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September 22-26 // San Diego Marriott Mission Valley

PROGRAM GUIDE
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Dear 2021 ASPE Tech Symposium Attendee,

Welcome to San Diego! ASPE’s Board of Directors thanks you for joining us for our first in-person national ASPE event in two years. We hope you enjoy seeing your ASPE friends once again and find the 2021 Tech Symposium to be a very valuable experience, both professionally and personally.

The industry’s manufacturers have been very supportive of ASPE in the past year, and I’d like to thank our generous Sponsors/Exhibitors who helped sell out the Product Show in record time. The Product Show will be two days once again, so you have twice the time to mingle with our Sponsors/Exhibitors to learn all about their new products and services. Please be sure to thank them for their support of ASPE and the plumbing engineering profession.

We once again are holding an ASPE Young Professionals (AYP) Leadership Academy, sponsored by Zurn. It is called “Dynamic Tools to Lead at Every Level” and will help participants learn how to bring out the best in themselves and team members. The speaker has a lot of fun, interactive activities planned, so I’m sure it will be a very exciting day. AYP also is hosting a networking event for attendees 35 years old and younger, which will be held at Park & Rec.

On Friday evening I invite all attendees to join us at the Welcome Party sponsored by Charlotte Pipe & Foundry Co. We will be gathering by the pool at the host hotel for light snacks and drinks, where everyone can get reacquainted and make new ASPE friends.

The Technical Education Program, the cornerstone of our Tech Symposium, will be held on Friday through Sunday. Each of the 40 sessions is presented by experts in their fields who are eager to share their knowledge with you. Don’t forget to submit the quiz at the end of each session you attend so you can get CEUs for your CPD or CPDT recertification or PE license. You can find information on how to do this later in this show guide.

Several of our committees will be holding meetings on Friday and Saturday mornings, and I encourage all attendees to participate in at least one or two to learn about the exciting initiatives these groups are planning. Also, on Saturday we will honoring our outstanding ASPE Chapters and members during the Lunch & Awards Ceremony.

In closing, I’d like to thank our amazing Staff for all of their hard work in planning this year’s Tech Symposium, as well as our San Diego Host Chapter for their hospitality. I also want to thank our Co-Chairs, Grant Schaffer, LEED GA, and Anthony Wikum for their dedication to our Tech Symposium.

I hope you have a very enjoyable and educational time in San Diego at the 2021 ASPE Tech Symposium!

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A 2021 ASPE Tech Symposium badge must be worn at all times while attending program sessions or participating in Symposium events.

TECH SYMPOSIUM EVALUATION
ASPE is interested in your thoughts about this year’s Tech Symposium. After the event, please take a few minutes to fill out the brief survey at aspe.org/evaluation to share your thoughts with us so we can better plan future events.

PHOTOGRAPHIC, VIDEO, AND AUDIO EQUIPMENT
The use of cameras, video equipment, and audio recorders during program sessions is prohibited.

REGISTRATION DESK
LOCATION: Main lobby of the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley
HOURS:
Thursday, Sept. 23 ............ 1 – 7 P.M.
Friday, Sept. 24 ........ 7 A.M. – 3 P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 25 .... 7 A.M. – 3 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 26 ...... 7 – 10:30 A.M.

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Tech Symposium
highlights. Don’t
forget to mention
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ABOUT ASPE

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Water Heating Design in the Modern World  
Hot Water Distribution Temperatures, Legionella Control & the Need for Enhanced Scald Prevention Tactics

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Responding to Crisis: Best Practices for Shutting Down and Reopening Buildings  
Friday, Sept. 24 | 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.  
Christoph Lohr, PE, CPD, LEED AP BD+C, ASSE 12080  
In 2020, due to COVID-19, economies were shut down around the world and buildings were left vacant. This session will review the scientific concerns of stagnant water and some of the solutions that the AWWA/IAPMO Manual of Best Practices determined for potable water systems based on the best available information. Upon completing this session, engineers will have a plethora of ideas on how to improve their designs and specifications and will understand the limitations of the guidance in this document.

2021 International Plumbing Code Significant Changes  
Friday, Sept. 24 | 3:15 – 4:45 P.M.  
Jim Cika  
This session will present the significant changes from the 2018 International Plumbing Code (IPC) to the 2021 IPC. The information presented will allow for the application of these new code requirements to design, plan review, and/or inspection. This session is designed for building department staff, architects, engineers, designers, contractors, homeowners, and all other interested individuals.

A Detailed Review of the ASSE 1087 Standard  
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 9:00 – 10:30 A.M.  
Tina Donda and Ryan Prince  
The ASSE 1087 standard was added to the plumbing code as of 2021. Because it is such a new standard, few engineers, regulators, or inspectors have much, if any, knowledge regarding its contents. The goal of this session will be to educate attendees about why the standard was issued and what the different sections of the standards are, as well as explain the tests covered under each section. The discussion will also include a section on the significance of the reference standards and what types of things an engineer should not expect the standard to cover.

