

NO SUMMER MEETING

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2023-2024 PROGRAM OUT SOON!



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William Grayzar, CPD, GPD, FASPE President of ASPE EMC



Eastern Michigan Chapter (EMC) members of ASPE, I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. I would like to take a moment of your time to let you know what is happening with our chapter.

On June 10, 2023, the EMC-ASPE Board held our annual planning meeting and began to work on developing the 2023-2024 year of educational design classes and technical programs. Based on the comments received from meetings last year we are providing the following:

If you ever thought about becoming CPD registered, you won't want to miss out on this! For starters if you are member of the EMC of ASPE and do not currently hold a PE or CPD certification and you attend the first chapter meeting on September 12, 2023, the chapter will cover the cost to provide you with an electronic copy of the current CPD manual as a member benefit, a \$50.00 value.

In addition, the early design classes for 2023-2024 will be utilized to present a back-to-basics type of review for various plumbing systems. We will cover incoming water service, domestic water distribution, storm water design, sanitary sewer/vent, natural gas, medical gas, fire protection and commissioning. We will apply each of these systems to a proposed model building each month and will touch base with some of the things to look for with each system for those planning to take the CPD exam. The Certified in Plumbing Design Examination is offered annually in electronic digital form only. The exam is now being remote proctored. The next CPD examination is expected to be in April of 2024.

All of the design classes and technical presentations, with the exception of the January joint meeting with ASHRAE, will be held at the Plumbing Industry Training Center (PITC) located at 1911 Ring Road in Troy, MI (see map included in newsletter for directions). **Our first design class and technical presentation will be held on September 12, 2023 at the PITC beginning at 5:00 PM.**

We will also be providing more of the panel discussions and hands on presentations requested by our chapter members as part of our technical programs this year.

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President's Report (cont. from page 1)

Bill Grayzar, CPD, GPD

Look for more information in the EMC-ASPE 2023-2024 Program Calendar scheduled to be released sometime in August 2023. The program will include the topics, dates and speaker biographies for all of the upcoming 2023-2024 deign classes and technical programs.

This year the 2023 ASPE National Symposium is being held in Seattle, WA from September 28 to October 1, 2023. More information including a schedule of events can be found on the National Society website at <https://www.aspe.org/conventions-symposiums/>

As always if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the EMC-ASPE chapter board, including myself.

I look forward to seeing you at the Plumbing Industry Training Center on September 12, 2023.

Bill



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2023 ASPE TECH SYMPOSIUM ANNOUNCES THE TECHNICAL SESSION LINEUP

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Eastern Michigan Chapter Members,

Bill Grayzar and **Rachel Gendich** were able to represent our Chapter at the first American Society of Plumbing Engineers Leadership Summit this past weekend.

We want to congratulate our Chapter President, **Bill Grayzar** on his award from our Region 2 Director, Steve Kormanik!

Congratulations Bill!



Eastern Michigan Chapter Members,

The new national Region 2 Affiliate Liaison is our very own **Josh Pedraja**.

Josh is our chapter's current and past VP Membership, VP Social Media and Corresponding Secretary as well as the Golf Outing Coordinator.

Congratulations Josh!



Eastern Michigan Chapter Members,

We are pleased to announce that the following ASPE EMC members successfully passed the 2023 Certified in Plumbing Design (CPD) exam and now are eligible to use the CPD designation after their names: **Ryan Lyle, CPD**, Eastern Michigan Chapter's VP Legislative and **Jeremy Halligan, CPD**

The CPD program, which is the only international credential program in the plumbing engineering field, sets the standard for leadership within the industry and provides formal recognition of outstanding professionals with advanced skills in the design and specification of plumbing systems.

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Congratulations Ryan and Jeremy!!!



Region 2 Affiliate Liaison

Josh Pedraja



I wanted to introduce myself as your new Region 2 Affiliate Liaison. For those who do not know me, my home chapter is Eastern Michigan, where I'm also a member of Central Ohio, Cleveland and Chicago (Region 5). I currently serve as VP Membership for Eastern Michigan. As an Affiliate, I represent Patton's Medical and am

passionate about MedGas and education on MedGas. I already know about half of the region in chapters and I look forward to making my rounds this year and attending the other half in Chapter meetings. If any Chapter is looking for a speaker on MedGas topics, contact me!

