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Registration:	7:30am
Hole Sponsor Check In:	7:30am
Breakfast:	8:00-9:30am
Happy Hour Bar:	8:00-9:30am
Putting Contest:	8:00-9:30am
Shotgun Start On Course 2:	9:30am
Reception:	2:00-5:00pm (cash bar) international buffet

Lunch will be served between the 9th and 10th holes at the "Tent on the Turn" and beverages will be served on the course throughout the day.

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2024-2025 ASPE Chicago Meeting Schedule

Date	Technical Presentation & Manufacturer Spotlight	CEU	Location
Thursday, September 19, 2024	***Presentation: Hot Water Recirculation: Dealing with Codes and Expectations*** ***Speaker: Chris Wisinski*** ***Mfr Spotlight: Watts Hot Water Solutions*** ***Speaker: Chris Wisinski***	0.1	Venuti's 2251 W. Lake Street Addison,IL 60101
Thursday, October 03, 2024	***Presentation: AGS - Lab Gas Saftey*** ***Speaker: Chris May***		Virtual Meeting 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Thursday, October 10, 2024	***Presentation: Design and Sizing Considerations for Oil Separators, Solids Interceptors, and Acid Neutralization Tanks.*** ***Speaker: Gabe Ismert*** ***Mfr Spotlight: Evergreen Sales/Striem*** ***Speaker: Gabe Ismert***	0.1	Westwood Tavern & Tap 1385 N. Meacham Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173
10/18/2024— 10/23/2024	***ASPE CONVENTION & EXPO 2024*** ***CLICK TO REGISTER: https://expo.aspe.org/***	Several Hours Avail.	Columbus, OH
Thursday, November 14, 2024	***Presentation: Plumbing Installation Demonstrations For ASPE Chicago*** ***Speaker: Billy Brooks with Local 130*** ***No Manufacturer Spotlight - Extended Demonstration Time***	0.1	Local 130 Union Hall Joliet 2114 Frontage Road Joliet, Illinois 60436
Thursday, December 05, 2024	***Presentation: Plumbing Installation Demonstrations For ASPE Chicago*** ***Speaker: Brandon Harwell*** ***Mfr Spotlight / Vendor Tabletop - Lyall, Thresher & Associates***	0.1	Plumbers Local 130 Training Center 1400 W Washington Blvd Chicago, IL 60607
Thursday, December 12, 2024	***ASPE Chicago Holiday Party & Toy Drive***	N/A	Dave & Buster's 601 N Martingale Rd Schaumburg, IL 60173
Thursday, January 16, 2025	***Presentation: Plumbing Installation Demonstrations For ASPE Chicago*** ***Speaker: Hamaas Ibrahim*** ***No Manufacturer Spotlight - Extended Demonstration Time***	0.1	Local 130 Union Hall Volo 31855 North U.S. HWY 12 Volo, Illinois 60073
Thursday, February 06, 2025	***Presentation: Advanced BlueBeam Tips & Tricks*** ***Speaker: Chris Winnie*** ***Mfr Spotlight:*** ***Speaker:***	0.1	Virtual Meeting 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Thursday, February 20, 2025	***Presentation: Firestop 101*** ***Speaker: Mohamed Zabady & Kurt Schlickman*** ***Mfr Spotlight: Navien Tankless Water Heaters*** ***Speaker: Mark Brickey***	0.1	Noon Whistle 800 E Roosevelt Rd Lombard, IL 60148
Friday, March 21, 2025	***ASPE Chicago Chapter EXPO and Technical Seminars Co-located with ILPHCC EXPO***	0.4	Drury Lane Conference Center, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, 60181
Thursday, April 17, 2025	***Presentation: Sustainable Pressure Boosting Solutions for Commercial Buildings*** ***Speaker: Irfan Ashrafi*** ***Mfr Spotlight: Grundfos Booster Pumps*** ***Speaker: Chris Swade & Cody Williams***	0.1	Grundfos 3905 Enterprise Ct Aurora, IL 60504
Thursday, May 22, 2025	***Presentation: Adventures in Risers*** ***Speaker: Marty Rogin, P.E.*** ***Mfr Spotlight: Metraflex Expansion Products*** ***Speaker: Austin Radous***	0.1	Moretti's 6727 N Olmsted Ave, Chicago, IL 60631
Friday, June 13, 2025	***Stephen Triphahn Memorial ASPE Chicago Golf Outing***	N/A	St. Andrews Golf & Country Club 2241 Illinois Rte 59, West Chicago, IL 60185

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings ASPE Chicago! Golf season has officially arrived and I'm hoping to get a round or two in before we meet next time for the Golf Outing on June 13!