Extending the Water Demand Calculator to Commercial & Institutional Buildings  
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 10:45 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.  
Steven Buchberger, PhD, PE, Natascha Milesi Ferretti, MSc, PE, Gary Klein, Toritseju Omaghomi  
The plumbing industry was recently introduced to IAPMO’s Water Demand Calculator (WDC) for estimating peak indoor demand in residential buildings fitted with water-conserving fixtures. The WDC is the first significant codified modification to Hunter’s curve in 80 years. The WDC has been shown, both in the U.S. and Australia, to mitigate the problem of oversizing residential plumbing systems when compared to Hunter’s method. This session will outline the next steps in the evolution of the WDC to estimate peak water demands. The panel will review Hunter’s Curve, demonstrate the benefits of using the WDC probability methods to update Hunter’s curve using real examples of projects, identify the challenges (and opportunities) to applying the WDC to commercial and institutional buildings, identify the types of buildings that are classified as commercial and institutional buildings, and discuss the scope of work necessary to implement a national survey of peak water use in commercial and institutional buildings. In addition, knowing that reduced demand requires reduced pipe sizes, the panel will explore the effect of pipe sizes on the relationship between reduced flow and pressure loss in indoor plumbing systems.

Decoding Plumbing Codes  
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 2:00 – 3:30 P.M.  
John Nance  
Plumbing codes can stump even the best engineer. In this session on plumbing codes for exterior commercial water systems, the presenter will discuss what each code entails, why it matters, and how to be in compliance. The session will cover differences between ASSE 1011, 1052, 1019, and 1057; ASSE and IAPMO audit processes; and lead-free requirements.

Cast Iron Coatings for Aggressive DWV Applications  
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 3:45 – 5:15 P.M.  
Mike LeMaster  
This session will provide a short history of cast iron soil pipe and will briefly discuss joining methods. The majority of the session will cover various enhanced coatings and aggressive DWV situations. The session will conclude with a hands-on demonstration on cutting and maintaining the integrity of the enhanced coating during installation.
CSST Gas Piping Systems Code Compliance & Sizing
Sunday, Sept. 26 | 8:45 – 10:15 A.M.
Jonathan D. Sargeant, LEED AP BD+C, and Robert Torbin, PE

Corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) is a highly resilient piping system designed and tested for use in the conveyance of natural gas and propane in both residential and commercial installations. All piping systems depend on proper code-compliant design and installation practices to ensure satisfactory performance and longevity of the system. This session will educate the design engineer on the nature and benefits of CSST. It will address proper installation practices designed to mitigate common threats, including forces of nature. It will also discuss different sizing techniques available to the engineer, including hybrid pressure systems and the advantages of those systems.

Emerging Contaminants in Drinking Water—Issues and Answers
Sunday, Sept. 26 | 10:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.
Peter Cartwright, PE

This session will address two classes of emerging drinking water contaminants: PPCPs and microplastics. It will describe them in detail and discuss methods to reduce their concentrations in water supplies or to mitigate possible effects on human health.
Hydronic Expansion Tanks for HVAC & Plumbing Applications
Friday, Sept. 24 | 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.

Kenneth Rutherford

This session will cover the origin, function, and application of expansion tanks used for HVAC comfort heating/cooling and potable hot water plumbing applications. It will review tank sizing and selection considerations as well. In conclusion, hydropneumatic tanks used in water booster stations will be highlighted.

Design of Sitewide Natural Gas Distribution Systems
Friday, Sept. 24 | 3:15 – 4:45 P.M.

Paul L. Baker, PE, CPD, GPD, LEED AP BD+C

NFPA 54 and the International Fuel Gas Code provide minimal guidance with respect to sizing and selecting pipeline materials and sizes on a campus setting. On some sites, like a military base or an industrial complex, natural gas arrives at a central “gateway” from the utility supplier, and it is up to the engineer to select all of the pipeline materials and pipe sizes. The codes do not provide charts or tables for selecting pipe sizes, and hardly any tables are published to compare with sizing results. This session will outline relevant code and reference materials, discuss gas pressure regulators and their purpose, review relevant piping materials, discuss the accuracy of various flow and pressure drop equations, and finally outline what items need to be discussed with the natural gas supplier.

Applying Roof Drain Flow Rates in System Design
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 9:00 – 10:30 A.M.

Matt Lawrence

Gravity roof drain flow rates have been a frequent topic of discussion within the industry since new verbiage around roof drain sizing was introduced within certain codes. Although this is an exciting step forward, questions remain about how to properly size roof drains based on these new code requirements and the roof drain flow rate. This session will help bridge the gap between theoretical calculations vs. testing data and applying it to roof drain system design. This data-intensive session will focus on educating the engineering community on the importance of flow testing and how it will change their system design. This session will also include visuals and videos of testing, flow data in various scenarios (piping, options, etc.), and system sizing guidelines and examples.

