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*Save the date for our next Chicago ASPE Chapter event:*

## ***Stephen Triphahn Memorial ASPE Chicago Golf Outing***

***When: Friday, September 10th  
Where: Hilldale Country Club 1625 Ardwick Drive  
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***Stay tuned for more details this summer!***





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## 2020-2021 ASPE Chicago Meeting Schedule

Date	Technical Presentation & Manufacturer Spotlight	CEU	Location
Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>Presentation Topic: Introduction to Vacuum Plumbing</b> <b>Speaker: Mike Stach EVAC North America</b>	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at <a href="https://education.aspe.org/upcoming">https://education.aspe.org/upcoming</a>
Thursday, October 15, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>Presentation Topic: Booster Pumps/Systems 101</b> <b>Speaker: Reece Robinson Grundfos</b>	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at <a href="https://education.aspe.org/upcoming">https://education.aspe.org/upcoming</a>
Thursday, November 19, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>Presentation Topic: Engineered Infection Prevention</b> <b>Speaker: Carmen Gonzalez FRANKE Commercial</b>	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at <a href="https://education.aspe.org/upcoming">https://education.aspe.org/upcoming</a>
Thursday, December 17, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>Presentation Topic: Valves 101</b> <b>Speaker: Jason Slott &amp; Joe Wolff with Aalberts Integrated Piping Systems</b>	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at <a href="https://education.aspe.org/upcoming">https://education.aspe.org/upcoming</a>
Thursday, January 21, 2021 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>Presentation Topic: Corrosive Waste Drainage Systems and Plenum Considerations</b> <b>Speaker: Averie Palovcak from Arkema</b>	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at <a href="https://education.aspe.org/upcoming">https://education.aspe.org/upcoming</a>
Thursday, February 18, 2021 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>Presentation Topic: Medical Gas Design: Choosing the Technology</b> <b>Speaker: Josh Pedraja with Pattons Medical</b>	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at <a href="https://education.aspe.org/upcoming">https://education.aspe.org/upcoming</a>
Thursday, March 18, 2021 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>Presentation Topic: Introduction to NFPA 99: The Healthcare Code</b> <b>Speaker: Jim Lucas with Tri-Tech Medical &amp; NFPA 99 Technical Committee</b>	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register <a href="#">Here</a>
Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>Presentation Topic: Rethink Water Heating</b> <b>Speaker: Chris Anderson with Eemax</b>	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at <a href="https://education.aspe.org/upcoming">https://education.aspe.org/upcoming</a>
Thursday, May 20, 2021 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>Presentation Topic: Guidelines for Best Practices for Water Quality Post COVID-19</b> <b>Speaker: Scott Alford &amp; Jana Summey with Watts</b>	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register <a href="https://education.aspe.org/upcoming">https://education.aspe.org/upcoming</a>
September 10, 2021	<b>Stephen Triphahn Memorial ASPE Chicago Golf Outing</b>	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](mailto:aspe.chicago.vptech@gmail.com).



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I want to thank all the board members who assisted me during my Presidential term. Your hard work and dedication have helped us keep our chapter moving in the right direction. I hope that I have served our Chapter members well during my years as an officer. Please note that the chapter is always looking for feedback on how we can serve you better – please consider reaching out with any ideas you might have.

### **May Virtual Meeting Recap:**

Thanks to everyone who attended our May Chapter meeting which included our Chapter Elections. We were unable to stick with our slated presentation to review the upcoming changes to the Chicago Plumbing Code with Grant Ullrich, who was forced to prepare for a meeting related to the very topic we wanted to discuss – see our VP Legislative section of this newsletter for the details. The chapter is hoping to reschedule Grant to present on this topic soon.

### **May Chapter Board Election Results:**

A HUGE THANKS to all the candidates who threw their hats in the ring, elected or not. It is volunteers like you that help this chapter grow.

