wisinski       Ernest Harvran    Luciana Kayo      Sergio Cano
Craig Wolstan        Francisco DeHoyos   Mark Mannarelli  Steve Norbert
Damon Cameron        Frank Sanchez     Mark Nasuta       Theresa Allen
Dan Courtney         Gavieral Gomez    Matt Pardue       Tony Dauginas
Dan Patt             Garrett Russell    Mel Withrow       
Darren Rich          George Sobyra      Mike Imaoka

November Meeting: Manufacturer Spotlight
Let’s thank Repco Associates, Inc. for being our first Affiliate member to take advantage of our Manufacturer Spotlight Sponsorship Program. THANK YOU, REPCO! And remember, let’s support those who support the Chapter!

2014 Convention
Please mark your calendars. Society’s 50th anniversary and Convention will take place in Chicago next September

2014 ASPE Convention and Exposition
Fifty Year Anniversary of ASPE
September 19-24
McCormick Place, Chicago, IL

Thanks again to all the Affiliates and Manufacturer Representatives who have contributed to the Manufacturer Spotlight Program for the upcoming year.

December Meeting
The December meeting theme will be “Game Night.” We will once again raffle off a foosball table and air hockey game to two lucky members. Winners must be present to win.

Please don’t forget to thank all the affiliate members and Manufacturer Representatives that sponsored this month’s fabulous event! Remember to have a great time and a Joyous Holiday Season to you and your entire families!

Mark G. Mannarelli, Vice President, Technical
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"Grandfathering" is an expression that is commonly used to avoid meeting current laws, or in our case building codes. In more than one occasion, I have been asked by a client that if instead of making the required building modifications to meet code, to request to be "grandfathered in" to save money and/or space. This old concept started in the South after the Civil War. A "grandfather clause" allows the status of something pre-existing to remain unchanged, despite a change in the codes.

Most building codes get written and developed by national organizations made up of well-prepared and experienced people from the building industry and government. Most codes are updated every 3 years. Some code changes are due to the constant improvement of building products, and to make buildings safer during construction, and for the final user. Some changes are a consequence of observations of how building materials hold up or fail based on application. Nevertheless, some codes have to be enforced despite the historical content of the building. For buildings that are to be used for serving the public, they are fully required to meet ADA requirements, even if this is an existing facility.

In reality, there is no such thing as "grandfathering" there are no guidelines defined by code. The construction manager and/or administrator may apply for a variance or code exception with the local authority having jurisdiction, but it is not a sure thing just because someone else got the exception on the same or similar situation. Every petition is reviewed individually. The best approach is to design per the latest codes, and let the construction manager/administrator apply for a possible variance. Here is an example of a recent code change that has to be met, unless you receive a variance:

**ASME A17 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators**

- **2.2.2.5** In elevators provided with Firefighters’ Emergency Operation, a drain or sump pump shall be provided. The sump pump / drain shall have the capacity to remove a minimum of 3,000 GAL/Hr. = 50 GPM (11.4 m3/h) per elevator.

- **2.2.2.6** Sumps and sump pumps in pits, where provided, shall be covered. The cover shall be secured and level with the pit floor.

- **2.8.3.3** Sprinkler systems conforming to NFPA 13 or the NBCC, whichever is applicable (see Part 9), shall be permitted to be installed in the hoistway, machinery space, machine room, control space, or control room. Sprinklers are to be install not more than 24 in (600 mm) above the pit floor,

- **2.8.3.3.1** All risers and returns shall be located outside these spaces. Branch lines in the hoistway shall supply sprinklers at not more than one floor level. When the machinery space, machine room, control space, or control room is located above the roof of the building, risers, return pipes, and branch lines for these sprinklers shall be permitted to be located in the hoistway between the top floor and the machinery space, machine room, control space, or control room.

- **2.8.3.3.3** Smoke detectors shall not be used to activate sprinklers in these spaces or to disconnect the main line power supply.