Vacuum Plumbing for Safe, Sustainable & Future-Ready Plumbing Design
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 10:45 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

Sher R. Adler and Tom Zinn

The COVID pandemic has underlined the critical need for safe, healthy, flexible, and future-proof or future-ready buildings. Plumbing design has always played a significant role in ensuring health, safety, and sustainable design. This session will outline the use of vacuum plumbing systems for enhancing safe and sustainable design that responds to the need for quick, cost-effective, repurposed use of space. Vacuum plumbing offers an affordable method for adding drainage or making change in the plumbing layout with minimal risk or disruption. This session will provide an introduction to vacuum plumbing design, sizing, layout, and operational requirements. It will illustrate the ease of plumbing renovation and remodel and the ways in which vacuum plumbing contributes to future-proofing plumbing design using specific project examples.

Designing Booster Systems—ASPE Chapter 5 Method
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 2:00 – 3:30 P.M.

Edward Ross

This session will cover booster system design in accordance with Plumbing Engineering Design Handbook, Volume 2, Chapter 5, 2018–2019 edition. Attendees will learn about the proper sizing methods to eliminate oversizing; application of the 80/20 Rule of booster pumping operation; ASHRAE 90.1, 10.4.2, and how it applies to domestic water pressure boosters; the 70% Pump Redundancy Method; hydro-tanks; the proper use of PRVs in buildings with booster systems; and sizing the domestic pressure booster appliance to the building’s physics and characteristics.

PP-RCT for Building Services Piping
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 3:45 – 5:15 P.M.

Robert Marsiglia, CPDT

This session will provide an overview of PP-RCT pipe certifications, material and installation costs, designing for pressure and temperature capabilities, insulating properties and benefits, energy efficiency regarding comparative pumping pressures and flow rates, and LEED consideration, and green
advantages. Other topics will include the comparative benefits of PP-RCT and HDPE and design criteria via comparisons to steel and copper: approvals, cost, corrosion resistance, thermal conductivity, weight, flow capacity, and pressure loss.

**Fuel Oil-Handling Systems for Generators & Boilers**
Sunday, Sept. 26 | 8:45 – 10:15 A.M.
*Lee Carnahan and Len Swihart*

The presenters will discuss all aspects of aboveground and underground fuel oil-handling systems in this session. They will cover small systems, such as remote fill systems, all the way up to large mission-critical systems, such as hospitals and data centers. The session will review design development, key questions, time-saving rules of thumb, and different options to achieve the owner’s goals.

**Water Heating Design in the Modern World**
Sunday, Sept. 26, 10:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.
*Mathias German*

This session will explain how to calculate the hot water demands for common commercial applications. Typical assumptions for hot water demands based on fixture type and application use will be covered. The presenter will show step-by-step calculations for real-world applications, discuss the pros and cons of tank vs. tankless water heaters, and explain where these water heaters perform best and their general requirements for operation. Lastly, there will be an overall cost comparison breakdown between tank and tankless water heaters based on purchase price, installation, and operation cost.

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Copper: A Key Element in Sustainable & Resilient Design  
Friday, Sept. 24 | 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.  
**Harold Moret**  
This session will help attendees gain a better understanding of how copper enables our world to work more efficiently, its contribution to resilient construction and infrastructure, and responsible production. The presenter will use up-to-date imagery to support the discussion.

Water Treatment for Commercial Humidification  
Friday, Sept. 24 | 3:15 – 4:45 P.M.  
**Brian Soderholm**  
This presentation will provide a brief overview of different types of commercial humidification systems, their individual feedwater quality requirements, and the methods available for meeting these requirements. The discussion will begin by defining water “purity” and explaining how it is measured. Then it will spell out minimum feedwater quality levels for electrode, isothermal, and adiabatic humidification. In addition to broadening their knowledge of these different humidification technologies, attendees can expect to learn how water softeners work and the basics of RO/DI (reverse osmosis/deionization). They will also leave with a broadened knowledge of the many different components needed to construct a functional high-purity water system. Finally, they will learn about pure water distribution piping, system disinfection, system sizing, and the benefits of prefabricated equipment.

Value Engineering Cast Iron Soil Pipe and Thermoplastics for DWV Applications  
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 9:00 – 10:30 A.M.  
**Paul Tully**  
This session will compare cast iron soil pipe and thermoplastics for DWV applications and review the items that a specifier needs to consider when selecting between the two most common DWV piping materials. At the end of this session, participants will have a working knowledge of the capabilities and limitations of CISP and PVC; be able to match the requirements of the building’s DWV system to the capabilities of the material considered; understand the related costs associated with the material beyond the acquisition cost; and understand the issues, consequences, and potential liabilities with a less-than-optimal material selection.

New Design Concepts in Response to Crisis: Balancing Sustainability & Water Safety  
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 10:45 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.  
**Christoph Lohr, PE, CPD, LEED AP BD+C, ASSE 12080, Tom Ruggiero, Jana Summey, and Greg Swafford CPD, GPD**  
As a result of the COVID crisis in 2020, there was a rise in awareness of the need for the flushing of domestic water systems. However, concerns of water shortages have not gone away. Rather, there is real concern that flushing protocols may exacerbate water supplies. Is it possible to balance both sustainability and safety in the realm of water? This panel discussion will provide a broad overview of a new concept: plumbing resiliency. Several concepts, both familiar and new, will be presented. These new design concepts will be evaluated in detail, in reviewing some of the critical components. By combining new technologies in innovative ways is it possible to create a water system that is sustainable, safe, efficient, and affordable that can overcome challenging conditions? The panelists will explain why this is possible and hope participants will come away from the session with new ideas to build more resilient plumbing systems.

