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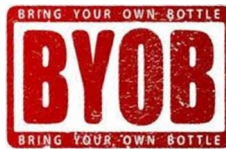
*The Chicago ASPE Chapter will once again be
hosting a virtual meeting this month!*

MAIN PRESENTATION BY:



VIRTUAL AGENDA

12:00pm Virtual Cocktail Hour Sponsored By:



12:00pm—1:00pm **Main Presentation:** *Booster Pumps / System 101* by Reece Robinson with Grundfos (0.1 CEUs Available!)

Registration/ Meeting Link:

Note: You MUST sign into the ASPE Education website first if you want to obtain CEU credit. This will also provide access to the zoom meeting:

<https://education.aspe.org/products/chicago-chapter-meeting-introduction-to-pressure-boosting-systems-oct-2020>

Please see VP Technical, Scott Jagodzinski's article further in this newsletter for additional information on the speaker and registering for our virtual meeting!!

VIRTUAL MENU



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2020-2021 Preliminary ASPE Chicago Meeting Schedule

Date	Technical Presentation & Manufacturer Spotlight	CEU	Location
Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Presentation Topic: Introduction to Vacuum Plumbing Speaker: Mike Stach EVAC North America	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at https://education.aspe.org/upcoming
Thursday, October 15, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Presentation Topic: Booster Pumps/Systems 101 Speaker: Reece Robinson Grundfos	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at https://education.aspe.org/upcoming
Thursday, November 19, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Presentation Topic: Engineered Infection Prevention Speaker: Carmen Gonzalez FRANKE Commercial	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at https://education.aspe.org/upcoming
Thursday, December 17, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Presentation Topic: Valves 101 Speaker: Jason Slott & Joe Wolff with Aalberts Integrated Piping Systems	N/A	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at https://education.aspe.org/upcoming
Thursday, January 21, 2021 Time: TBD	Presentation Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD	0.1	TBD
Thursday, February 18, 2021 Time: TBD	Presentation Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD	0.1	TBD
Thursday, March 18, 2021 Time: TBD	Presentation Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD	0.4	TBD
Thursday, April 15, 2021 Time: TBD	Presentation Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD	0.1	TBD
Thursday, May 20, 2021 Time: TBD	Presentation Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD	0.1	TBD
June 18, 2021	Annual Golf Outing	N/A	Hilldale Golf Club 1625 Ardwick Drive Hoffman Estates

If you would like to present any of these topics or become a meeting sponsor, please contact Scott Jagodzinski at aspe.chicago.vptech@gmail.com.

THE CHICAGO ASPE CHAPTER WOULD LIKE TO THANK THIS MONTH'S MAIN TECHNICAL PRESENTATION BY:



Title of presentation: Booster Pumps/System 101 by *Reece Robinson from Grundfos*



Reece Robinson is the Building Services Technical Content Manager for Grundfos, a pump manufacturer with its Americas regional headquarters in Brookshire, TX. Reece works out of the Grundfos training and support center in Lenexa, KS.

Reece has been with Grundfos since 1997 and has held positions in product engineering, product management, Technical training and has led the inside sales applications engineering team. He has been providing training, technical support and marketing support for variable speed pumps and packaged pump systems for the past 21 years.

Prior to Grundfos, he worked for a consulting engineering firm, providing energy analysis and HVAC system design. Mr. Robinson received a B.S. degree (Mechanical Engineering) from California State University – Fresno.

THANK YOU!!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The cooler fall weather is certainly sneaking into the Chicago-land area. I don't mind the cold as it means that snowboard season is right around the corner, (my heart goes out to those that despise winter – you probably need to relocate to a warmer climate!).

September Virtual Meeting Recap:

Thanks to everyone that attended our September virtual Chapter Meeting. I would like to thank Mike Stach of Evac North America for giving us a good presentation on Vacuum Plumbing Systems. Please review our VP Technical Section of this Newsletter for our upcoming October meeting topic.

Retirement might be in the air for some ASPE Members:

Congrats to our newest ASPE Chicago Retired member Ken Cutler! For those of you who don't know, Ken had assembled the very first Manufacturers Product Directory for the Chapter. We wish Ken a long and relaxing retirement. We hope to see him if/when this God forsaken pandemic gives room for in person meetings. Please be sure to reach out to our VP Membership Justin Wroblewski if you are interested in changing the status of your ASPE membership as you near retirement.

