

## September 2021

### President's Report

**IMPORTANT!!** Now that I've gotten your attention, this month's meeting will be hybrid. This means that you have the option to attend in person or through the link on the ASPE Education website. You should have already received two emails. One email to attend the meeting in person and a separate email to attend virtually. Read the emails to make sure that you are responding to the one which corresponds to the way in which you would like to participate this Monday.

The 2021 ASPE Tech Symposium is happening this month (Sept 22-26) in San Diego. My understanding is that the hotel is fully booked but there are others in the area with openings. We are pleased to announce that we had two Central Ohio ASPE members take advantage of our offer for reimbursement of their Tech Symposium registration.

Along the lines of promoting education, this month the board selected two students to each receive \$1500 for the 2021 Central Ohio ASPE Scholarship. Those recipients are: Malcolm King who is a senior at Miami University, and Jacob Strick who is a Senior at Ohio Northern University.

I hope to see everyone either in person or virtually this Monday September 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Mike Nickason*

President

### May In Person Lunch Meeting and WebEx Technical Presentation

September 13th, 2021

#### In Person

Spaghetti Warehouse

397 West Broad

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11:30 PM—1:00 PM

\$20.00 — members; \$30.00 — non-members

#### WebEx Technical Presentation

12:00 PM—1:00 PM

Free— members; \$25.00— non-members

**SUBJECT:** Cast Iron Soil Pipe and  
Aggressive DWV Applications

**SPEAKER:** Todd Green,  
Charlotte Pipe and Foundry

Todd is a Field Technical Service Representative for Charlotte Pipe and Foundry with responsibilities for eight states conducting technical visits to engineering firms, contractor's and facilities. He has over 30 years' experience in sales, sales management, technical service and business development working for the top PVF manufacturers in our industry. Todd resides in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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## VP Technical—Bill Deardurff

Hello to all ASPE Members and friends,  
Hope you had a great summer.

For the September meeting our speaker will be Todd Green with Charlotte Pipe. The topic will be "Cast Iron Soil Pipe and Aggressive DWV applications".

The plans are to proceed like we did the May meeting. A remote log in will be available. But in addition, those that feel comfortable will gather at the Spaghetti Warehouse. We are recommending masks except when seated at the table.

I hope some of you will be attending the Technical Symposium in San Diego later this month. There will be many choices for classes with outstanding information. Also, they are planning a product show. It won't be as big as the Convention years but it will be larger than previous symposiums have had.

By the way, I have the speakers lined up for October and November. I am still working on the arrangements for December through May. Please send me an email. if you have any ideas for design topics or new products you would like to hear about.

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Report Issued: February 26, 2018.  
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Source of Samples: The samples were shipped to IAPMO R&T Lab from Aqua-Rex, and received in good condition on October 11, 2017.  
Date of Testing: October 25, 2017 through December 15, 2017.  
Sample Description: Scale Prevention Device, model: Aqua-Rex WK1-E.  
Scope of Testing: The purpose of the testing is to determine the efficacy of the Scale Prevention Device per section 5 of IAPMO IGC 335-2018, entitled "Rapid Scaling Test for Scale Prevention Devices".  
CONCLUSION: When tested per Section 5 of IAPMO IGC 335-2018, Aqua-Rex WK1-E reduced scaling by 83% when applied to Las Vegas water heated to 180°F.  
Tested by, Reviewed by,

*Hank Vinh*  
Hank Vinh, Project Engineer

*Sean Van*  
Sean Van, P.E., Manager, Specialty Projects

## VP Education—Brad Fitzsimmons

### ASPE Central Ohio Chapter CPD Review Class

We are beginning to gauge interest in individuals that would like to pursue the ASPE CPD program. We have previously offered CPD review classes as a tool to help study for the exam. The tentative start date for these classes will begin in January and continue in February and March for the exam scheduled in the spring of 2022. If you or someone you know is interested in taking the exam, please let myself know by emailing [jbfitzsimmons@fishbeck.com](mailto:jbfitzsimmons@fishbeck.com)

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## VP Legislative—Mike Spengler

### 2021 International Green Construction Code Released

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### IAPMO and PMI Support Legislation that Will Improve Water Quality and Efficiency

The IAPMO Group and Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI) applaud the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee for advancing legislation this past week reauthorizing the National Institute of Standards and Technology and calling for the creation of a program for premise plumbing research.

During the July 27 committee markup of the bill, U.S. Rep. Paul Tonko (D-N.Y.) was successful in offering an important amendment to [H.R. 4609, the National Institute of Standards and Technology for the Future Act of 2021](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/117/hr4609) (<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/117/hr4609>), that would authorize funding at NIST to conduct practical, water-related research on systems within homes and buildings, address-

ing critical issues such as water quality, efficiency, reuse, sustainability, and resilience.