As golf committee chairman for our chapter in Eastern Michigan, one thing I was able to accomplish this year was reciprocal hole sponsorships within our Region. For our First Annual EMC Golf Outing, I was able to gain cooperation from the Cleveland Chapter and Central Ohio Chapter for a hole sponsorship each. In turn, the EMC Board approved reciprocal sponsorships for the Central Ohio golf outing (June 20th) and the Cleveland golf outing on August 3rd.

This is a neat idea to have different chapters sponsor each other's golf outings in the immediate area where it makes sense geographically. It would be great if other chapters within our Region could do the same thing where it makes sense; often times it feels as if our chapters are on an island with no support for outings other than sharing a few Affiliates and same sponsors.

I will try and write a quarterly newsletter article for the Region on various topics. I look forward to working with each chapter more than I have in the past and look forward to meeting the rest of the Region at upcoming meetings!!

If anyone wants to contact me, my contact info is as follows:

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VP Technical Report

Pam Hartsell, CPD, PMP



Happy Summer Eastern Michigan!

May was our final session on venting and we owe a huge debt of thanks to PITC Instructors Mike Melaragni and Rob Murley for their dedication to teaching the program. It received positive reviews, and we were delighted to award several copies of the venting design manual

to members and guests who attended all 7 sessions!

We also ended the year with a very popular speaker, IAPMO's Christoph Lohr, who gave us an overview of ASPE's Legionella Design Guide as well as an in-depth presentation on pressure design. The reviews were positive, and we look forward to hosting Christoph again in the future.

We ended the evening with two very special ceremonies – the induction of our 2023-2024 Board of Directors and the presentation of our very first “Barry Pines Award for invaluable Service to the ASPE EMC Chapter”. We were excited to be able to honor one of our veteran members, Michael Melaragni, in recognition of his significant contributions to our chapter and its members over many years. It was extremely well deserved, and we had been waiting a long time for the opportunity to present this award. Congratulations again, Mike!

On June 10th, your ASPE EMC Board, along with members of the local plumbing community, met for an intensive morning of planning for the upcoming 2023-2024 season. The result was another fantastic year of programming, continuing our mission of educating our members. A sincere thanks goes out to all those who participated, and everyone else on the board who committed to help make it a reality!

This year we'll be presenting a series of design classes centered around the CPD Review Manual. Each month we'll focus on a different chapter and include a high-level overview of the design concepts and considerations for each topic. We'll start the year with a discussion about the exam itself and the contents of the manual. We'll then kick-off the season with a presentation on incoming water service, given by yours truly! As an incentive to attend, we'll once again be offering a free book – this time it will be a copy of the CDP Review Manual - to those who attend all the classes. If you're considering taking the exam, it's an opportunity you won't want to miss!

Our Technical Programs, for the most part, will complement the Design Classes and include a couple of panel discussions, our annual joint meeting with ASHRAE Detroit, and another trip to the shop area for more live demonstrations. We took your comments on last season to heart, and we are excited to be able to give you the content you asked for!

The full 2023-2024 program will be published soon, so watch for that email and check out our website for more information about our chapter @:

ASPE EMC - WELCOME

As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Your Chapter VP Tech,
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AYP Liaison Report

Rachel Gendich



Hello fellow members, I hope your summers are off to a great start!

Some of you may know me but to those who don't I'd like to introduce myself. I have been a proud member of the Eastern Michigan Chapter since 2016 and have been on the board for the past three years serving as treasurer and now also AYP liaison. I've been working in this industry for nine years and still have passion for what I do.