Applications for Smart Water Management in Commercial Buildings  
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 2:00 – 3:30 P.M.  
**Adam Bartman**  
This session will explain how traditional plumbing design standards can be transformed to provide added value using connected (IoT) technology. The presenter will walk through the current challenges of traditional water systems operations, focusing on commercial and multifamily (MDU) buildings. He will then describe the traditional plumbing design standards compared to solutions and tactics to apply for a better design using connected (IoT) technology and recommend three applications where available market IoT technology can add value to building owners, occupants, and service providers.

Oil Separators vs. Grease Interceptors Design & Sizing —Taking the Mystery Out  
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 3:45 – 5:15 P.M.  
**Silvano Ferrazzo**  
This session will discuss similarities and differences in the design, sizing, and performance of grease interceptors and oil/water sediment separators. Although grease interceptors and oil separators can often appear similar, they have different performance criteria and often offer different options and accessories to enhance performance, separation efficiency, and even maintenance.
Attendees will learn about design and sizing differences and how they can affect performance and environmental compliance.

**Containerized Water Treatment & Plumbing Design**  
*Sunday, Sept. 26 | 8:45 – 10:15 A.M.*  
**Mark Girgenti**

As the rapid pace of construction and retrofitting of buildings has grown, the need for equipment additions that can be seamlessly integrated into the construction planning without impacting the building’s structure and operation has grown. This is especially true of the need for clean rooms, high-end process equipment, or critical infrastructure that cannot afford to be down for long-term construction. This session will examine the benefits of and how modular plumbing systems can be integrated into a building without impacting the building’s structure or operation. This will include how these system are designed, the necessary condition for the system to be fully containerized, building and utility hookups, as well as the cost and schedule impact analysis. This will be explored in a couple of case studies to highlight how these types of system are implemented from the ground up, including a special look at pharmaceutical and healthcare requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Hot Water Distribution Temperatures, Legionella Control & the Need for Enhanced Scald Prevention Tactics**  
*Sunday, Sept. 26 | 10:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.*  
**James E. Dipping, PE, CPD, GPD, LEED AP BD+C, ARCSA AP**

The industry is shifting away from low-temperature hot water distribution systems as awareness of Legionella in plumbing systems rises. With this comes an increased risk of scalding, so the typical mindset of temperature control must shift. Gone are the days of low-temperature circulation and no point-of-use temperature control. Significant attention must be paid to distribution temperatures, recirculation temperatures, hot water return pump calculations, and fixture applications. Because of this, a high level of knowledge is needed for ASSE-rated devices. Engineers must have familiarity with the rating, applications, and best practices associated with protecting the public from scalding.

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Firestop Pre-Con for Plumbing Engineers
Friday, Sept. 24 | 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.
Sharron Halpert
It doesn’t matter if the team self-performs firestop or sub it out to a specialty firestop contractor—they are still responsible for making sure firestop is done right. A little planning before starting a job can make all the difference, and this session will show how. Attendees will receive key pieces of information that will help reduce headaches for teams that self-perform the firestop. The information will also be valuable if the team prefers to sub the work out because it will help reduce the risk of change order opportunities since the common issues will be planned out. If teams want to build better, they have to plan projects better.

Firestop Installation for Plumbing Engineers
Friday, Sept. 24 | 3:15 – 4:45 P.M.
Sharron Halpert
This session is for those whose head hurts when they hear the word “firestop.” It will discuss the common firestop issues found and how to avoid them. Many attendees will have projects that require special inspection of firestop, so the session will touch on how this can impact the project for better and for worse. Applying the information shared in this discussion will reduce liability and help teams build better, whether they self-perform the firestop or sub the work out to a specialty firestop contractor.

Selecting the Right Water-Based Fire Protection System
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 9:00 – 10:30 A.M.
Cecil Bilbo
This session will ensure that attendees know the 13 different types of water-based fire protection systems available for use on projects. Combining additional options for enhancing a system’s performance can lead to a wide spectrum of efficiencies. The session will discuss how these systems impact the building commissioning (BCx) process and the total cost of ownership. Attendees will participate in exercises meant to improve their application of enhanced parameters in choosing the right systems. Through these exercises, attendees will also have a chance to show and improve their skills in a team-based environment.

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Designing DWV Systems with Cast Iron Soil Pipe
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 10:45 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.
Laura Loziuk and BJ Shrader
This session will provide an overview of cast iron DWV and its relevancy as a proven, sustainable, long-term noncombustible material. The session will discuss the relevant codes and standards for DWV systems and the manufacturing of cast iron, as well as the advantages of using cast iron where combustibility is a concern. The long-term cost advantages of choosing the right materials for the right application are key for a proper design and a satisfied building owner.