### **Here is a list of your ASPE Chicago 2021-2023 Officers:**

- President: Scott Jagodzinski
- Vice-President, Technical: Chris Rohan
- Vice-President, Legislative: Chris Winnie
- Vice-President, Membership: Justin Wroblewski
- Vice-President, Affiliate: Darren Rich
- Treasurer: Jason Romano
- Administrative Secretary: Phil Traynor
- Corresponding Secretary: Eric Cottrell

### **Appointed positions:**

- ASPE Young Professional Liaison: Rob Thomm
- Chapter Ambassador: Justin Wroblewski
- Product Show Chair: **Position Available!**
- Women of ASPE Liaison: Natalia Dankanich
- Newsletter Editor: Jeff Gallagher
- Chapter Website Manager: Jeff Gallagher
- Chapter Education Chair: Mark Mannarelli
- Chapter Historian: Joe Ficek

### **Stephen Triphahn Memorial ASPE Chicago Golf Outing**

Mark your calendars - Our next in-person chapter event will be our Golf Outing! **The Stephen Triphahn Memorial ASPE Chicago Golf Outing will indeed be held at Hilldale Country Club on Friday September 10<sup>th</sup>.** Our Golf Outing Committee is starting to get things aligned for the outing. The Chapter has purchased a memorial bench that will be installed at the Hilldale Country Club to honor past Chapter President and longtime Golf Outing Chairman Stephen Triphahn.

### **ASPE Chicago Affiliate Members Named Plumbing & Mechanical Magazine's Rep of the Year**

Congratulations to Hart, Travers & Associates for being named PM's Rep of the Year! More info can be found here: [https://digitaledition.pmmag.com/june-2021/?oly\\_enc\\_id=4336E1831612B7X](https://digitaledition.pmmag.com/june-2021/?oly_enc_id=4336E1831612B7X)

### **2021 ASPE Tech Symposium @ San Diego**

The 2021 ASPE Technical Symposium will be held in San Diego September 22-26, latest event details found here: <https://www.aspe.org/2021-tech-symposium/>

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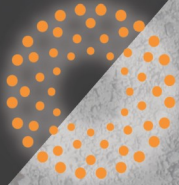
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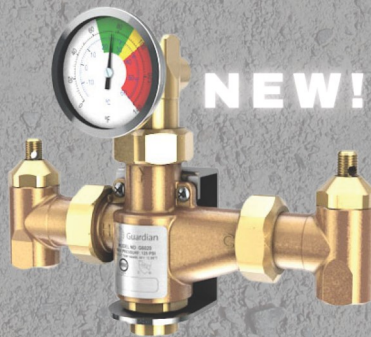
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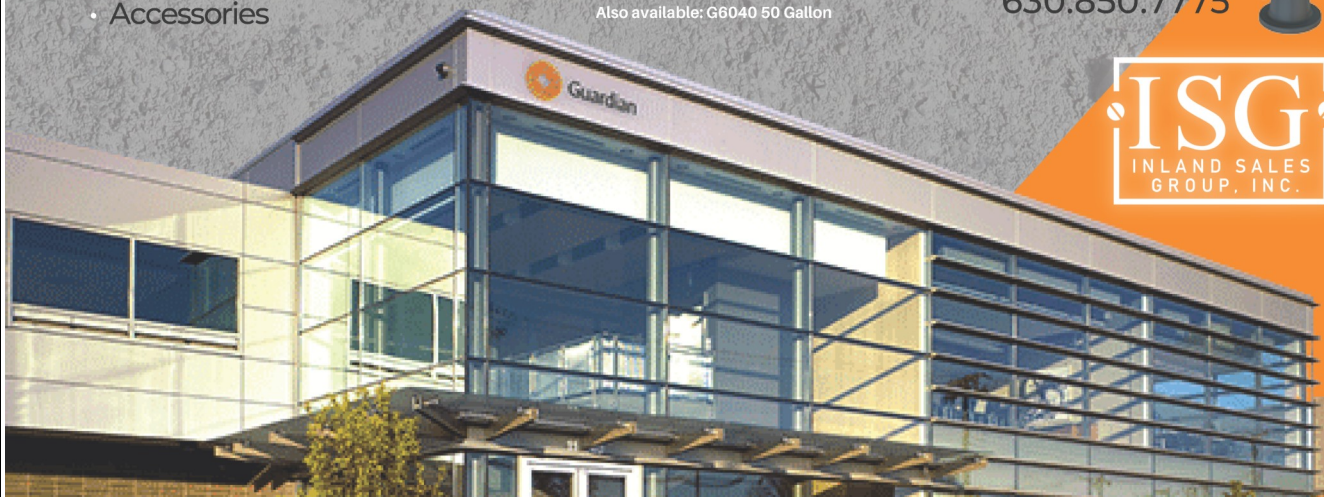
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED...**

### **One Free Trip for Current Chapter Member to the upcoming ASPE Technical Symposium:**

The chapter will be providing one all-expenses paid trip to the upcoming ASPE Technical Symposium in beautiful San Diego, CA. Eligible candidates must be current ASPE Chicago Members who submits a letter explaining why we should provide them with the free trip. This is your chance to spend a little bit of time explaining why we should select you for this free trip! ASPE national event's are extremely eventful, fun, good for networking and of course raking in ASPE CEU's for those who are licensed or have their CPD/CPDT. Please send your letters over to our incoming president Scott Jagodzinski at [aspe.chicago.president@gmail.com](mailto:aspe.chicago.president@gmail.com). Please note the deadline for submissions is June 30th.