This is a bittersweet article, as this will be my last for the foreseeable future after serving 6 amazing years on the Board. I still plan on being an active member and serving the Chapter in other ways as we welcome many new faces onto the Board and welcome back Scott Jagodzinski for a second term as Chapter President.

I've been fortunate to be surrounded and guided by some great individuals who strive to continue to move this Chapter forward. Thank you to all of them, especially those that always seemed to find the right time to provide words of encouragement when needed most! Being on the Board has been more rewarding and a bigger part of my growth in the industry than I ever imagined when I decided to take the leap. It is important to remember that those who choose to be on the Board are volunteering their time to do so. Our ASPE CEO, Billy Smith, once said at a President's meeting, that faith, family, and work should come before ASPE. It's easy to lose sight of what is most important in one's life and we don't always recognize it until it's too late. It's time for me to refocus some of my energy on what is most important in life.

With the new Board, there are a few current board members that will be stepping away. I would like to thank Justin Wroblewski, Phil Traynor, Past President Joe Ficek, Chris Swade, and Erik Fridlund for their valuable service and dedication to the Chapter. Whether you spent 20 years or 2 years on the Board, being willing to step up to play an active role in this great organization is greatly appreciated!

May Meeting Recap

Thank you to everyone that came out last month to Moretti's in Edison Park. We had a great turnout for the last meeting of the year and our Board elections. Thank you to Watts Water Technologies for sponsoring our Cocktail Hour, and thank you to Austin Radous and Marty Rogin from Metraflex for stepping in on short notice to fill the Manufacturer Spotlight and provide a great presentation on pipe expansion considerations for risers.

The 50/50 Enhanced Raffle went to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in memory of our late friend Rick Butler. We were able to raise $440, which was our largest pot of the year! Thank you very much for the amazing support for all the various charitable and humanitarian causes we supported this year, which came to be at least $3,400.

2025-2027 ASPE Chicago Chapter Board

At last month's meeting, we held our elections. Congratulations to the 2025-27 Board, especially all the new faces to the board!

Board Position	Chapter Officer
President	Scott Jagodzinski, CPD, GPD – VES
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Appointed Positions	
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WOA Liaison	Judy Torres, CPD – Epstein Global
Education Chair	Mark Mannarelli – Syska Hennessy Group
Social Media Director	Chris Rohan, CPD, GPD – The Engineering Studio, Inc
Product Show Chairman	Chris Rohan, CPD, GPD – The Engineering Studio, Inc
Chapter Historian	TBD

Passing of Past President Rick Butler

As you have probably heard by now, on May 17th, we lost our good friend Rick Butler, also affectionally known as "Uncle Ricky", after a courageous and tough battle with pancreatic cancer. Rick was a dedicated and valued member of the Chicago Chapter for 30 years, serving at least 20 of those years on the Board including 5 terms as VP Membership, and terms as VP Legislative, VP Technical, and Chapter President followed by a couple terms as Chapter Historian and countless years on the Product Show Committee. When I was a young and unconfident engineer new to the industry and Chicago, Rick was one of the early reps I met 20+ years ago, walking into our small office with one of those huge binder catalogs so many reps used to drop off to take up shelf space. Rick became a good friend and reliable resource for water heating advice over the years with his role largely at Lochinvar and stints with Luczak Sales and Viega. I will miss his dry sense of humor that would hit you when you least expected it, that smirk on his face that made him look like he was up to no good and our lunch conversations that always seemed to be more about life and family than actual work. ASPE has allowed me to meet many great people that I'm fortunate to be able to call friends and sadly one of those has been taken away from us. Please keep Rick's wife Laura and family in your thoughts and prayers. CLICK HERE for Obituary.

Congratulations to our new CPD's!

Congratulations to our newest CPD's (Certified in Plumbing Design) in the Chicago Chapter!

- Luca Di Matteo, CPD – dbHMS
- Salvador Morales, CPD – Stantec
- George Yonke, EIT, CPD – SmithGroup

2025 ASPE Tech Symposium – REGISTRATION OPEN / FREE Trip Opportunity

Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2025 ASPE Tech Symposium being held September 24-28 in Orlando, FL. This is a great opportunity to pick up a lot of CEU's in just a few days. The Symposium also includes a 2-day Product Show and plenty of networking opportunities with peers!