Automatic Auxiliary Drains: New Innovations in Freeze Protection
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 3:45 – 5:15 P.M.
Jim McHugh
NFPA requires auxiliary drains (also called low-point drains or drum drips) for each section of trapped pipe in dry or preaction fire-protection systems. Auxiliary drains that collect water need to be emptied to prevent freezing and must be accessible. These drains are often field-assembled and inaccessible or otherwise improperly maintained, which causes false system trips that create unnecessary liability and cost thousands in repair and damage. This session will explore automatic, heated auxiliary drains that solve this problem by maintaining and draining themselves. The heated cabinet ensures that they will not freeze while collecting greater volumes of water. Automated draining processes ensure that the drains are always properly maintained, even if they go forgotten.
Water Heater Venting Fundamentals
Sunday, Sept. 26 | 8:45 – 10:15 A.M.
Keith Kuliga Jr.

This session will help attendees:
• Understand the basic principles of combustion and venting of gas appliances.
• Describe the four different venting categories.
• List common problems with venting gas water heaters.
• List the products of gas combustion.
• Give examples of proper water heater vent configurations.

What’s Old Is New Again: The Environmental & Operational Benefits of R744 Heat Pump Water Heaters
Sunday, Sept. 26 | 10:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.
Andrew Macaluso

As electrification and decarbonization initiatives continue to grow throughout North America, there is increased scrutiny on the refrigerants being used. Heat pump water heaters powered by R744, better known as CO2, provide a way to address ever-evolving energy savings and low-GWP requirements. This session will explore low-GWP CO2 refrigerants that can provide high performance under a wide range of operating conditions. This rapidly growing product category offers many unique benefits. This session will examine the factors driving the adoption of R744-powered heat pumps, the keys to a transcritical refrigeration cycle, options for maximizing performance, strategies for applying this technology, and opportunities to integrate them with other ecofriendly water heating systems.
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Backflow Preventer Assemblies in Fire Protection Systems
Friday, Sept. 24 | 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.
John A. Denhardt, PE, CWBSP, FSFPE
Fire protection systems served with potable water usually require a backflow prevention assembly to be installed to protect the potable water supply. However, the installation of a backflow prevention assembly in a fire protection system can cause issues that need to be recognized and addressed for the system to operate properly. The type of backflow prevention, physical location, type of control valves, friction loss, forward flow test requirements, and supervision of the control valves need to be addressed during the design phase of the project. Failure to confront these issues may cause project delays, cost overruns, and systems that do not comply with the installation standards. Changes to NFPA 13 (2022): Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems that affect backflow prevention assemblies will be presented in this session.

Tech Top 5—The Most-Asked Questions (and Answers) from Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Technical Services Staff
Friday, Sept. 24 | 3:15 – 4:45 P.M.
Alan Larson, CET, CFPS
This session will review the five most-asked categories of questions received by Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co. Technical Services staff. The questions will be posed to attendees using an interactive PowerPoint that includes access to a phone app that the attendees can download via quick code. (Attendees are not required to do this if they do not wish to.) The app will allow everyone to see the percentage of answers from the crowd, and then answers will be discussed.

Nitrous Oxide, Nitrogen, & Carbon Dioxide Medical Gases
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 9:00 – 10:30 A.M.
Stephen E. Howe, PE
Nitrous oxide is used in anesthetic machines to initiate anesthesia with this gas before the administration of a more powerful anesthetic. Nitrogen is used at high pressure to operate surgical tools. Carbon dioxide is typically used to inflate or suspend tissues during surgery and is also used in laser surgeries. This session will discuss all three of these medical gases, first by taking a look at high-pressure cylinders and the manifolds. There are important considerations involved in their location, layout, and piping to the hospital. The session then will move to medical gas outlets. The designer will locate the outlets according to regulations and coordination with the medical facility and the architect. Lastly, the session will go over sizing the manifolds and associated equipment and finish up with sizing the piping.

Fire Protection Special Hazards & Hazard Analysis
Saturday, Sept. 25 | 10:45 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.
Vincent Thomas Favale, PE, CFPS
This session will explore the different types of fire protection special hazards, including water and non-water-based systems. The extinguishing methods for all of the systems will be detailed, as well as how special hazard systems are selected. Hazard analysis of new special hazards will be exposed in key new areas such as Li-ion battery protection, offshore, and on-shore wind farms, high-voltage renewable energy transformers, solar farms, and other forms of renewable energy.

New Innovations in Med Gas Piping—Changes Found in NFPA 99
Saturday, Sept. 2 | 2:00 – 3:30 P.M.
Steve Bradshaw, Mathis Carlson, Kyle Jussel, and Sam Perron, MAT, ASSE 6010 & 6050
This panel discussion will discuss the changes and new medical gas piping technologies found in the 2018 edition of NFPA 99. With the introduction of the 2018 edition of NFPA 99 came new items in medical gas systems that had never before been included. The panel will look at how the new items are already benefiting facilities from the perspectives of design and engineering, installation, and hospital compliance.