Former ASPE Chicago Member Francisco DeHoyos Inducted into the ASPE College of Fellows:

Long time ASPE Chicago member and previous chapter officer Jose Francisco DeHoyos has achieved the Society's highest honor: Induction into the Kenneth G. Wentink College of Fellows. Francisco moved down to Texas back in 2017. Congratulations Francisco!

ASPE Chicago Member Dave Viola Becoming IAPMO CEO:

ASPE Chicago's IAPMO Chief Operating Officer/Executive Vice President Dave Viola has been appointed to chief executive officer effective Jan. 1, 2021. Dave has more than 25 years of senior management experience within the plumbing and mechanical industry. He joined IAPMO in 2007, which is when he also joined the ASPE Chicago Chapter. Congratulations Dave!

2020 ASPE Digital Experience:

ASPE national ended up pulling the plug on the 2020 Convention, but they are currently planning a 2020 ASPE Digital Experience. An exciting and vibrant array of educational sessions will be part of the 2020 ASPE Digital Experience taking place December 1st-3rd 2020. This will of course be a good way to ensure you CPD's and CPDT's can get your ASPE approved CEU's, (joining our monthly meetings is of course an avenue for such CEU's as well!).

Chicago Plumbing Code Update:

Another draft of the upcoming Chicago Plumbing Code has been provided by the City to our ASPE Chicago VP Legislative for our review/comment. Past Chapter President/Current Chapter Historian Joe Ficek and I gave some input on the city's first draft to the Plumbing Code. **If anyone is interested in reviewing this draft to propose changes, please reach out to the board! This is your chance to bring change – Don't sit back and complain when you can make a difference, (I suppose this is when I should tell you to get out and vote this November as well).**

ASPE Chicago Chapter Looking for IL Professional Engineers willing to Contact the IL State Board to push for a Plumbing Specific Depth Module:

For those unaware, the *ASPE Professional Engineer Working Group* is trying to push for a Plumbing Specific depth exam module as developed by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and administered by the IL State Board of Professional Engineers. (note this is not a Plumbing specific PE, but still would fall under the Mechanical PE license). Currently, I would argue, that the 'Fluids and Thermodynamics' depth module is the closest thing to 'Plumbing' that we have, (as opposed to 'HVAC' and 'Machine Design' depth modules).

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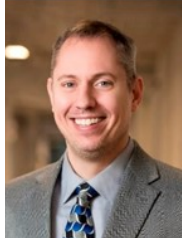


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED...

I will be sending in a letter to the Illinois State Board of Professional Engineers – I would ask that anyone else who is currently a PE or EIT in the state of IL that would like to assist in this effort to please reach out to me, (we have suggested verbiage to assist you in writing the letters).

Thank You,

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VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL: TECHNICALLY SPEAKING

Hello ASPE Chicago Chapter Members.

Well our first presentation of the season was a marvel. Mike Stach from EVAC gave us a good overview on the Introduction to Vacuum Plumbing Systems. It was informative and quite interesting. And with all that is going on in the plumbing world, this provides an opportunity to bring a new approach to your design which could potentially utilize smaller pipes and save costs in the process. A big thanks to Mike for his presentation.

We also had the ASPE Business meeting where your chapter delegates helped to elect the new Society Board of Directors. If you have not seen the email from Society take a look at the ASPE website and get to know the newest board. One of our own, Former Chicago Chapter President, Jason McDonald, was voted in as Society VP Membership, taking his stewardship of our local membership initiative to the national level. Best of luck to you Jason.

<https://www.aspe.org/blog/chapter-delegates-elect-the-2020-2022-aspe-board-of-directors/>

For our next meeting:

Title of presentation: *Booster Pumps/System 101 by Reece Robinson from Grundfos*

- Our meeting time will occur at **12:00 PM, Thursday October 15**. I have the duration of the meeting set for 75 minutes to allow for the presentation, our chapter items for the month, should there be any, as well as allowing any additional questions following.
- You will still need to register to access the meeting. And CEU's will be provided for anyone who desires, and this will automatically show up on your account.
- If you are an active ASPE member please register for the meeting by going to <https://education.aspe.org/upcoming> and under the Chicago Chapter select the link. You will need to sign into the ASPE Education website first.
- If you are having trouble logging in to the meeting or if you are not a current member of ASPE, please use the link below. You will need to create an account, so this must be done at least 3 days in advance of the meeting, to ensure you are able to get your account set up and we can assist if there are any issues. <https://education.aspe.org/moreinfo>
- All attendees are required to complete a program evaluation in order to receive your CEU. If you do not fill out the evaluation you will not be credited, and I will not be able to help you.
- The meeting will not be recorded so please be present and on time.
- You can test your computer, or phone, beforehand to check if your device is compatible with Zoom software following this link. Please note that you will have to download software/app for best results. <https://zoom.us/test>

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VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL: TECHNICALLY SPEAKING, CONTINUED...