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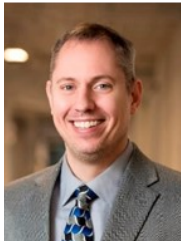
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### **VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL: TECHNICALLY SPEAKING**

Hello ASPE Chicago Chapter Members.

What a year! My last newsletter article as VP Technical. I had some great hits and a couple of misses with the presentations these past two years. I want to see what I can do to keep our chapter moving in the right direction for the next two years as President.

I want to thank everyone who made our May meeting and voted for the new board members. Unfortunately, our original speaker, Grant Ulrich from the City of Chicago, who was going to discuss the upcoming Chicago Plumbing Code, could not make the meeting as he had to prepare and present on this very topic at a City of Chicago Committee meeting. Grant did pass along his regret in not being able to present and has offered to present at a future meeting on the upcoming Chicago Plumbing Code. Chris Rohan, our VP Technical Elect will work with Grant to get him booked for next season. Who knows, there may even be further developments on when the new code will be released by the time next season rolls along.

Society was helpful in transitioning us to a pre-recorded presentation on a very timely topic "Guidelines for Best Practices for Water Quality Post COVID-19". Since this was a pre-recorded webinar, all active members can view it for free on the ASPE Education website. There are a number of free webinars available and it's a great and convenient way to earn CEUs.

Our Chapter Elections went over well with the assistance of Billy Smith from ASPE Society who created and ran the polling. I am looking forward to working for you as the President of the Chicago Chapter and our 2021-2023 Board of Directors are all here to assist the chapter in whatever capacity we can. I am pleased that we had so many chapter members who logged in to vote. We had a great turnout. Go Chicago!

Congratulations to the newly elected 2021-2023 Chapter Officers (whose term starts on July 1st):

- President - Scott Jagodzinski
- VP Technical - Chris Rohan
- VP Legislative - Chris Winnie
- VP Membership – Justin Wroblewski
- VP Affiliate - Darren Rich
- Treasurer – Jason Romano
- Admin Secretary - Phil Traynor
- Corresponding Secretary – Eric Cottrell

As your incoming Chicago chapter president I am excited to be able to see everyone again as we get back to in-person meetings this fall! Our very first in-person gathering will be held at the **Stephen Triphahn Memorial ASPE Chicago Golf Outing** on September 10th. More details on the golf outing to follow this summer. Our very first in-person meeting will be held on September 16th. I look forward to seeing people in-person again, and I hope everyone will join us when we do!

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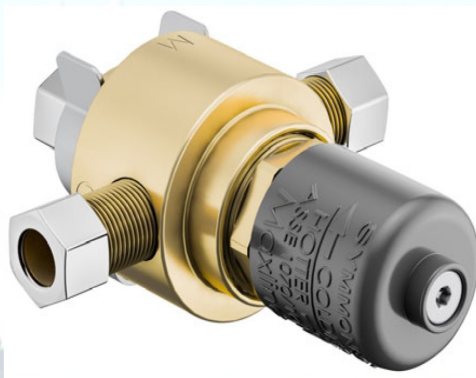
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## **VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL: TECHNICALLY SPEAKING, CONTINUED...**

As we transition to a new board and in-person meetings, we are also looking to start booking technical presentations, Manufacturer Spotlights, and Cocktail Hour Sponsors for the next ASPE Chicago Chapter season 2021/2022! If you have ideas for a technical presentation, would like to present on your product, or be a cocktail hour sponsor please reach out to Chris Rohan, your next VP Technical, and we will get you signed up. Slots do fill up quickly so act fast!

### **2021 ASPE Technical Symposium in San Diego!**

Mark your calendars - the 2021 ASPE Technical Symposium will be held in San Diego on September 22-26, latest event details found here: <https://www.aspe.org/2021-tech-symposium/>

### **ASPE Presidents' Meeting**

At the time this newsletter is published, Chris Rohan and I will have attended the latest Presidents meeting, taking place virtually on June 5<sup>th</sup>. This year it will be a global meeting hosting all of the chapters representatives, in lieu of the traditional Regional meetings. We will use what information we glean from this meeting to identify what we can do to better the chapter and find out where we missed out.