We will be giving away at least one (1) FREE trip to a lucky member who submits a brief writeup on why they should be awarded a free trip. Please submit your brief writeup to ASPE.Chicago.President@gmail.com by the end of June.

For more information on the Tech Symposium and to register, please CLICK HERE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED...

Shoot the $h!t with ASPE Chicago!

On **Friday, July 11**, and on the **2nd** Friday of each month, we will be hosting a very casual, laid back, open conversation for about 30 minutes during the lunch hour starting at 12pm. Topics for future Shoot the $h!t meetings could include REVIT, industry frustrations, design strategies, anything industry related. What do you want to talk about? Send us any ideas you may have! The point of this is to have fun and generate some good conversation. Mark your calendar now for our next Shoot the $h!t meeting! Look out for an e blast with a link to the shooting the shit meeting now in Microsoft Teams! This meeting is the 2nd or 3rd Friday of each month

ASPE Chicago gets Social!

Did you know that ASPE Chicago is also available via social media? Be sure to tag ASPE Chicago in your posts to help generate more views using the following social media accounts:

While you are connecting to ASPE Chicago, please also follow ASPE National here:

Hope to see you at the golf outing!

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Chicago Chapter President
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SHORT TDH TO END THE SEASON

Our May TDH gathering found a couple of us just chatting at the bar and complaining that they ran out of Yuengling. Illinois has spoken!!

The only real thing of substance that we talked about was the passing of our friend, Rick Butler, and how unfair life can seem sometimes. I recalled a coworker who I worked with barely a year before he retired. He got sick a few months later and eventually passed away never really getting to enjoy his retirement. I think the message we took away from our chat was to live every moment.

Photo courtesy of: Chris Sbarbaro

That takes us back to our article from a couple months ago about getting out there and doing those things you've been thinking about doing, especially those things on your bucket list. Whether it's a far away vacation, an insane adventure, planting a garden, or whatever it is that you have always wanted to do - make it happen. And with summer staring us in the face, this is a great time to start!

We are wrapping up our second ASPE season of Total Dynamic Head. Thanks to all who have participated, chimed in, and supported TDH. If anyone wants to get together before the golf outing, drop me a line. Otherwise, I expect us to be back in September. Speaking of September, if you are attending the ASPE Technical Symposium in Orlando later in September, we will be having a TDH gathering there – Thursday I believe. So, if find yourself in Orlando and wanting to join us, please do.

Be well!

Jason McDonald
ASPE Chicago Past President
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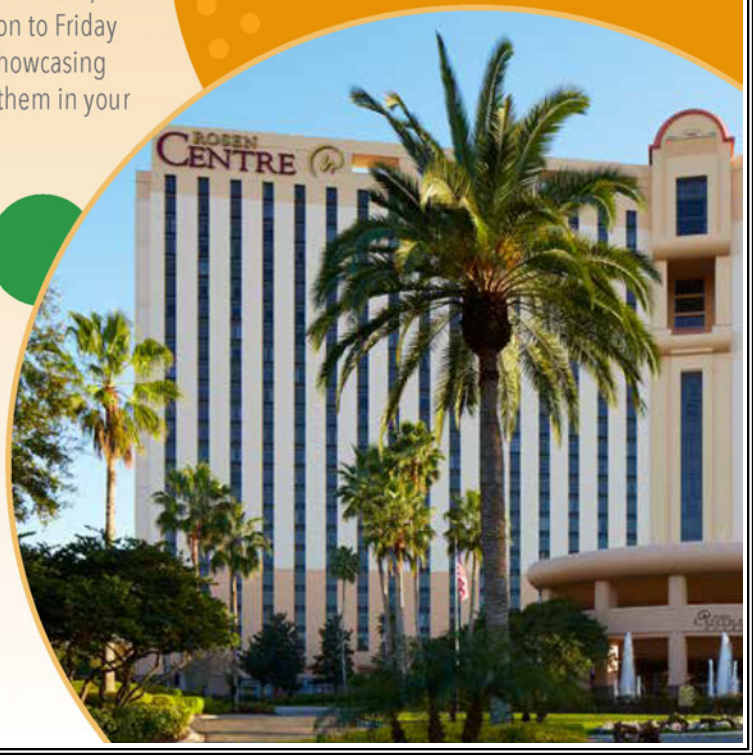
Join Us in Orlando!