Becoming a Solution Provider
Saturday, Sept. 2 | 3:45 – 5:15 P.M.
Edwin Gonzalez, CPD, ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI 12080 Certified
This session will describe the strategy of a business model extension by engineering firms and manufacturers, adding offerings of first services, product performance, and potential solutions for the client. It will discuss the potential benefits and challenges of applying a solution provider business model. Benefits include creating stable revenue, higher margins, and closer relationships with clients. Challenges include changing the value proposition to service and solutions,
changes in organizational culture, team goals, competence, technology, and objectives.

Self-Regulating Variable-Speed Fire Pump Units—Better, Simpler & More Cost Effective
Sunday, Sept. 26 | 8:45 – 10:15 A.M.
Tony J. Furst, MSEd, CPD, LEED AP
This presentation will discuss the benefits of using variable-speed pumps in fire system design, followed by a brief overview of NFPA 20 (2019) Section 4.8, detailing the requirements of self-regulating variable-speed fire pump units, as well as any upcoming changes in the 2022 edition. Attendees will learn about emerging technologies specifically surrounding the self-regulating variable-speed fire pump unit. Finally, attendees will learn how cloud-based technology and analytics will allow for predictive maintenance and improve fire system reliability.

Leading Intentionally: A Young Professional’s Guide to Developing Their Personal Leadership Vision in Construction & Beyond
Sunday, Sept. 26 | 10:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.
Devin A. Abellon, PE, and Michelle Gbur
This session is an interactive workshop centered around creating strong leadership values to make a positive impact in one’s work and personal life. Attendees will walk through a process aimed at developing the leadership vision that will serve as their guiding light throughout their career by being intentional and focused via thought-provoking guidance in this 90-minute segment. Each participant will determine what makes a strong leader, how to show up in their personal brand with these core values as their guiding principles, and opportunities to align with their personal mission statement in big and small ways. Whether leading in the plumbing or construction industry, at home, or in our communities, strong leaders are at the forefront of those who move the needle. This workshop will show attendees how to do it well.

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Sher R. Adler
Sher Adler is Senior Sales Engineer for AcornVac, Inc. and has 28 years of mechanical/plumbing design experience. She began designing vacuum plumbing systems in 2007 for a national retailer and since that time has been a champion of its use as a cost-effective method to address challenging sites and to provide speed to market with future flexibility. Sher joined AcornVac in 2018. She has three adult children and seven grandchildren. She enjoys nature and fishing in her free time.

Paul L. Baker, PE, CPD, GPD, LEED AP BD+C
Paul Baker is a Senior Mechanical Engineer with Jacobs in Fort Worth, Texas. A graduate of Lehigh University in 1975, he has more than 40 years’ experience in the HVAC and plumbing fields. He has been an ASPE member since 2006 and is registered as a Professional
Engineer in nine states. Paul has written five articles on high-pressure natural gas distribution in Plumbing Engineer magazine as well as an article on natural gas at high altitudes. He also was the Technical Editor for ASPE PEDH Volume 4 in 2020/2021 and also has contributed to ASPE PEDH Volumes 1, 2, and 3.

**Adam Bartman**

Adam Bartman, a second-generation Red Seal-endorsed plumber from Toronto, began his career working alongside his father every summer from ages 14 to 18. Utilizing his plumbing experience and passion for technology, he co-founded reed (reedwater.io) to bring plumbing systems online, helping landlords and service providers manage water at commercial properties.

**Cecil Bilbo**

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Mathis Carlson

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Technical Sales Engineer, Mathis assists in medical gas system design and sizing, technical support, training, and general medical gas information. Prior to joining MediTrac, Mathis spent 12 years working as a medical gas verifier and instructor after working as a plumber specializing in medical gases for 10 years. Mathis holds multiple ASSE medical gas certifications including 6005 Specialist, 6010 Installer, 6020 Inspector, 6030 Verifier, 6035 Bulk Verifier, 6040 Maintenance, and 6050 Instructor. He also maintains his ASME IX brazing certification and Master Plumber license. In addition, he holds the MGPHO CMGV certified medical gas verifiers credential. Mathis is currently serving on the board of directors for the Medical Gas Professional Healthcare Organization (MGPHO).

Lee Carnahan
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Tina Dona

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Vincent Thomas Favale, PE, CFPS

Vincent Favale is an Associate at WSP in New York City and an Adjunct Instructor at NYU SPS in NYC. He brings more than eight years of professional experience to the firm. Vincent’s experience covers a broad range of commercial facilities. His professional experience includes plumbing, fire protection, and life safety designs for large-scale projects, and he specializes in special hazards and special projects, most notably in alternate energy applications, such as offshore wind farms, energy storage systems (Li-ion batteries), and solar systems. Vincent earned a Master of Science degree in Fire Protection Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts. Vincent has several certifications in the industry, including a PE in Mechanical Thermal Fluids design, a PE in Fire Protection, a Certified Fire Protection Specialist (CFPS) from NFPA, and a level II Water-Based Fire Protection Systems layout from NICET. Vincent is actively involved in the NFPA, ASPE, the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA), and the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE).