One last item to discuss. As incoming President I would like to see the Chicago Chapter have a better social media presence. We are looking for a volunteer from the chapter to take on a newly created position as **Technical Director of Social Media** to help us develop and transition into various social media outlets. If any of our chapter members feel they have a social media marketing guru hiding within them I would appreciate any assistance you can offer. Please reach out to me directly if you are interested in taking on this role.

Thanks!

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## **VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE**



Greetings Chicago Chapter Members!

Summer has officially arrived! Hopefully you have some plans to get out and enjoy the warm weather months.

Congratulations to the recently elected members of the ASPE Chicago Chapter Board, especially all the new faces! I am looking forward to my new role as VP Technical and being able to hold in-person meetings once again. Thank you to our outgoing President Chris Sbarbaro for all his hard work and dedication during these interesting times. I would also like to thank both David Erickson and Brennan Doherty for their great service to our Chapter as they leave their current roles. David's presence at our meetings will be sorely missed and I wish him the best of luck as he moves out of the Chicago area.

### **City of Chicago Updates**

As many of you are probably aware, there was some recent excitement as it relates to amending permitted DWV materials in Tables 18-29-702.1 and 702.2 of the Chicago Municipal Code. Our scheduled May Meeting presenter, Grant Ullrich, the Deputy Building Commissioner of the



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City of Chicago, was called to present on the Alternative Materials Pilot Program in a subject matter meeting called by the Committee on Zoning, Landmarks, and Building Standards on May 20, 2021. I would like to thank our very own, Julius Ballanco, for stepping in on our behalf to assist Grant with the Building Department's presentation to the committee, as I had a previously scheduled conflict. I would also like to thank ASPE's Director of Technical & Regulatory Affairs, Ramiro Mata, ASPE VP Legislative Brianne Hall, the ASPE Legislative Committee, and all fellow ASPE members who provided public comments to the Committee. Your involvement in this process is very important in helping determine the ultimate outcome. Stay involved!

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## **VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE, CONTINUED...**

The meeting began with a public comment period where 5 individuals spoke, all in support of amending the code to permit the use any State of Illinois Approved DWV materials. It should be noted that the conversation in the meeting revolved almost entirely around the use of PVC with very little to no discussion regarding other alternative materials. The public comment period was followed by a presentation by the Building Department speaking to the history, successes and popularity of the Pilot Program. Some of the key points of the presentation were as follows:

- The intention of the pilot program when started in July of 2017 was to gather data on cost savings and technical issues associated with the use of alternative materials allowed by the State of Illinois. Additionally, they were looking to remove barriers that were preventing equitable neighborhood development.
- The City of Chicago is the last city to mandate the use of Lead & Oakum joints on above ground cast iron piping.
- The cost of permitted building activity is substantially higher than in lower income areas of Chicago.
- Over 2,500 projects have been approved as part of the pilot program, saving homeowners 34.6 million. Residential projects saw an average cost savings of 43% versus 36% for non-residential projects.
- Underinvested areas of Chicago, particularly on the south side, saw the highest percentage of total cost savings, over 50% in many locations.

As part of this hearing, Local 130 was permitted to present and was represented by Jones Richmond and Local 130 President, Jim Majerowicz. Jim is a longtime Chicago ASPE member and valuable asset to our Chapter, with great insight into the Chicago Plumbing Code, both historical and present. Jim spoke to the safety concerns of using PVC in commercial or mixed use properties due to the smoke developed ratings and toxic fumes. The argument against permitting the use of PVC only seemed to apply to commercial or mixed use buildings, not buildings that are exclusively residential.

Following presentations from both sides of the argument, testimony was provided from participants involved with projects that were direct beneficiaries of the Pilot Program. These projects included the Armour Institute of Technology Building, A Safe Haven (100k savings), The Pullman Artspace Lofts (50k savings), and Friend Family Health Center (potential 130k savings). These projects showed there are significant opportunities for both residential and non-residential projects to save money if permitted to use alternative materials.

