

## PE Explanation Letter

It has recently been brought to the attention of the ASPE Board of directors, that there are members of the Society who stand in opposition to ASPE pushing for a Professional Plumbing Engineering License. I have spoken and heard from several of these individuals, and while there are many valid points, there are also many misconceptions about the program intent.

To be perfectly clear, ASPE is not looking to provide a shortcut for our Membership to obtain professional licensure.

We are approaching the encouragement of certification and education in an organized and methodical manner.

One, we are assisting members who wish to sit for their Professional license examinations by compiling a list of the current requirements for all 50 states and making this readily available to all members who are interested. We are also partnering with an exam preparation company to provide test prep materials and courses to our membership at a discounted rate. This is not a shortcut, it is assistance in how to obtain licensing within the current framework established by the Board of engineers for your State.

Two, we are working towards establishing an ABED accredited college curriculum in Engineering with an emphasis on Plumbing design. There is no assumption that students of these courses will be excluded from the prerequisite and broad based education that is currently required by those seeking an advanced degree in Mechanical, Fire, or Electrical Engineering. ASPE will be working with Professional Educators to develop a curriculum that is on par with similar Engineering programs currently available through accredited universities.

Three, ASPE will help to establish locations at accredited universities where the new engineering program will be deployed and available for students.

Four, ASPE will work with professionals to approach the engineering boards to recognize the value of the specialized educational programs and recognize the desire for a specialty license in the field of plumbing engineering. ASPE does not support the removal of the ability for mechanical engineers to oversee plumbing projects, instead ASPE is addressing the need for individuals who specialize in a field that is just as technically involved and deserving of specialization.