A new program at NIST will help to combat a 900 percent increase in Legionnaires' disease since 2000. Legionnaires' disease is an infection caused by the bacteria Legionella. Symptoms of the disease include fever, cough, and pneumonia, while a milder infection can look like a flu-like illness without pneumonia. The sickness can be deadly in older patients or those with other risk factors. Reports of the infection are more common in the summer and early fall when warming, stagnant waters present the best environment for bacterial growth in water systems. News articles from across the country detail the prevalence of this public health challenge.

### PMI Annual Report Explores 5 Ways the Pandemic Changed the Plumbing Industry

The [2021 PMI Annual Report](https://www.safeplumbing.org/communications/pmi-annual-report-2021) (<https://www.safeplumbing.org/communications/pmi-annual-report-2021>) tells the story of a vital industry and explores how the pandemic year transformed five aspects of plumbing manufacturing: workplace safety, remote working, product innovation, supply chain, and diversity and inclusion.

- 1. Workplace safety** To keep workers safe, LIXIL implemented a policy to quarantine any employee exposed to potential COVID-19 infection from the workplace for 14 days, with full pay. Because of the shortage of COVID-19 testing, LIXIL chooses not to wait for a positive test, instead quarantining individuals who exhibit symptoms or who are found via contact tracking to be near others who test positive. "It was tough because we had to send home (many) people, but the long-term thinking was that it kept the rest of our people safe and kept our plants operating," stated Chris Marozzi, Leader of employees' health and safety for LIXIL Americas.
- 2. Remote work** Kohler Co. observed many positive consequences of shifting into remote work. "We saw an increase in the use of collaboration technology," said Brian Kendall, Kohler's Director of Operational Excellence. "Interactions grew significantly as we got better at it. Our decision-making improved, with colleagues being

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able to make decisions in real time, driving productivity gains and results.” Adam Guenther, Kohler’s Associate Director, Operational Excellence, said the company was surprised at “the intensity of work people were able to do from home. There was little to no loss in productivity because people were able to generate an increased number of work hours compared to where they were before,” to the point where the company encouraged employees to place boundaries on their work lives, he stated.

**3. Product innovation** While causing challenges on production lines and causing a shift to remote work, the COVID-19 pandemic created opportunities for the plumbing manufacturing industry to address a newfound concern many people now have: the spread of infectious viruses.

This change in public awareness has caused a spike in the sales of touchless plumbing products, with many PMI member companies reporting increased sales of both faucets and toilets with touchless features. “Touch-free is everywhere. It’s

in every conversation. That’s foremost in driving many of the innovation efforts at Bradley and throughout the industry,” stated Nate Kogler, Senior Director of Product Management at Bradley Corp.

**4. Supply chain** Rapid and unexpected developments caused by the pandemic have forced companies to monitor their supply chains continuously. “I have to look at all the raw materials that we need to make a product,” stated Elton Perkins, Director, Global Sourcing and Distribution, Fluidmaster, Inc., and Co-Chair of PMI’s Commerce Committee. “How many sources do I have for ABS (acrylonitrile butadiene styrene) or polypropylene, for example? Do I have enough qualified sources in my spec, so that if one supplier shuts down, I can choose a second? Frankly, I’m having to go three to four deep on various raw materials and qualifying a backup, and backup to backups, of suppliers to critical raw materials. And it’s constant.”

**5. Diversity and inclusion** As race and social justice issues took center stage after the murder of George Floyd, PMI member UL stepped up its diversity and inclusion (D&I) efforts to sup-

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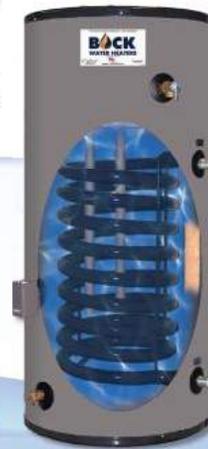
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port its colleagues. “What we experienced last year was this eye-opening, this awakening for corporate America,” said Katrina Jackson, UL’s Global Head of Diversity and Inclusion. While UL had already established a formal “D&I ecosystem” with executive and leadership councils, global ambassadors and internal business resource groups, Jackson said the company wanted to be more transparent and set out to advance equity and achieve measurable progress. UL’s D&I team worked with the corporate sustainability group to establish a matching program for racial justice to impact the Black community overall.

### **ASHRAE Releases Updated Building Reopening Guide**

As the performance of many HVAC systems in buildings is still being evaluated, the ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force has updated its building reopening guidance for HVAC systems to help mitigate the transmission of SARS-CoV-2.

