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### From the President's Pen



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The month of May is when most of our ASPE Chapters hold their annual elections. Granted, some Chapters are on a two-year cycle, but for the most part this is a time of change. An election—whether it is for a local city office, a seat in the Senate, or a position on an ASPE Chapter Board of Directors—is very important. The American Society of Plumbing Engineers could not function very well without these individuals stepping forward and taking charge. Our Chapters depend on volunteers who are willing to take the time and expend some energy to lead their fellow members. These leaders help guide and operate the Chapters so we can meet the goals we have set and provide a great resource for our members. Many different positions are available, ranging from Administrative Secretary to Treasurer to President and everything in between. If you are thinking about running for a position, touch base with one of your Chapter leaders. They can tell you all about the different positions and can give you a firsthand look into what is expected. You can also learn more about each of the positions by going to the members' page on ASPE's website ([aspe.org/MembersOnly](http://aspe.org/MembersOnly)). Here you will find videos on what's involved in being a Chapter Officer, a brochure on how to become an ASPE volunteer, and the *P&O Manual*, which contains detailed descriptions of the Chapter Board positions. I encourage you to check out some of these informational tools. Just remember: no experience is required, and many people are available to help guide you through the journey. We are always looking for fresh ideas and getting more people involved, so hopefully you will consider running for a position. The first time I ran for a position, my fellow Chapter members helped guide me along the way, and I'm sure yours will as well. It is a very rewarding experience to give back to the industry that has treated us so well.

I cannot say enough about the outgoing 2016–2017 Chapter Officers. They have done a fantastic job leading and growing our Chapters, and I would like to thank each of them for their efforts. Luckily for us, many of those Officers will be running for either re-election or a different position, but some may decide to step down. Regardless of whatever decision they make, we are grateful that they took the time and had a desire to lead their Chapters. I would like to take this time to thank those who have decided to run again and continue serving their Chapter and this Society. For those who have decided to take a break, I thank you for all of your help and support. Hopefully one day you will consider coming back to help lead your Chapter.

We are also nearing the end of ASPE's fiscal year, which means it's time to submit the Chapter Annual Report. The reporting process this year has changed for the better thanks to our Chapter Officers' input, ASPE's Director of Information Technology, Richard Albrecht, and the Board of Directors. The report template has been completely overhauled based on everyone's input, and we believe it will be much easier to navigate and complete this year. We would appreciate any input you have regarding the changes because this is a living document, and we will do what we can to make it better in the future. Thanks go to everyone who was involved in helping improve this year's annual reporting process.

The Annual Report, if you did not already know, is where a Chapter documents their past year's activities. This includes itemizing all of their technical and social events as well as any special programs they have

hosted. It is also the place to recognize their extraordinary leaders who helped make the past year a success. The reason we ask the Chapters to detail all of this information in the report is because we want to learn from their experiences. I can assure you that everyone on the Society Board of Directors will be reading every Chapter report and that this information will be used to develop and implement new programs that we think will benefit all of our members. We believe that by learning from our peers, we can make membership in this Society much more valuable. The more detailed the reports are, the more insight we gain on the operations of the Chapters. I, for one, am looking forward to reading all about our Chapters' experiences from this past year.

The annual Region Meetings follow the Chapter elections. The meetings this year are scheduled for the first weekend in June and will be hosted by the New York City, Eastern Michigan, Greenville, Inter-mountain, and Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapters. The meetings are intended to be a review of the past year and a platform to learn how we can improve the procedures and programs that are currently in place. It is also a time for us to update the Chapters on the latest Society news as well as the plans we have to make us stronger and more valuable to our members. These meetings have always been very beneficial and a great learning tool for everyone involved. We are looking forward to the interaction between the attendees because this is a great opportunity to meet face to face and talk about important issues. May each of the Regions have a successful and productive meeting!

Just to give you a brief review of the April board meeting, we had a very full agenda as we always do, but we spent some additional time focusing on the budget. The ASPE budget is very complex and covers a two-year period. No two years are the same because we need to plan for the Technical Symposium in Montreal this year and the Convention & Expo in Atlanta next year. It is very important that we understand and properly plan for these two very different events along with the Society's day-to-day activities. We dug very deep this year in learning how we could be more cost effective, and thanks go to our very hard-working Board members who were relentless in leaving no stone unturned. We believe that the 2017–2019 budget is on target with our goals and that we have done a very thorough job in planning for our financial future.

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ASPE's Affiliate Sponsor Program provides plumbing industry manufacturers with the opportunity to continually reach out to and interact with the plumbing engineering community to help ensure the continued growth of their business. We recently added new benefits to the program, including new product announcements and case studies distributed to ASPE members and promotion of significant company dates and events, so visit our new Affiliate Sponsor webpage at [aspe.org/affiliates](http://aspe.org/affiliates) or contact our Director of Affiliate Relations, Brian Henry, at [bhenry@aspe.org](mailto:bhenry@aspe.org) or 847-296-0002 x235 to learn more and sign up.