- When you enter the meeting, you will be automatically muted. A Q & A box will be available to type any questions you have, and I will moderate to pass questions along to the speaker. But new to this season the ZOOM Webinar we were using is changing to ZOOM Meeting format. Each member will actually be allowed to unmute and speak for themselves rather than being required to type out their questions, but I do hope that people attending will take care to not remain unmuted. You may continue to type questions if you feel more comfortable and I will relay to speaker on your behalf.
- You can log into the meeting as early as 15 minutes in advance.
- Primary login is now required to go through the ASPE Education links above to bypass all the zoom login requirements as there will no longer be a Zoom ID option available to limit outsiders from accessing the meetings.

I wanted to ask our members a few questions. Please feel free to send your responses to my email below.

- Did you attend any of our virtual meetings; if so, how did you think it/they went?
- Was lunch hour a good time frame to have it?
- If you did not attend but wanted too, what prevented you from being able to join?
- What time would work best for you?
- Has anyone attended any other chapter's virtual meetings? In case you didn't know, all meetings set up through Society are available for any ASPE member to attend. You just log into your ASPE Education account at this website here: <https://education.aspe.org/upcoming> and you can see all the upcoming webinars. It is a good opportunity to earn CEUs but also good to see what other chapters are providing members around the country.

It is never too early to think about the remaining 2021 portion of the season or into the following season. If you have an idea for a technical presentation you want to see, or you have a great technical session you want to present, please reach out to me and we can look to get you or your topic on the list for an upcoming presentation. Slots do fill up quickly. We are still also looking to lock in Manufacturer Spotlights and Cocktail Hour sponsors as well just in case we can move out into the real world again.

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VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE

Greetings Chicago Chapter Members!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health! I'm not ready for the cold weather that is starting to make itself known to the area.

First off, congrats to our own Jason McDonald and his election to the ASPE Society Board of Directors as Vice President, Membership at the first Virtual ASPE Business Meeting held this past month. Jason's dedication and enthusiasm for ASPE cannot be surpassed, and we are lucky to have him as part of our crew!

City of Chicago Updates

Chicago Plumbing Code:

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, the effort to adopt the International Plumbing Code has been delayed until sometime in 2021 when the City of Chicago Building Department intends on convening a group of stakeholders. In the interim, the Building Department is recommending amendments to the current Chicago Plumbing Code as an effort to coordinate with the 2019 Chicago Building Code (Title 14B) and stimulate the local economy. Unfortunately the earliest the amendments will be put in front of the City Council is in November after months of drafts and discussions. The ASPE Society Legislative Committee and Chicago Chapter have both contributed to the amendment draft process and continue to offer support as needed.

Below, please find a list of **proposed** interim amendments provided by the Chicago Department of Buildings (DOB):

1. Align requirements for minimum number of plumbing fixtures with the International Building Code.

Formulas for determining the minimum number of plumbing fixtures required for different types of buildings and businesses will be updated based on the same model code used to update the Chicago Building Code in 2019, reducing confusion and the need for variances.

2. Recognize additional materials and methods for drain pipes based on cost and performance data from 2-year pilot program.

Several types of plastic drain pipe materials will be allowed for use underground and in buildings up to five stories above grade. For larger buildings, with enhanced fire-safety requirements, several additional methods of joining metal drain pipe will be recognized. These changes are expected to provide significant cost savings and equivalent performance based on data obtained from the pilot program run by the DOB since late 2017. You can find more information about the program here https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/bldgs/supp_info/Alt-code-approval.html

3. Align requirements for protecting sewer system from grease with national standards.

Requirements for pre-treatment of grease-laden waste from commercial food service establishments will be updated to reflect the latest technical standards, allowing businesses to comply by using off-the-shelf products. Requirements for the use of catch basins in multi-family residential buildings, which are not based on current science, will be eliminated.