The 2025 ASPE Tech Symposium is a 2.5-day conference being held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida. This is a premier opportunity for plumbing engineers and designers at all career levels to engage in productive technical exchanges and networking.

At the ASPE Tech Symposium, you can choose from a variety of professional development sessions in several tracks to customize your learning experience. The sessions are designed to teach you how to integrate the most current design techniques into your projects, with hands-on calculation and application examples.

To further immerse you in the latest engineering innovations, a Product Show will be running from Thursday afternoon to Friday morning. The industry's top manufacturers will be showcasing their newest products and teaching you how to apply them in your plumbing system designs.

September 24–28
Rosen Centre Hotel
Orlando, Florida



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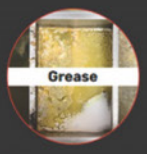

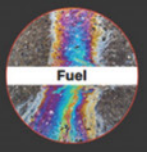

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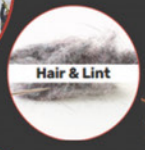

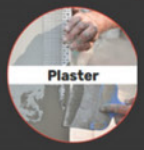

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VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL: TECHNICALLY SPEAKING

Greetings ASPE Chicago Chapter Members,

Our next event will be the Golf outing on June 13th at new location this year. We will be taking our skills to the west side of Chicago to play at St. Andrews Golf & Country Club.

If any manufacturer would like to sponsor please reach out to Chris Rohan, Lauren Barazza, or myself to coordinate.

A big thanks to all members that came to our monthly meetings this year. We had a lot of informative presentations this calendar year and received very positive feedback from our last meeting. Chris Winnie will be taking over this position for the next two years. Please reach out to him if you have any ideas for future meetings.

2025-2026 Chapter Meetings and Beyond:

Future Special Event Opportunity. If you are an Affiliate that has access to mobile product demonstration trailers, please reach out to me at ASPE.Chicago.VPTech@gmail.com. We are looking at the possibility of hosting a special outdoor event in the future and I would like to get an idea of what is available and the interest level. 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 the Expo or for the meeting season next year. We are also looking to lock in Manufacturer Spotlights and Cocktail Hour sponsors as well if you have an interest.

Stay safe!

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VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE

Greetings Chicago Chapter Members!

In this section of the newsletter you will hopefully find insight into plumbing engineering thought processes and considerations. Over the last 4 years, these newsletters have been my outlet to disseminate knowledge and share my experiences. If there's ever a topic you're itching to test your own theories, please feel free to reach out via email or at our monthly meetings and I would be more than happy to share it out here with my own thoughts included.

Discussion between varying and contradicting ideas is the only way for us to get better (this extends beyond just our professions). I encourage each of you to become the best you, you can be. This is my last newsletter as your VPL as I transition to VP-Technical. George Yonke will be transitioning into VPL.

How do you track changes to drawings during Construction Administration?
For the engineers out there, we issue for bid/permit and sometimes we never hear how construction went…if there were issues or if it went without a hitch. But for a good majority of the projects we get hired for, it is expected of us to stay along with the project through construction to respond to RFIs and review submittals for product data. When the engineer owes record drawings to the owner at the end of construction, but whole drawing updates aren't always done at the time each RFI change is received. If these changes are left to pile up, it could be a huge ordeal to update the drawings to incorporate all of the changes received during the RFI process if one is not organized!

How do you keep track of RFI changes that need to be made to the drawings? Better yet, how do you keep track of why changes were made to the drawings and when the changes were made?

I use a combination of Bluebeam Revu Studio Sessions and OneNote to document the changes through the life of the project. For the projects that are in construction for more than 12 months, I often have a monthly bulletin to issue, I leverage OneNote to create a tab for "Bulletin X" in each month, and any RFIs that were responded to in the prior ~30 days, I will make a line item on the corresponding Bulletin page with the RFI number, name and changes that need to be made and/or were made. This way when I generate the write-up for the Bulletin summary that it is complete, I'm not left scrambling and generally Bulletin issuances go without a hitch.

I am an engineer and thus always trying to learn from others to weigh if I can improve my processes. If you're curious about what I'm talking about, or better yet if you think I'm wasting time and you have a better way then please reach out in either case! These are great conversations that no one ever has.

Conclusion:
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.

Please email me at aspe.chicago.vpl@gmail.com with any options you want to learn more about and I'll figure out how to get the content out. Feel free to expand upon the suggestions and/or create your own suggestion!

Thanks!

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VICE PRESIDENT, AFFILIATE

Greetings Chicago ASPE Members!