Following the testimonials on success projects, Julius presented on the past and present of PVC within the model codes as well as the process engineers go through when choosing materials, including looking at combustibility and providing protection when necessary. In a very effective slide, Julius pointed out that out of the Top 20 markets in the US based on city population, all but four cities have no limitations on the use of PVC, Chicago being one of the four. The restrictions in other cities are as follows:

- New York City – Above Ground Residential 5 stories or less
- Philadelphia – Above Ground Residential except high rise
- San Francisco – Above Ground Residential 2 stories or less
- Chicago – Exclusively Residential Buildings 3 stories or less

In closing, the committee was able to ask questions, which mostly revolved around fire safety concerns. Building Commissioner Matt Beudet indicated that they work closely with John Javorka and the Chicago Fire Department and reiterated that they see PVC as an optional material and the same fire safety arguments are had with wood and masonry construction, but they allow wood construction as there are fire protections that can and are put in place. Based on how the meeting went, it should be expected that an ordinance to amend the code will be introduced in the near future.

Are you wondering why there was is much focus on PVC in lieu of other alternative materials permitted by the State of Illinois? Per Grant, out of around 3,000 applications they have received, only one applicant applied to use no-hub cast iron within the context of the pilot program. This does not mean no-hub will not be included as part of amended code verbiage for DWV materials, only that PVC was overwhelmingly the material of choice within the context of the pilot program.

If you would like to view the Committee Meeting discussed above, the archive video footage is available here <https://vimeo.com/user100351763/review/552931567/a2a0187dda?sort=lastUserActionEventDate&direction=desc>

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## **VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE, CONTINUED...**

**Alternate Plumbing Materials Pilot Program:** Since there has not been a vote on amending the permitted DWV materials, the Alternative Materials Pilot Program has been extended once again to September 1, 2021. This program was previously scheduled to expire on June 1, 2021.

The next scheduled meeting for the Zoning, Landmarks, and Building Standards Committee is June 22, 2021 and the agenda has not yet been posted. If you would like to review a draft copy of the proposed amendments, please reach out to me [ASPE.Chicago.VPL@gmail.com](mailto:ASPE.Chicago.VPL@gmail.com).

To stay up to date on the happenings of the City Council and Committees, you can find the regularly updated calendar here <https://chicago.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

### **International Code Council – 2024 Codes**

In April, the ICC held their virtual Committee Action Hearings. When I had an opportunity to follow the proceedings, although fascinated and amused by some of the discussion, I was shocked at how slowly the process seemed to move along and cannot even imagine having to sit in those hearings for such an extended period. I believe on one day, the hearings lasted 12 hours.



I have not had an opportunity to review in depth all the proposed changes and how the committee voted and have yet to find any proposal of significance that has passed out of committee. The lengthy 362 page "Report of the Committee Action Hearing" with the voting results can be found here <https://cdn-web.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/GROUP-A-2021-REPORT-OF-THE-COMMITTEE-ACTION-HEARING.pdf>. Unfortunately, the previous document does not show the actual code change proposal, only voting results and any modifications made to the proposed change. The original code change proposals to the International Plumbing Code can be found here <https://cdn-web.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/IPC-2021-Group-A.pdf>

The next step after the CAH is Public Comment Submission and Hearings. The deadline for Public Comments via cdpACCESS online, is July 2, 2021. The Public Comment Hearings are scheduled to take place September 22-29, 2021. In order to submit Public Comments on the Group A Proposed Changes, you must access through [cdpACCESS.com](https://cdpACCESS.com) and open a free account if you do not already have one.

### **State of Illinois Updates**

I have heard rumors of things starting to ramp back up, however, there are no scheduled Plumbing Code Advisory Council (PCAC) meetings as of this writing. If that changes, we will let you know.

To keep up on scheduled IDPH Events, the regularly updated calendar can be found here <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/events>

It has been a pleasure serving you as your VP Legislative these last couple of years. I have no doubt that Chris Winnie is going to do an outstanding job as your new VPL as Chicago moves slowly towards a new era. I look forward to serving as your new VP Technical and hope to adequately fill the shoes left behind by Scott as he moves up to President. As always, if you have any ideas for future meeting locations, topics, or interest in a manufacturer spotlight or being a cocktail sponsor, please reach out to [ASPE.Chicago.VPTech@gmail.com](mailto:ASPE.Chicago.VPTech@gmail.com)

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 or my successor will try and include pertinent information in future newsletters.

Stay safe and healthy!