4. Adopt provisions for optional all-gender restrooms.

Single-user toilet room signage requirements will be updated based on recent changes in Illinois law and optional provisions for all gender restrooms with private toilet stalls and shared sinks, based on best practices recently adopted in Denver and Vancouver, will be incorporated.

5. Recognize additional methods for venting based on model plumbing codes.

Designers and builders will be given additional options for configuring plumbing waste and vent systems, which have been shown in a national study to provide significant savings for residential construction and renovation work.

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VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE, CONTINUED...

6. Clarify requirements for water-conserving plumbing fixtures.

Inconsistent water usage requirements for different types of plumbing fixtures will be clarified based on federal regulations and previous legislation that requires new plumbing fixtures to be certified under the EPA's Water Sense program, where applicable.

7. Strengthen and clarify requirements to protect drinking water.

Chicago's commitment to enforcing lead-free standards in new plumbing will be restated in clearer language while methods allowed for joining copper pipe and connecting faucets and appliances to the building plumbing with short lengths of flexible hose will be clarified.

8. Update standards for plumbing fixtures, consistent with latest national standards.

Minimum standards for plumbing fixtures such as faucets, toilets, and showers will be updated to reflect the latest national product safety and performance standards, so that newer products are fully recognized without confusion or the need for variances.

9. Align Requirements for Public Swimming Pools with 2014 Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Regulations.

Provisions that are inconsistent with state swimming pool regulations adopted in 2014 will be eliminated. Provisions for private residential pools (not regulated by the state) will have inconsistent provisions removed.

10. Streamline administration of trade licenses.

DOB will be given full responsibility for licensing and disciplining both plumbing contractors and drainlayers. Plumbing contractors will be authorized to perform drain repair without a separate license.

Please continue to be part of the development of the future Chicago Plumbing Code! **WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!** Please continue to submit the Top 5 items you like and dislike about the current code, along with your reasoning. All lists should be submitted to DOBCommissioner@cityofchicago.org

Chicago Building Code:

As of August 1, 2020, the Chicago Building Code (Title 14B) became mandatory. All the current and interim codes can be found here https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/bldgs/provdrs/bldg_code/svcs/chicago_buildingcodeonline.html

Lead Service Pipe Replacement Program:

Last month, Mayor Lightfoot announced a plan to replace the approximately 380,000 lead pipe water services within the City of Chicago to begin in 2021 pending ordinance approval from the City Council in November. Participation in the plan is voluntary and there are a couple forms of financial assistance available to the homeowner. Unfortunately, there does not appear to be any financial assistance if the service replacement is part of a home renovation project. For more information on the program, please go here <https://www.leadsafechicago.org/lead-service-line-replacement>

Interesting Local Code Requirements

Have you ever come across an interesting, obscure, or odd local code requirement on a project? The types of requirements that seem to rear their heads at the worst possible time, resulting in an embarrassing and costly resolutions. To try to assist our members, we are looking to add a section to the "Members Only" portion of Chicago.ASPE.org that would list unusual requirements for a particular location. If you are aware of an odd requirement in Aurora, IL, Wisconsin, or Philadelphia, please shoot me an email so we can start compiling a list.

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VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE, CONTINUED...

Coincidentally, not long after the board discussed this possible member benefit, I came across unusual requirements in Aurora, IL that are not found in their Illinois Plumbing Code Amendments. Instead, the requirements are found in their amendments to the 2015 International Building Code as follows:

2801.1.1 Natural Gas services for New R-2 apartment buildings:

Shall be served with an independently metered service per dwelling unit.

2901.1.2 Domestic water services for New R-2 apartment buildings:

Shall be served with an independently and privately metered service per dwelling unit.

Per a conversation with the City of Aurora, the gas meters are required to be utility meters, but the domestic water meters are required to be sub-meters with a single city meter serving the multi-family building.

Always read through all the local amendments to be sure you do not miss anything. It is also good practice to call the local authority early on to discuss a project and try to find out if there are any code requirements you should be aware of. Do not forget to check out the Illinois Code Official Directory located in the "Members Only" section of the Chicago.ASPE.org

Please reach out to me if you have any code questions, code updates, ideas for topics of discussion, or you are looking for any interpretations and I will try and include pertinent information in future newsletters.