“The [Building Readiness Guide](#) includes additional information and clarifications to assist designers and commissioning providers in performing pre- or post-occupancy flush calculations to reduce the time and energy to clear spaces of contaminants between occupancy periods,” said Wade Conlan, ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force Building Readiness team lead. Major updates to the building readiness guidance include the following:

- Pre- or Post-Flushing Strategy Methodology**
- Flushing Time Calculator**
- Heating Season Guidance**
- Adjustments to Align with Core**

**Recommendations:** The [Core Recommendations](#) were released [in the last month](#), and this guidance document needed to be updated to ensure that the information provided aligned with the intent of those recommendations. This included minimum outdoor air supply and filter efficiency requirements and their role in an equiva-

lent outdoor air supply-based risk mitigation strategy.

The guidance still addresses the tactical commissioning and systems analysis needed to develop a Building Readiness Plan, increased filtration, air-cleaning strategies, domestic and plumbing water systems, and overall improvements to a system’s ability to mitigate virus transmission.

To view the complete ASHRAE Building Readiness Guide and other COVID-19 resources, visit <https://www.ashrae.org/technical-resources/resources>.

### **Two New ICC Building Code Tools Available Online**

The International Code Council has launched two online building code tools for building safety professionals and the public to access free information about building code usage in their communities.

Created in partnership with the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) and the Insurance Services Office (ISO), the [U.S. Code Adoption](#)

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[Database \(https://codeadoptions.iccsafe.org/\)](https://codeadoptions.iccsafe.org/) is an interactive map that shares code adoption information at the state and local level. A one-of-a-kind U.S. code adoption tool, the database displays which codes are adopted within each state/jurisdiction and provides context and links to access further code information.

The database also contains a color-coded map for each of the 15 International Codes (I-Codes)—the most widely used model building codes in the world—showing statewide code adoptions around the U.S. The most current adoption information is maintained across the site through a collaboration effort between the Code Council, FLASH, and ISO.

The [Global Building Codes Tool \(https://www.iccsafe.org/products-and-services/global-services/global-codes/\)](https://www.iccsafe.org/products-and-services/global-services/global-codes/) provides information about the building codes and standards used in countries around the world. Users may select a

country from the world map to view information about the respective building safety regulation agencies, and the building codes and standards referenced and enforced within that country. The tool is designed to help manufacturers and designers who are interested in exporting their products and services to markets outside the United States, as well as to government officials around the world who are monitoring these regulations which impact market entry

*Mike Spengler*

Vice President Legislative



The banner features the ASPE logo on the left, with the text "ASPE Tech Symposium 2021" in large blue and orange letters. Below the logo is a collage of four images: a man presenting at a podium, a group of three people smiling, a man in a blue shirt standing next to a large orange valve, and a group of people sitting at a table. The background is dark with a light blue and orange gradient at the bottom.

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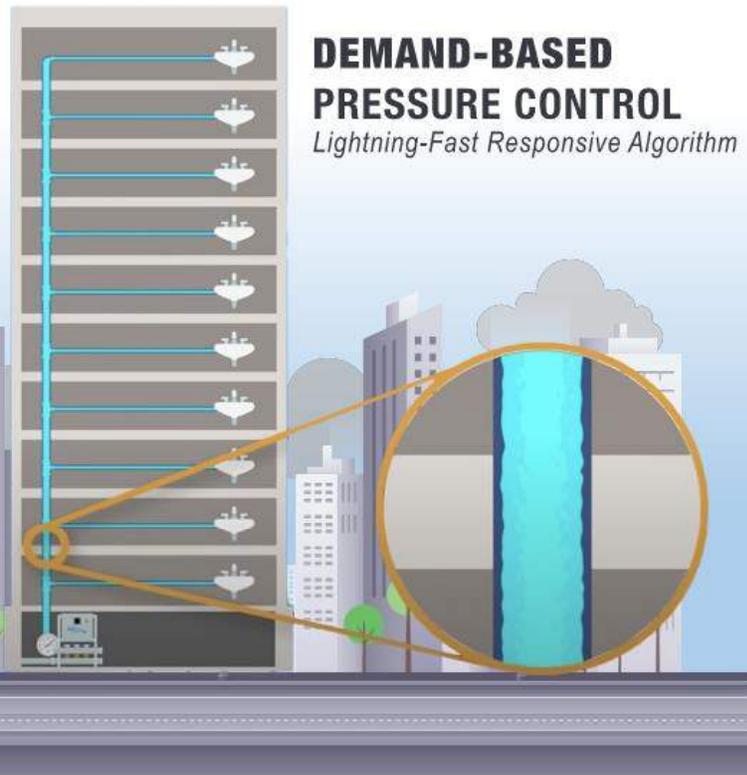
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## ASPE CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER 2021-2022 MEETING and EVENT SCHEDULE

September 13, 2021	Cast Iron Soil Pipe and Aggressive DWV Applications
October 11, 2021	Engineered Infection Prevention
November 8, 2021	Safety Control Valves and Panels
December 13, 2021	TBD
January 10, 2022	TBD
February 14, 2022	TBD
March 14, 2022	TBD
April 11, 2022	TBD
May 9, 2022	TBD

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