**Chris Rohan, CPD**

Chicago Chapter Vice President, Legislative  
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## **VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP / AMBASSADOR**

Greetings Members,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members for the month of May!!:

- Patrick Boyle
- Cameron Small LEED AP
- Rob Olden
- Lauren Fast

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE READ THIS IF YOU WANT ENGINEERS TO BE ABLE TO FIND YOU AND YOUR PRODUCTS QUICKLY AND EASILY!!!!\*\*\*\*\***

ASPE Chicago has been gathering up VCF contact cards for their engineers to use. This file is generated from (and usable in) Microsoft Outlook. The intent is for our **ASPE Chicago Engineer members to have quick access to search for ASPE Affiliate members AND THE PRODUCTS/MANUFACTURERS THEY REPRESENT**. This is located on the members only portion of the website.

**Please see the attached instructions on what our Chapter is looking for.** If you would like to have your contact information included for our members please try and create a VCF file and send it to me.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Outlook contact card for Justin Wroblewski. The contact information is as follows:

- Full Name:** Justin Wroblewski
- Company:** AMS Mechanical
- Job title:** Certified Plumbing Design Technician and Coordinator
- File as:** Wroblewski, Justin
- E-mail:** jwroblewski@AMS-PMT.COM
- Display as:** Justin Wroblewski (jwroblewski@AMS-PMT.COM)
- Web page address:**
- IM address:**
- Phone numbers:**
  - Business:** (331) 903-3469
  - Home:**
  - Business Fax:**
  - Mobile:** (630) 465-2992
- Addresses:**
  - Business:** 9341 Adam Don Pkwy, Woodridge, IL 60517

Red annotations with arrows point to specific fields:

- Suggest including a photo** points to the photo field.
- Please populate the notes section of your MS Outlook contact to include the following:** points to the Notes field.
- Add all the contact info you like. Maybe include a link to your companies line card if posted online?** points to the E-mail field.
- The varies products your company carries. Please utilize the list provided and delete what is not applicable** points to the Products list.
- If you carry multiple manufacturers, please add them to the notes section** points to the Notes field.

The **Notes** section contains the following text:

Example:  
Manufactures Rep  
Product Lines:  
  
Products:  
Accessories  
Actuators  
Air Valves & Systems  
Automatic Valves  
Carriers  
Compressors  
Computer Software & Cad Systems  
Control, Automatic & Flush Valves  
Design Consulting  
Disaster Preparedness/Prevention/Recovery  
Drains/Drain Systems  
Drinking Fountains/Water  
Coolers  
Faucets  
Faucets - Sensor Operated  
Fire Protection Equipment  
Fire Pumps, Engines, Controllers, Accessories  
Fixtures - Stainless Steel  
Fixtures - Tubs/Toilets/Basins  
Grease Oil & Solids Interceptors  
Hvac  
Industry Association  
Media/Association  
Pipe Couplings, Fittings & Systems  
Piped Gas Systems

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## **VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP / AMBASSADOR, CONTINUED...**

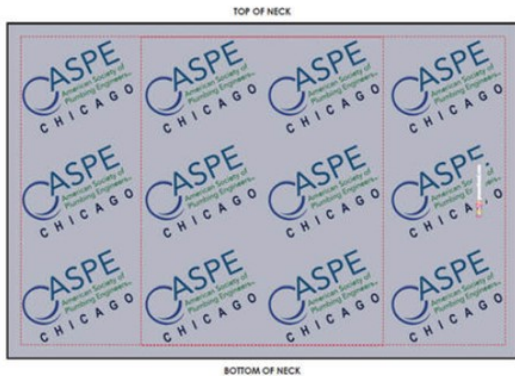
### **\*\*ASPE CHICAGO IS PROVIDING ITS MEMBERSHIP WITH NECK GAITERS\*\***

If you would like an ASPE Gaiter please go to the ASPE Chicago website and log into the members only sections. Please fill out the form and I will send you a neck gaiter to the address provided. These are Limit one per member. If you do not have the ASPE Members only section password and your membership is in good standing please reach out to me and I will provide the password to you.

<https://chicago.aspe.org/chicago-aspe-gaiter.html>

### **CHICAGO ASPE GAITER ORDER FORM**

Graphical representation of the finished product:



**Construction:**

6.6 oz. 92% micro polyester/8% spandex knit/antimicrobial finish

**Product Size:**

9"W x 11-1/2"H | One size fits most.