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To propose a webinar or workshop, go to [aspe.org/content/webinars-and-workshops-call-presenters](http://aspe.org/content/webinars-and-workshops-call-presenters). For sponsorship opportunities, contact ASPE's Director of Affiliate Relations, Brian Henry, at 847.296.0002 x235 or [bhenry@aspe.org](mailto:bhenry@aspe.org).

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## From the Executive's Desk



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As I'm writing this May column while on a flight returning from another industry meeting, I would like to first comment on and share with you something about the Society Board of Directors. Through the leadership of ASPE's President, Mitch Clemente, CPD, FASPE, the Board did an excellent job completing our work at the most recent April board meeting. You might ask what made this board meeting more special or important than the others. Typically, at each April board meeting, the Board of Directors must approve the budget our Society operates within during the next two-year period. Of course, we review our budget each year and update it accordingly if needed. Planning for ASPE's future is always our immediate focus, and through these efforts, ASPE will remain in a positive and upward-moving position financially. You should be proud of the efforts of both this Board of Directors and the ASPE Staff in maintaining a collaborative and fiscal focus.

Additionally, the Board of Directors and ASPE Staff just completed a redesign and implementation of the Chapter Annual Report system. Specifically, from a staff standpoint, I must congratulate Richard Albrecht, the Society's Director of Information Technology, for the many hours of work he put forth in creating this new and innovative system that will allow ASPE to be extremely fluid moving forward as to system updates and changes in processes. Of course, the overall intent of this new system is to give everyone better control while inputting Chapter activities and saving that information for future use. Please feel free to pass along any comments you may have as to our ongoing efforts to make the annual reporting process easier for both the Chapter Officers and the Society Board of Directors. As stated, this system will allow updates to be made at any time.

Hopefully, you will recall from my April column that I referenced an opportunity for our Chapters, members, and industry partners to share your efforts to acknowledge our profession and its importance via presentations during Engineers Week and World Plumbing Day. We asked that you showcase ASPE during these events and share the results that came about through your efforts. Having the opportunity (now) and the vehicle (ASPE) to share with others about how to promote ASPE and advance this profession is important to our continued efforts to grow. ASPE would love to share your stories, which will allow us to

provide important follow-up testimonials that may be just the component to bring about growth in all areas of our industry. Reach out to us and let us see what comes about that could change someone's outlook on who we are and the many lives that can be changed from being connected with ASPE.

Speaking of having an opportunity to change someone's life, the next Community Plumbing Challenge (CPC) location has been announced. ASPE has been very involved in supporting these efforts in the past as many of our members have participated with Team USA. According to the International Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Foundation (IWSH), "Indonesia becomes the third country to host the CPC, following India in 2015 and South Africa in 2016. Top young apprentices and professionals representing four or five different countries—including Indonesia—are expected to participate, joining forces to form a long-term international collaboration that will deliver improved sanitation infrastructure and facilities in the Cicau area and others like it. In an exciting new development from previous editions, CPC2017 will be presented in two parts—a 'Design Week' in August and a 'Construction Week' in November. CPC2017 will be presented by the International Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Foundation in association with the World Plumbing Council. The project will be based at local school SD Negeri Cicau 02, with a range of other promotional and participatory activities planned across the village for the duration of the event."

ASPE will continue to support and participate in these important and life-changing efforts to protect the health and safety of the public in all areas of the world.

As we continue to move forward throughout the year, I would like to also remind you of some upcoming important dates that should be in your calendar. Please plan to attend, along with other ASPE members and industry professionals, the 2017 Technical Symposium, which is being held in Montreal on October 19–22. Get your passport renewed! You don't want to be that person who gives a "no" answer when asked if you've made your plans to be in Montreal for the ASPE Technical Symposium. I mean, that is just not a good look. Remember that time when you were heading to a big event and you couldn't believe it when some of your friends chose not to attend? "Wow!" you thought. Well,

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this is the same type of event. Again, don't be that person. Hold down the water-cooler office chatter by going ahead and making all of the necessary plans now! Remember my instructions from the April column? When someone asks if you've registered for the Symposium and have your passport, the correct answer would be "oui!" You may have to go ahead and load the French translation app onto your smartphone. I've found it to be helpful with my lack of expertise in speaking anything other than English (yes, even with a Southern drawl).

While we are speaking of important dates, the annual Region Meetings will be held June 2–4. These are important meetings in assisting the Society Board of Directors in their continued efforts to advance ASPE within the industry and our membership. Your input is so valuable to the overall health of ASPE, and we are looking forward to seeing you there. Make sure you are planning accordingly to participate with the following Host Chapters: New York City, Eastern Michigan, Greenville, Intermountain, and Dallas/Fort Worth.

Okay, I've got to end this column at some point so I can head to the post office to pick up my updated passport. See, I want to be in Montreal for the Technical Symposium. It's important to me, and I hope it's important to you.

Ya'll come see us now, ya hear?



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