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**J. Francisco De Hoyos, Vice President, Legislative**

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**VICE PRESIDENT, AFFILIATE**

CALLING ALL AFFILIATES!

Get ready for an incredible **Booster Night on December 19th**, the best meeting of the year! You should have already received an e-mail asking for contributions to help defray the costs for the night.

There will be sponsorship recognition at the meeting. Please ask your manufacturers to consider a sponsorship for this year’s booster night by sending in your donation, this insures a successful event and recognition of your support. Help support your local chapter. If you haven’t received sponsorship information, please contact me via e-mail or call and I will send the information to you.

Checks have to be received prior to the meeting to be recognized as a sponsor. The deadline to receive recognition is December 13th, 2012. You can also pay online via PayPal, go to [www.chicago.aspe.org](http://www.chicago.aspe.org) and you will see the link on the home page.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting,

**Nevo Martelli, Vice President, Affiliate**

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December Greetings!

Santa Claus is making his list and checking it twice. I hope you all have been good plumbing engineers this year so that you get that neat plumbing widget you’ve been wanting so bad. This month is the Chapter’s Booster Night, which is our annual holiday social event. It is opened to all, so bring your spouses and have some great food and fun.

Back by popular demand…ASPE has extended the Membership Retention program. If your membership has lapsed and you want to return to the fold, take advantage of this program which runs through March 2014. Here is the low-down from Society:

- Originally the target audience represented those who were unable to renew between 1/1/2010-12/31/2012; now the program is opened to any past member of ASPE (excluding 2013 lapsed membership).
- It still remains that the membership dues offer cannot be combined with any other membership promotional offering, transferred, or used at a later time
- Member must use special membership application to receive the offering or they can call ASPE membership staff and join via phone
- Past member can join as a new member for only $95 or if they wish to reinstate and keep past membership history they are able to pay $95 for current dues and $5 for each lapsed membership year! Because we are allowing them to pay past dues at such a reduced rate for previous years, this special does not include any old copies of the PEDH. However, they will receive the next edition which is scheduled to ship February 2014

Last, but not least, welcome to all of the new folks who have joined the ASPE Chicago Chapter within the past month:

- Nurlan Ashirbayev
- Michael A Debnar
- Nestor Roberto Diaz
- Jaeman Eum
- Yiyun Fan
- Gabriel Gonzalez Beyles
- Ivan Adriane Jose
- Imran Ali Khan
- Natalie Rose Kruit
- Timothy Daniel Lalowski
- Agnieszka Llgas
- Cheryl Lynn McDermott
- Alberto Mejia
- Yin Ling Ng
- Juneyoung Park
- Firas Putros
- Megan Leigh Schulz
- Jennifer Min-Yie Tam
- Zachary Dean Zanzinger
- Glenn Sobieski

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season!

April Ricketts, PE, CPD, LEED AP BD+C, Vice President Membership
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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Dinner report: OPA!!! Another fine meal from our friends at The Parthenon

We were able filled the room with 60 of the finest engineers, architects, and students, manufactures representatives. We also hosted 4 sharply dressed Marines who were the recipients of $140.00 cash and some toys for the Toys for Tots drive that the Chicago Chapter has been supporting over the past years. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Mark Nasuta from Derry-Pardue he received the other $140.00 cash. Our presenter for the evening was delayed by air travel so we were all able to learn a little more from the “Manufactures Spot Light” guest Repco Associates Inc. I must say that they set “Da Bar” extremely high for the Manufactures for the remainder of the year. The beneficiary of the free dinner was Otton Finiewicz.

BOOSTER NIGHT NEXT MONTH: Don’t forget to go to http://chicago.aspe.org/ and RSVP for the ASPE Dinner Meeting @ La Villa 3632 N. Pulaski Rd. Chicago, IL. $35 each for extra guest….business associates, family members, significant others, we will have a plethora of games, food and fun.

I would like to finish up with a quick information fun fact; it takes seven and a half years for the average American residence to use the same amount of water that flows over the Niagara Falls in one second (750,000 gallons).