It was a great honor for me to represent our chapter, along with our president Bill Grayzar, at the Leadership Summit last month in Chicago. This year was a bit different in that all the chapter representatives from across the U.S. and Canada came together for our yearly planning meeting opposed to only meeting as regions. There were lots of great ideas shared, and I hope to bring some fresh new events to the chapter this upcoming year. Be on the look out for an AYP outing later this summer to kick off our 2023-24 year!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our monthly meetings starting in September. This year's program looks very promising and hopefully we will add some more CPDs to our membership. If you want to learn more about the CPD and how it can advance your career click here!

Have a fantastic summer!

Sincerely,

Rachel Gendich

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Rachel in Chicago at the Leadership Summit



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VP Membership Report

Josh Pedraja



Happy Summer, Eastern Michigan! Who else caught the No-Hitter by the Tigers before the All-Star Break? There were some incredible defensive plays in that game! I wanted to thank everyone who participated in this year's First Annual Golf Outing as it was a huge success! We had a lot of fun and so glad the rain held off during

the course of play for us! As I mentioned in the post-dinner announcements, if you are not a member yet, please sign up and join! Engineer and affiliate alike, there's something in ASPE for each of us.

Speaking of the Golf Outing, we had 80 golfers in our first outing, and we were able to raise \$9,241.41 after expenses. I want to thank our volunteers, Kathy Kirschnick from the ASPE Cleveland Chapter and our amazing committee made up of Pam Hartsell, Rachel Gendich, George Johnston Sr, Dann Holmes and Mike Kennedy. Without all of you, the golf outing wouldn't have been possible. The money for now will sit in the bank and allow the chapter to possibly give back to our members in various ways (TBD by the chapter board).

One thing I will be adding this year are birthdays. To get caught up, we have June, July and August birthdays for our members on the following page.

Connect with and follow us on LinkedIn (ASPE Eastern Michigan Chapter). We have up to date announcements and different posts that are educational, entertaining, and informative on current events happening in our Plumbing World!

Membership renewal! If you are up to renew your membership, remember to do it today! We don't want to see you go!! There is a new option to be a part of multiple chapters! If you are interested, please keep The Eastern Michigan Chapter as your home chapter and signup for as many others as you wish for only \$80 per chapter. You can also take advantage of Multiple-Year Membership Renewal. Save on your ASPE membership dues if you join or renew for more than one year! • 5% discount for a two-year renewal. • 10% discount for a three-year renewal.



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JULY BIRTHDAYS

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Bill Grayzar
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Peter Kutil
Tyler Palchak
Zac Malewitz

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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EMC President Bill Grayzar presented Certificates of Appreciation to Rob Murley and Mike Melaragni for their dedication to the design courses.

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Congratulations to 2023-2024 incoming Board of Directors!

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IAPMO's Christoph Lohr presented The ASPE Legionella Design Guide and Pressure Design



EMC President Bill Grayzar presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Christoph Lohr

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Congratulations to our raffle winners Andy Grajek, Peter Papanikolaou and Hank Koppelo



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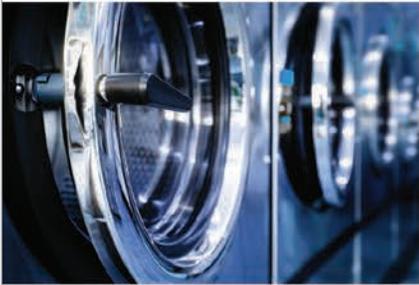
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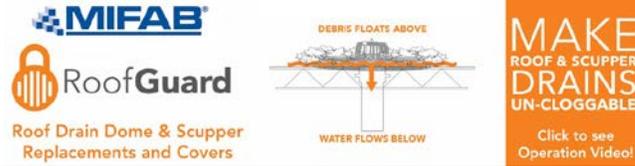
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ASPE Mentoring Program

The Women of ASPE are excited to introduce ASPE's new Mentoring Program!

This program, which is available to all members of the Society, has been designed to connect ASPE members who have a particular skill set (mentor) with individuals (mentee) who are searching to acquire the same skills to develop and make progress toward their personal and professional goals.

Who Is a Mentor?