First and foremost, I would like to send my gratitude to all the exiting board members for their time, commitment, and excellent leadership for our chapter. We had an exceptional ASPE year, and we all look forward to the new board continuing that trend. With that said, Congrats and welcome to the incoming board!

I am excited to be back as VP Affiliate for my 5th consecutive term. What an honor to be sitting on a board with such exceptional people. I look forward to working with all the new board members and welcome back Scott as our new President!

As we wind down the ASPE Calendar with the Stephen Triphahn Memorial Golf outing in West Chicago, I hope the weather cooperates for a beautiful day. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend as I will be out of state with my twins on a baseball tournament. I hope everyone has a great time!

Please remember Affiliates, I am your voice to the ASPE board… any comments, feedback.. bring them to my attention, you will be heard!

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I look forward to seeing you all soon.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Hello ASPE Chicago,

It's hard to believe that it has been 2 years since I joined the ASPE Chicago board. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve with such a fine group. Many thanks to all who served this past term, and a big welcome to our new board members!

Congrats to our winners from the May meeting:

- Free Dinner Raffle - **Rob Jaffray with Bornquist**
- 50/50 Raffle for Pancreatic Cancer Action Network ($440) - **Jason McDonald with Grumman/Butkus**
- Engineer Door Prize Sponsored by Inland Sales Group & Mid-Continent Marketing **- Kevin Lamech with WT Group**

May Newsletter Trivia Answer:
"What is Chris Winnie's pet peeve?" **Answer: Resubmittals that include already approved items.**

Newsletter Trivia Standings:

• Bill Bauer – 6	• Nick Capretta – 1	• Jason Romano – 1
• Manny Aguilar – 4	• Tony Dauginas – 1	• Gordon Tai - 1
• Brian Grey - 2	• Jack Lyons - 1	• Nick Turney – 1
• Sean Allard - 1	• Worlynn Ow – 1	• Steve Wuthrich – 1
• Robert Bernstein – 1	• Jonny Pingry – 1	• Kevin Zaleski – 1

See you all in the Fall! Sincerely,

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VP MEMBERSHIP

Philip Traynor CPMR.

Summer. 2025

Current Membership Standings

Chapter	Total
New York City	400
Boston	313
Chicago	302
Dallas/Ft.Worth	286
Philadelphia	263
Houston	256
Los Angeles	241

Happy Birthday to all our June birthdays!

Robert Adams	Michael F. Hanney	John D Pacholski
Daniel Aronson	Ernest J Havran	George J. Pagach
Julius A. Ballanco	Conrad L Jahrling	David Shu
Andrew L Berg	Gary S Kachaturian	Carl A Stumpf
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Yours Truly,

Philip Traynor CPMR

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Any questions regarding this can be directed to Darren Rich - VP Affiliate

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Industry News

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We're encouraging all members to stay engaged and share your experience with the ASPE Chicago Chapter! Tag us on social media with updates on exciting projects or events you're attending. Let's showcase our work and celebrate the impact of our industry. You can reach us at ASPE.chicago.social@gmail.com or find us on the following platforms:

Here are some upcoming events and opportunities that can greatly benefit those of you who invest your time in professional development:

American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE)
- ASSE Annual Meeting
- September 17-19, 2025
- Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel, Palm Springs, CA
- https://asse-plumbing.org/annual-meeting-asse

American Institute of Architects (AIA – Eastern Illinois Chapter)
- Monthly Meeting
- September 14, 2025
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- Flossmoor Station, 1035 Sterling Ave., Flossmoor, IL
- https://aiaeic.org/meetinginfo.php?id=124&ts=1749400874

ASHRAE – Central Illinois Chapter
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A

Illinois PHCC (Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors)
- PIGA Golf Outing
- August 7, 2025
- TBD
- TBD
- TBD

Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE – Chicago Chapter)
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- NFPA Conference & Expo
- June 16 - 20, 2025
- Las Vegas, NV
- https://www.nfpa.org/conference

Illinois Rural Water Association (ILRWA)
- IPWSOA 93rd Annual Conference
- September 10 - 12, 2025
- Crown Plaza, 3000 S Dirksen Pkwy., Springfield, IL 62703
- ilrwa.org/IPWSOA/IPWSOA Conference.html

American Water Works Association – Illinois Section
- Water Trailer
- July 4, 2025
- 12:00 PM
- Itasca, IL
- https://www.isawwa.org/events/event_list.asp

If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Looking forward to a productive year ahead!

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