Stay safe & healthy!

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VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP / PRODUCT SHOW CHAIRMAN

Greeting Members,

All of the Line cards have been updated on the Chicago ASPE website that have been provided to me. If you would like to have your line card updated please send them to me and I will get them updated.

The MS Outlook database for vendor contacts is now live and available for you to download via the website. If you are a vendor and wish to be added to the site please send me your .VCF cards. Instructions have been emailed to you. This will allow engineers to search for a piece of equipment in their outlook search bar and direct them to what manufacturer sells this equipment and the contact information of the representative of that company.

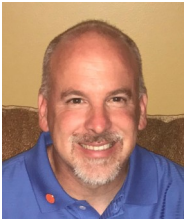
Note: If you did not receive or cannot find instructions on how to fill out the VCF cards, please reach out to me and I will send this information to you.

Stay Healthy,

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VICE PRESIDENT, AFFILIATE

Hello All ASPE Members

Fall is here and change is in the Air. If your kids were playing baseball, their seasons should be ending as well as both our Chicago teams making quick exits from the playoffs. Halloween is around the corner, Halloween displays are going up all over the place and the temperatures are getting cooler, we have even woken up to some frost.

Unfortunately the one change we have all been hoping for has no end in sight. We all can't wait to have in person meetings, lunch and learns, person to person interaction. We would love to be planning the next in person meeting or event.

Your board is ready to kick things into high gear once things are safer out there, until then we will keep working hard to come up with productive virtual meetings and relay information to you the best ways possible.

With Booster night not happening this year, I don't have much new to report at this time. We do have a couple things in the works so look for more information coming soon!

Stay Safe!

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Greeting Members.

If you missed the ASPE National e-mail on the recently elected national board members please see the below: congratulations to all and a special high five to Jason McDonald for VP Membership.

- President: Carol Johnson, CPD, LEED AP, CFI, FASPE
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- Region 3 Director: Curtis A. Ray Jr., CPD, FASPE
- Region 4 Director: Duane D. Lease, PE
- Region 5 Director: Bryan Hutton, CPD, MBA

Additional special recognition to our own past Chicago Chapter board member: Jose Francisco DeHoyos, CPD, FASPE, who received the 2020 Class of ASPE Fellows.

The ASPE Digital Experience will be on December 1-3, to get notified when registration opens click here: https://taffyevents.formstack.com/forms/notify_me_aspe20_digital_experience

Thank you for reading and I hope you and your family members stay safe and healthy.

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If there is any opportunity or desire to see others around the industry for a change of pace, please reach out!: PhilT@HSAREP.com

As for our industry partners, please take a look for the other events going on below. If there are any other organizations that you would like to stay current on, please send me an email and they will be added to the list for our next newsletter.

American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE)
(http://www.asse-plumbing.org/chapters/region04_il.html)

No Events in Chicago-Land Area
No Online Trainings posted

Illinois Chapter of ASHRAE
(<http://www.illinoisashrae.org/>)

Chapter Meeting

Illinois Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors (ILPHCC)
(www.ilphcc.com)

Virtual Product Show – Going on Now
Instruction: [HERE](#)

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
(<https://www.nfpa.org/Training-and-Events/Resources/Events-calendar>)

No Events in Chicago-Land Area

Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE)
(<http://www.chicagosfpe.org/>)

No Events in Chicago-Land Area

Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA)
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National Rural Water Association (NRWA)
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Water Environment Federation (WEF) Illinois Chapter
(<http://www.iweasite.org/>)

Collections Systems Seminar

Date: Nov/4/2020

Time: 8 AM – 2 PM

Location: Gone Virtual this Year
Details [LINK](#)

Illinois Fire Prevention Association (IFPA)
(www.ifpanet.org)

No Events in Chicago-Land Area

Healthcare Engineers Society of Northern Illinois (HESNI)
(<http://hesni.org/index.php>)

Helpful Article- Re-opening facilities
[HERE](#)

USGBC - Illinois Chapter (LEED)
(<https://illinoisgreenalliance.org/news-and-events/calendar/>)

No Events in Chicago-Land Area

PCA (Plumbing Contractors Association of Chicago and Cook County)
(<https://plumbingcouncil.org/pca>)

If there are any other organizations that you would like to stay current on, please send me an email and they will be added to the list for our next newsletter.

Enjoy the trick-or-treating!

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