I hope to see you at the December 19th Booster Night and Holiday Celebration dinner meeting and thank you for reading the entire newsletter.

David J. Erickson Sr., Administrative Secretary
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2014 Convention Host Committee Report

ASPE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Hello everyone,

We are looking for approximately 40 volunteers to greet and give out information to the convention attendees at the hospitality room, or at the assigned hotels.

We will assign volunteers to three hour shifts, and you don't have to work every day. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity!

If you are interested in taking part of our 2014 Convention and 50th Year Anniversary Celebration, please sign up by following the link below, or by sending me an email.


Upcoming 2014 Convention Host Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2013 (tentatively)
12:00PM
Phone conference

Sponsorship Programs
Affiliates, please take advantage of one of our sponsorship programs. “The Manufacturer Spotlight” program has already sold out! Stay tuned for more sponsorship opportunities!

http://chicago.aspe.org/sponsorship.html

Thank you,

Frank Sanchez, CPD, 2014 Convention Host Committee Chair
tfsanchez@grummanbutkus.com
Guest Columnist: LEED v4 Finally Released at Greenbuild 2013

The USGBC LEED rating system has not been perfect and it received some criticism during its history. The development of LEED began in 1994, and it was released in 2000. LEED, despite its critics, has continued to evolve and has seen many changes and improvements. The latest version, LEED v4, has just been released, and it has taken some steps to put down many of its apparent shortcomings.

LEED is basically responsible for introducing highly efficient toilets, urinals, and irrigation systems to thousands of buildings. These are objectives that will continue to be a focus of the next versions of LEED. LEED v4 expands those water-savings targets to appliances, cooling towers, commercial kitchen equipment and other areas that consume a huge proportion of water in many buildings.

Some of these changes include the inclusion of cooling towers and other process water that was previously excluded.

Millions of gallons per year can be lost through a cooling tower installation. LEED v4’s cooling tower credit is designed with an objective of reducing water lost through cooling tower blowdown. To qualify for this credit by increasing the number of cycles through which water can be re-circulated before it is dumped by blowdown. Thousands of gallons of water can be saved by increasing those cycles, and it potentially can be done without negative effects on the equipment, or on energy efficiency, when done using a sound chemical analysis and with the help of a qualified engineer. Depending on various factors including its chemistry, the blowdown water can also be captured and reused in appropriate applications such as irrigation. It can also be mixed and diluted with other water sources, like captured rainwater, to further render it sublime.

Potential water savings through the Cooling Tower Water Management credit (which offers up to two points to BD+C projects, and up to four for EB:O+M) could be more effective than through other efficiency strategies. “If you do have a cooling tower, that’s probably where the majority of savings will be,” says Batya Metalitz, a LEED manager at USGBC.

Additionally, other process water and appliances receive some much-needed attention. Maximizing the new credits available through LEED v4 will take some study and planning, but I feel that this is exactly what we needed from LEED v4. This article is not even scratching the surface. Do some research and join the Team!

Abe” The Sausage King of Chicago” Froman, CPD, LEED AP BD+C, ARCSA_AP, GPD, MBCLT
Plumbing Engineer, ASPE Chicago Chapter Member

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ASPE/UCLA Extension Courses

ASPE/UCLA Plumbing Classes are available for Winter and Spring semesters!

Go to [www.uclaextension.edu](http://www.uclaextension.edu) to find classes and sign-up! Current classes in the Winter semester:

Hospital and Laboratory Plumbing Systems Design

Plumbing Systems II: Advanced Engineering Systems
I would like to give a shout out to Repco Associates for the hilariously awesome ‘SNL Chicago Bears Super Fan’ video skit which was relevant to their product lines. It was played at the November meeting and can be found here in case you missed it: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejzFBCVddB4

I hope to see everyone at the upcoming Booster night for some drinking and intense gaming action. See ‘ya at the foosball table! (Let me know if if you have another group we should be following… chris@DRWindustrial.com.)