A mentor is someone who can help the mentee develop skills for success and long-range career planning, is able to be a good listener, is willing to share experiences and views, is willing to commit time and effort, provides an "open door" to questions and problems, points out both strengths and opportunities for improvement, and has a vested interest in the growth and development of their mentee.

Benefits to the mentor:

- Satisfaction in helping someone mature, progress, and achieve goals
- Meeting and sharing experiences with other mentors
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Who Is a Mentee?

Having a mentor can contribute to a successful and satisfying career. Without a mentor, that learning occurs mostly through trial and error. With a mentor, even experienced professionals can benefit from the experiences and expertise of someone who has withstood the trial and can help the mentee avoid the mistakes. Similarly, those new to the industry will discover that being a mentee shortens the learning curve for acquiring the skills and knowledge most critical to a fruitful career.

Benefits to the mentee:

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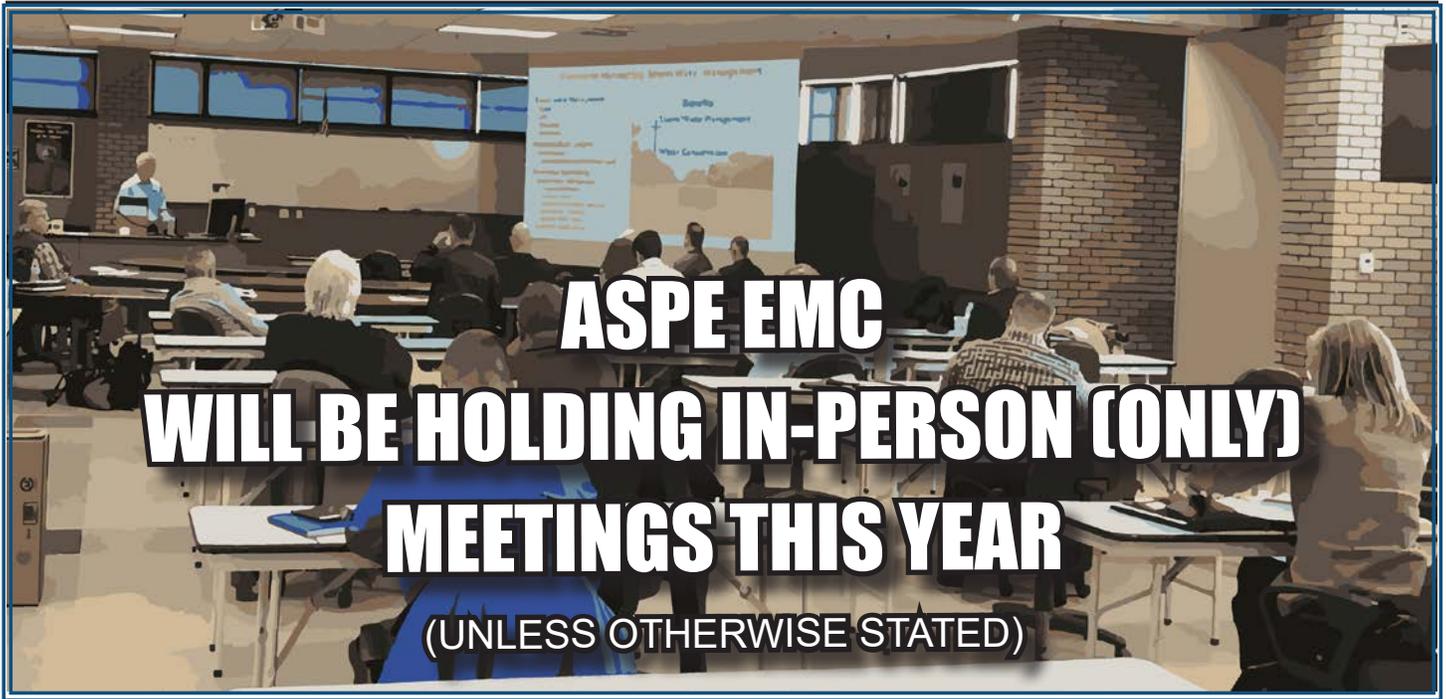
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