Silvano Ferrazzo

Silvano Ferrazzo has a strong engineering background with more than 30 years of experience in working with engineering management and design, product management, product development, and regulatory authorities in the U.S. and Canada. Silvano is an active ASPE member, a member of the PDI Board of Directors, and an active participant in code development with ASME, ICC, and CSA standards. As an active presenter throughout North America, Silvano brings a practical, down-to-earth approach to discussions on a variety of topics critical to the engineering community, for both seasoned veterans and new employees just starting their careers. Since joining Zurn’s Site Works team, Silvano has been instrumental in providing leadership in sales, education, and training and innovative commercial development solutions to better serve the engineering community in projects ranging from oil and grease management to flow-through trench drain innovations.
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**Tony J. Furst, MSEd, CPD, LEED AP**
Tony Furst has been in the HVAC and plumbing industry his entire life. His father was a mechanical contractor in the Dayton, Ohio area, so Tony grew up learning the industry. He has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Dayton and a Master of Science in Education from Michigan State University, as well as maintaining his CPD credential. Tony was an Application Engineer, a Consulting Engineer, and a Design/Build Engineer before joining Armstrong Fluid Technology where he is the U.S. Director of Application Engineering. His responsibilities cover all of Armstrong’s product line in HVAC, plumbing, and fire protection. Tony is active in both ASPE and ASHRAE and is currently serving on ASPE’s Education Committee.

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**Mark Girgenti**
Mark Girgenti is the Director of Design Engineering for Burt Process Equipment, an environmental process equipment firm. Mark has spearheaded the design, integration, project management, and construction of water treatment equipment for wastewater, rain harvesting, graywater, and high-purity water systems in the government, institutional, and pharmaceutical industries in the United States and abroad. As an upcoming engineer with more than 10 years of experience, and from his years of study and publication record in chemical system design, Mark brings a unique understanding to these projects from a process engineering and chemistry perspective as opposed to the traditional mechanical approach.

Mark has been a speaker at numerous green building and plumbing technical symposiums across the country and internationally, including the Boston Green Table Discussion, ASPE Chicago and Houston Chapter Symposia, and ASPE Tech Symposia. He was also a speaker at the CIPH 2014 exposition as well as numerous ISPE (International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineers) events. He has written several journal articles on water treatment technologies. He has been a member of the ASPE Young Professionals board since its inception and has also served as a member of ASPE’s Education Committee as well as a Vice President of the ASPE Research Foundation. Mark holds a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a M.S. in Chemistry. He is actively involved in academic circles as a
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Edwin Gonzalez, CPD, ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI 12080 Certified
Edwin Gonzalez is a Piping Systems Specialist at GF Piping Systems. He has been in the plumbing design industry for more than 30 years, starting as a drafter for an engineering firm in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and quickly learning plumbing design. His experience includes plumbing systems design for major commercial work, multifamily, hospitality, healthcare, and institutional facilities. He also has 15 years of experience working for a mechanical contractor in Central Florida. He is experienced in CAD and REVIT. Edwin has done presentations on water automation at many ASPE Chapters, was a panelist at the Emerging Water Technology Symposium, and also wrote an article on the need for plumbing systems to be more dynamic and resilient to deal with today’s challenges. His certifications include ASPE’s CPD and ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI 12080 Certified Legionella Water Safety and Management Specialist. Edwin has been involved with the Central Florida ASPE Chapter for many years, where he has served as a former Chapter President and is still involved as a board member for the Central Florida Chapter.

Sharron Halpert
Sharron Halpert has been responsible for quality control on projects valued over $18 billion, which means she has covered roughly 25 million square feet of project space in the last 12 years alone. For the last 20 years, she has been troubleshooting firestop issues on everything from a nuclear power plant to sports stadiums, hospitals, telecommunications, mega-resorts, and more. She is a voting member of ASTM and a member of the International...
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Sharron Hannon is a nationally recognized expert on firestop technology. She was selected by Rutgers to teach New Jersey building inspectors and sub-code officials. She has presented at ICC, AIA, and SFPE conferences and events across the U.S. and as far away as Saudi Arabia. A former kindergarten teacher, Sharron teaches professionals how to apply this new (traditionally boring) information in real-world field conditions in an entertaining way.

Stephen E. Howe, PE

Stephen Howe studied at Northeastern University in Boston and received a degree in Civil Engineering. He is a registered New York State Professional Engineer and has PE licenses in New York, Georgia, Missouri, Ohio, and South Carolina. Currently retired, he is employed at the New York State Education Department as an Associate Mechanical Construction Engineer, where he reviews plans for K–12 schools for code compliance in the mechanical plumbing and electrical disciplines. Stephen has been a member of ASPE for more than 30 years. On the national level, he served as President of the ASPE Research Foundation and is a member of the Education Committee. He presented a paper at an ASPE Convention on Legionella and has given training seminars in New York, South Carolina, and Michigan. He also presented a seminar on sanitary and stormwater systems at the ASPE Tech Symposium in Orlando.