American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE) (http://chicago.aspe.org)
- **Booster Night & Holiday Celebration**
  - Date: Thursday, December 19, 2013 @ 5:30PM
  - Location: La Villa Restaurant
  - 3632 N. Pulaski Rd, Chicago, IL

American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) (http://www.asse-plumbing.org/calendar.html)
- No info for any upcoming Chicago ASSE Chapter Meetings

National Rural Water Association (NRWA) (http://www.nrwa.org/)
- No info for any upcoming Chicago NRWA Chapter Meetings

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) (www.nfpa.org)
- **NFPA Conference & Expo**
  - Dates: June 9-12, 2014
  - Location: Mandalay Bay Convention Center
  - Las Vegas, NV
  - Details: http://www.nfpa.org/training/nfpa-conference-and-expo

  - **NFPA Training throughout the US.**
    - http://www.nfpa.org/itemDetail.asp?%09categoryID=943&itemID=22735&URL=Training/Events%20calendar

Illinois Fire Prevention Association (IFPA) (www.ifpanet.org)
- No info for any upcoming Chicago IFPA Chapter Meetings

USGBC – Illinois Chapter (LEED) (http://www.usgbc-illinois.org/events/event-calendar/)

Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) (http://www.chicagosfpe.org)
- No info for an upcoming Chicago SFPE Chapter Meeting:
  - http://www.chicagosfpe.org/program_schedule.html

Illinois Chapter of ASHRAE (www.illinoisashrae.org)
- **Illinois Chapter is taking a ‘Net Zero Retail Store Tour’**
  - Date: Thursday, December 5, 2013 @ 5:30 PM
  - Location: Firehouse Grill / Walgreens Tour
  - 750 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202
  - Details: http://illinoisashrae.org/calendar.php

PAMCANI (www.pamcani.org)
- PAMCANI industry-wide calendar: www.piccal.org

Illinois Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors (ILPHCC) (www.ilphcc.com)
- No info for any upcoming Chicago ILPHCC Chapter Meetings

Refrigeration Service Engineer’s Society (RSES) (www.rses.net)
- **Chicagoland Chapter Meeting**
  - Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2013 @ 7:00 PM
  - Location: Silver Stallion Restaurant,
  - 1275 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL

American Society of Professional Estimators (www.aspechicago.org)
- **Chicagoland Chapter Meeting**
  - Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014 @ 5:30 PM
  - Location: Brio Tuscan Grill
  - 330 Yorktown Shopping Center, Lombard, IL 60148
  - Details: http://www.aspechicago.org/html/events.html

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**Chris Sbarbaro, PE, CPD, LEED AP BD+C, Corresponding Secretary**
chris@DRWindustrial.com
2014 ASPE Convention Volunteer Sign-up Form

American Society of Plumbing Engineers
2014 Convention & EPE
Chicago, Illinois
Friday, September 19, 2014 through Wednesday, September 24, 2014

For more information contact Frank Sanchez, CPD Host Committee Chairperson
fsanchez@grummanbultkus.com Ph: 847.328.9251

Name: __________________________  Work Number: ______________________
Address: __________________________  Home/Cell Number: ______________________
__________________________________  E-Mail: ______________________

Emergency Contact/Number: ________________________________

Would your spouse be interested in assisting? If so, please provide name.

- **Volunteer During the Convention** - I / We would like to volunteer during the convention as follows,
  (We will assign volunteers to three hour shifts. You don’t have to work every day. Check with an “X” all that apply)

  ___ Greeting and giving out information to attendees at the Hospitality Room or at the assigned Hotels.
  ___ Friday, September 19
  ___ Saturday, September 20
  ___ Sunday, September 21
  ___ Monday, September 22
  ___ Tuesday, September 23
  ___ Wednesday, September 24

- **Volunteer Before the Convention** - I / We would like to volunteer before the convention as follows,

  ___ Join the 2014 Convention Host Committee
  ___ Assemble Delegate Bags - Put giveaways items into bags- Friday, September 5th, 2014.

Thank you for your support to ASPE Chicago Chapter!
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