**Description:**

Our reusable Premium Antimicrobial Neck Gaiters have an antimicrobial finish that helps prevent odors, stains and bacterial buildup. The blended fabric with moisture wicking qualities makes these neck gaiters incredibly stretchy and comfortable for sports and other activities. The thicker material makes these neck gaiters great for cooler weather and colder work environments. This gaiter is for general use only.

**Features:**

- Antimicrobial finish
- Polyester and spandex knit for tight, yet stretchy fit
- Superior moisture-wicking system
- UV protection, rated UPF50
- Popular for athletic apparel
- Full-color logo on entire neck gaiter
- Produced in our manufacturing facility in Ohio
- Machine washable
- Retains cool and cold water temperature for long periods
- Cooling neck wrap

The use of laundry softeners is not recommended when washing these antimicrobial neck gaiters.

Our premium neck gaiters have an antimicrobial finish applied to the material to help keep bacteria, fungi and viruses from developing within its fibers.

Thank you for your order. A confirmation email will follow shortly.

Regards,

The Chicago ASPE Team

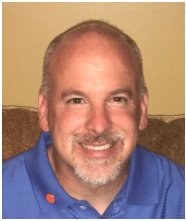
Stay Healthy,

**Justin Wroblewski, CPDT**

Chicago Chapter Vice President, Membership / Ambassador

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## **VICE PRESIDENT, AFFILIATE**

Greetings Affiliates, Engineers, & All ASPE Members

I am proud to serve this awesome chapter for 2 more years as your VP Affiliate. Remember, as part of my responsibilities of VP Affiliate, I am the Voice of ALL Affiliates to the board. Do you have suggestions? Comments? Problems? Concerns? Any type of Suggestions? Please bring them to my attention and I will bring them to the board at the next monthly board meeting.

Your thoughts and feedback are important to our chapter and I am happy to keep info confidential and leave names out if that's your wish. The important thing is to get feedback, good or bad to help keep this chapter the best in the country. I would like to thank all the Affiliates for their support over the past couple years and look forward to your continued support.

Now that summer is upon us, weather is Warm to Hot, restrictions are lessening, and we are set shortly to go to a full opening in Illinois, your ASPE Board can start planning a NORMAL ASPE year.

Our Golf outing ( pushed back to September) , In person meetings, Booster Night.... Speaking of booster night, do we go back to Casino Night or do we consider something else? Thoughts?

Now that we will be getting back to some kind of normalcy and we have all been cooped up, let's focus on getting new members, getting to meetings, events, etc. and making this an amazing ASPE Year

I look forward to seeing everyone soon

**Darren Rich**

*Chicago Chapter Vice President, Affiliate*

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY**

Greetings Members,

It has been a great experience both professionally and personally for me and I want to say "THANK YOU" for the past 8 years. Being on the Chicago ASPE BOD and serving you has been an honor. I am happy to know that Phil Traynor will be taking over and will do a fine job as your future Administrative Secretary.

As I move forward with my professional career that has taken me back to south FL where my plumbing industry career started, I will always consider each and every one of you as family and friend. My e-mail remains the same so feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or just want to keep in touch.

My time might be ending with the ASPE Chicago Chapter but I am sure our paths will continue to cross in this fantastic WOP World of Plumbing.

Thank you for reading and have a great day,

**David Erickson**

*Chicago Chapter Administrative Secretary*

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# **ATTENTION MANUFACTURERS AND MANUFACTURER REPS!**

**ADVERTISEMENT SPACE IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE  
CHICAGO ASPE MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS!**

**NEW LOWER AD SPACE PRICING IS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Full PAGE AD.....\$200**

**1/2 PAGE AD.....\$125**

**1/4 PAGE AD.....\$75**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO REACH OUT TO THE CHI-  
CAGO ASPE COMMUNITY CONSISTING OF ALMOST 700 VIEWERS—ONE OF  
THE LARGEST MARKETS IN THE INDUSTRY!**

**AD SPACE IS VERY LIMITED AND IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED SO  
DON'T DELAY!!**

Please contact Darren Rich for more information: P# 847.875.8659

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# ORDER YOUR ASPE CHICAGO BADGE!

Are you tired of being the only one at the meeting without a fancy ASPE Chicago name badge? Do you want to update your badge so it has your new name or company?