Kyle Jussel

Kyle Jussel is currently the President of Medical Air Systems and Medical Air Testing & Service in Denver. As a second-generation medical gas systems specialist, he grew up in the industry and has witnessed its evolution into what it has become today. After graduating from Colorado State University, Kyle immediately went to work obtaining the remaining credentials necessary to succeed in his field (listed below). As a medical gas systems verifier and

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instructor, Kyle is dedicated to the safety, education, and continued development within the industry. He also currently serves as President of the Medical Gas Professional Healthcare Organization (MGPHO) as well as the Membership Chairperson for the Colorado Association of Healthcare Engineers & Directors. Kyle’s credentials are:

- ASSE 6010 Medical Gas Systems Installer
- ASSE 6020 Medical Gas Systems Inspector
- ASSE 6030 Medical Gas Systems Verifier
- ASSE 6035 Bulk Medical Gas/Cryogenic Fluid Central Supply Systems Verifier
- ASSE 6040 Medical Gas Systems Maintenance Personnel
- ASSE 6050 Medical Gas Systems Instructor
- Credentialed Medical Gas Verifier (CMGV)

Gary Klein, President of Gary Klein & Associates Inc., has been intimately involved in energy efficiency and renewable energy since 1974. Gary has a passion for hot water: getting into it, getting out of it, and efficiently delivering it to meet customer’s needs. He is also an advocate of right-sizing plumbing systems. After serving 19 years with the California Energy Commission, he has provided consulting on sustainability since 2008, with an emphasis on the water-energy-carbon connection. Gary received a B.A. from Cornell University in 1975 with an Independent Major in Technology and Society with an emphasis on energy conservation and renewable energy. IAPMO recognized his efforts in 2014 by presenting him with their Green Professional of the Year award. In 2015 the Department of Energy awarded him the Jeffrey A. Johnson Award for Excellence in the Advancement of Building Energy Codes.

Keith Kuliga Jr.
Keith Kuliga is the Commercial Product Manager for Bradford White Water Heaters. Keith’s responsibilities include oversight of Bradford White’s commercial product portfolio within the U.S. market. He is a product professional who educates various customer groups about commercial product solutions. Keith is instrumental in the development of new features and products within Bradford White’s commercial product portfolio. Keith began his career at Bradford White more than nine years ago and has had various roles within the organization including water heater sales, Senior Product Analyst, and Assistant Product Manager—Residential and Commercial Products.

Alan Larson, CET, CFPS
Alan Larson has more than 30 years of experience in fire protection, including more than 12 years with Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co. Inc. He has familiarity with contracting, fire protection engineering, design, and manufacturing. Alan currently serves as an alternate on the NFPA 75 Committee on Electronic Computer Systems, and he served as a member of the NFPA 13D and 13R Committee on Residential Systems from 2005–2008. Alan graduated from Ferris State University in 1984 with a degree in Architectural Technology and is a NICET Level III certified fire sprinkler designer and an NFPA Certified Fire Protection Specialist (CFPS).

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Christoph Lohr, PE, CPD, LEED AP BD+C, ASSE 12080
Christoph Lohr has more than a decade of experience in designing...
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Jim McHugh
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John Nance
John Nance has led product development at PRIER, a plumbing manufacturing company, since January 2018.
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Before joining PRIER, John worked at two other organizations that tapped his skills in design and manufacturing engineering. He has experience in ASSE, ASME, and ANSI standards and previous experience in NFPA codes based on fire suppression and explosion protection. John is currently involved with the ASSE working group to define codes including the latest publication of 1011, 1052, 1019, and 1057. He routinely shares his knowledge with various ASPE Chapters and the industry. John earned a Mechanical Engineering degree from Missouri University of Science and Technology. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing and managing his Rippertail fishing lure company.

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Sam Perron, MAT, ASSE 6010 & 6050
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Tom Ruggierio
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Kenneth Rutherford
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Jonathan D. Sargeant, LEED AP BD+C
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BJ Shrader
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Tom Zinn
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### PRODUCT SHOW

**WELCOME PARTY**

Friday, September 24  
6:00 – 8:30 P.M. | San Diego Marriott Mission Valley Hotel

**Thursday, September 23 | 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.**
**Friday, September 24 | 7:00 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.**
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### ASPE LUNCH & AWARDS CEREMONY

**Saturday, September 25**

**12:15 – 1:45 P.M.**

Join your fellow attendees at this special lunch where the ASPE Board of Directors will distribute 2019-2020 membership awards to ASPE Chapters and Members.

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- **Tools for Difficult Conversations:** Managing tough conversations with your reports and managers is always a challenge, and learning how to best handle these situations is crucial for developing solid leaders in our firms.

- **Expectations and Boundaries:** Being able to balance satisfying the needs of your team at the same time as satisfying your individual needs is a problem for everyone. There always seems to be a loser and a winner. This discussion will help you find ways to make everyone a winner.

- **Valuing Team Members:** Having the ability to review your peers and provide praise or constructive comments is a skill that everyone can improve. The same goes in reverse: being able to receive the same comments and praise. You will learn how to recognize the positives and challenging values that your team brings to the table. Showing/knowing where your strengths are and that you are a valued team member will assist everyone in improving their craft.

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