**The Chicago Chapter is proud to offer once again our badge promotion!**



**Costs:**

**Badges:** \$15  
**Shipping (optional):** \$5

Make checks payable to "ASPE Chicago Chapter" and either drop off your check at one of the Chapter Meetings or mail it to:

**ASPE Chicago Chapter  
c/o Mark Mannarelli/Syska Hennessy Group  
330 N. Wabash Ave, Ste. 1505  
Chicago, IL 60611**

*Name and Company will be printed on the badge as listed below - if you leave blanks or list other names, they WILL be printed on the badge. If you would like your badge mailed to you, please include this information. You can mail or email this form. Badge order will not be processed until payment is received. Send emails to [mannarelligm@gmail.com](mailto:mannarelligm@gmail.com)*

**Please indicate your preferences:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

Fastener style (please circle one):

- Clip
- Magnet

***This promotion is for ASPE Chicago members only!***





## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: INDUSTRY NEWS, AYP LIAISON & PRODUCT SHOW CHAIRMAN**

As I bid you Adieu as Corresponding secretary, I would like to thank everyone for their commitment to ASPE through this trying year. As a chapter we have lost some wonderful friends from unfortunate passing or moving away to different places. I hope the remainder of 2021 and into 2022 will be fruitful for all this message reaches.

I am assuming the role of Administrative Sec. for the Chicago ASPE Board and excited to follow in the footsteps of David Erickson who smartened up and high-tailed it to lovely Florida. I think there is a consensus that we should hold one of our winter meetings down by David so he feels the love still.

I am seeing more and more golf events pop up as our weather is AMAZING at the moment. If you have any random golf outings especially fundraisers, be sure to let Eric Cottrell, our Corresponding Secretary elect from Inland Sales know. The more the merrier and it is always a great work day on the golf course.

### **American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE)**

([http://www.asse-plumbing.org/chapters/region04\\_il.html](http://www.asse-plumbing.org/chapters/region04_il.html))

Local Union 130 U.A. and American Society of Sanitary Engineering will hold two Product Shows this year.

1st Show: Sept. 14, 2021. at the new Campus in Joliet on 2114 180, Joliet, IL 60435.

2nd Show: Nov.9, 2021 at the Chicago Campus 1400 W Washington Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607

### **Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA)**

(<http://www.ilrwa.org/>)

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed/ Monthly

Time 1-2PM CST

ONLINE-

WEBINAR : [link](#)

### **National Rural Water Association (NRWA)**

(<http://www.nrwa.org/>)

No Events in Chicago-Land Area  
WaterPro Conference

Date: Sept 13-16 2021

Location: Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee, WI

Registration opens: April 2021

Details: (<https://nrwa.org/about-us/future-nrwa-events/>)

### **American Institute of Architects (AIA)**

Eastern Illinois Chapter

**Fall Golf Outing**

Date: Sept. TBD

Time: 9 am – 6 pm

INFO: [HERE](#)

### **Illinois Chapter of ASHRAE**

(<http://www.illinoisashrae.org/>)

**Chapter Meeting**

*Currently only Chapter membership meetings*

### **American Water Works Association (AWWA)**

([www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org))

Many FREE Webinars

INFO: [HERE](#)

### **Illinois Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors (ILPHCC)**

([www.ilphcc.com](http://www.ilphcc.com))

If you know a plumber- they can get CEUs online thru [HERE](#)

**(Yearly Product show postponed till 2022)**

### **Water Environment Federation (WEF) Illinois Chapter**

(<http://www.iweasite.org/>)

### **Illinois Fire Prevention Association (IFPA)**

([www.ifpanet.org](http://www.ifpanet.org))

Currently looking at a virtual product show

### **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)**

([Calendar & Events](#))

All Virtual meetings and trainings

Event List: [CLICK HERE](#)

Cost: VARIED BASED ON EVENT

### **Healthcare Engineers Society of Northern Illinois (HESNI)**

(<http://hesni.org/index.php>)

Helpful Article- Re-opening facilities

[HERE](#)

### **Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE)**

(<http://www.chicagosfpe.org/>)

**No Events in Chicago-Land Area**

### **USGBC - Illinois Chapter (LEED)**

(<https://illinoisgreenalliance.org/news-and-events/calendar/>)

### **PCA (Plumbing Contractors Association of Chicago and Cook County)**

(<https://plumbingcouncil.org/pca>)

Before I ramble on any longer, I just want to reiterate Thank you to all of ASPE and especially my fellow board members that put in the extra hours to make our industry just that little bit better. See you all soon!

As for our industry partners, please look for the other virtual events going on:

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. Stay safe and keep busy,

### **Phil Traynor, HSA**

Chicago Chapter Corresponding Secretary, AYP Liaison, & Product Show Chairman

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