When I am informed of the passing of a member, I contact his or her Chapter to find out what would be the best way to show respect. In June, Haig Demergian, PE, CPD-Retired, FASPE, passed away. Vivian Enriquez, CPD, FASPE, the Los Angeles Chapter’s President, informed ASPE and put me in touch with Ara Vartanians. Haig was his father-in-law, and Ara was going to deliver the eulogy. He wanted to include some of Haig’s ASPE achievements, so ASPE Staff pulled the information and sent it to him. Haig had a long list of Society and Chapter commitments: he was an ASPE Fellow, a member of the Education Committee, Technical & Research Committee, and Legislative Committee, the Education Chair for the Los Angeles Chapter, a Delegate to several Conventions, and also the first Vice President of the Los Angeles Chapter in 1978. Haig had been an ASPE member since 1970 (49 years).

I called Ara to share information and to offer my sincere condolences. The conversation with Ara is one I will likely remember for the rest of my life. What was poignant was Ara’s love and respect for Haig and his appreciation of Haig’s impact on our profession. What Haig offered to our profession was profound: he educated other members, he dedicated his time and wisdom, and he furthered our industry with passion throughout his life. Haig lived a beautiful life, and ASPE had the great privilege of his membership and efforts in our Society.

As I spoke with Ara, thinking of the time and energy Haig had spent, I also thought of his family—the family that is so proud of their father, father-in-law, and grandpa and the family that supported him in his career. Then I thought of all of our members and how we have had so many brilliant people who have built ASPE into what it is today. We have so many families and employers that have supported ASPE. It is inspiring to be a part of this association. It is a moment in time and profound to be a part of carrying on our profession and our passion because of so many like Haig.

One of Haig’s driving forces was education, and education is a huge part of our foundation. As August has arrived and our 2019 Tech Symposium draws near, this is a good time to plan on attending. This year’s technical tracks are some of the most aggressive tracks we have ever had. They are Codes & Standards, System Design & Equipment Exploration, Sustainability/Construction Discussion, Legionella/Water Quality, and Fire Protection, Life Safety, & More. The Tech Symposium is a huge benefit for employers as well as attendees. If you’re a designer or a manufacturer or manufacturer representative who wants to be at the top of your field, the 2019 ASPE Tech Symposium is where you need to be.

What I learned in planning for this Symposium is that Pittsburgh (the location of our event) will be a fun and friendly city for after-hours entertainment. The Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown hotel is scenic and will be accommodating for easy travel. Pittsburgh is a great city with lots of history. Entertainment and a brilliant, scenic area to explore will be within walking distance of the hotel. You will be minutes away from Fort Pitt Museum and Fort Pitt Block House and within close proximity of Market Square. Take some extra time and enjoy the downtown area. For more information, check out downtownpittsburgh.com.

The 2019 ASPE Tech Symposium is being held on October 24–27. If you haven’t already, register now at aspe.org/2019Tech.

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As you continue to build your craft, hopefully in Pittsburgh with all of us, please keep in mind that this is the time for you to perfect your skill set. This is the time you and your employer can work together to bring more to you and your company. This is the time you share your profession with others in this great ASPE family. It is a great time to recognize each other as leaders and partners in this Society. We are continuing on the legacy of so many; we are continuing their commitment, their family’s commitment, and each other’s commitment—a passion to be more to each other and our profession. Let’s continue growing ASPE together. Let’s build and honor those who came before us. We all save lives every day, one clean water drop at a time.

Please contact me at any time as we continue growing this Society and our profession. You can contact me with your ideas and comments at aspepres@aspe.org.

ASPE Announces Staff Changes
We are pleased to announce that Cliff Reis is rejoining ASPE as the Director of Meetings to manage the planning, logistics, and operations of our Convention & Expo and Tech Symposium. Cliff previously worked for ASPE several years ago as the Managing Director and Director of Meetings & Education.

Former Membership Assistants Racquel Rodriguez and Lisa Gonzales have been promoted to Membership Coordinators to continue our membership engagement efforts, and our part-time Accountant, Muhammad Ali, is now a full-time staff member. Please help us congratulate them on their new roles!

New ASPE Members

Atlanta Chapter
Bradley Hugh Dorsey Jr.
Matthew Robert Sipes
Cale William Stich
Robert R. Wright

Baltimore Chapter
Michael Andrew Betz
Matthew E. Oberchain

Boston Chapter
Paul Joseph Anderson
Edwin Roberto Barrios Jr.
Nicholas John Campia
Jason A. Churches
Joseph V. Coduri
Connor Pugliese
James Thorp
Alex Tyler Wheaton

Capital Region NY Chapter
Charles Ellwood Sickler

Central Florida Chapter
Kristopher W. Bucek

Central Indiana Chapter
Kyle Owens
Isaac Owen Pruden
Caleb S. Ross
Malcolm LeVon Wells II

Central New York Chapter
John Douglas Manning, PE

Central Ohio Chapter
Anthony Figliola

Central Texas Chapter
Jose Francisco DeHoyos
Andrew Zachary Prince

Charlotte Chapter
Michael J. Simon, PE
Devin Alan Strickland
Patrick Ryan Sturm

Chicago Chapter
Eric James Cottrell
Kevinn Jasper Lametch
Woflynn Ow
Marco Spallasso
Carl Adam Stumpf

Cleveland Chapter
Hannah Susan Norris
Joseph Anthony Piku
Terress Camille Tuchischer

Columbia Chapter
Robert Cameron Wilkes

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Mark Carpenter
Bradford James Clark
Bryan L. Hutton, CPD
Ted Kenneth Maxfield, PE

Denver Chapter
Brian Cummings
Lauren Anastasia Gresh

Eastern Michigan Chapter
Zvonko Dimitriess
Jeremy Martin

Evansville Chapter
Brent Miller
Cody Jefferson Schroeder
Ray A. Witmeier

Hampton Roads Chapter
Joseph Coleman Adams
Dimorino Lindo Rodriguez

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Matthew Robert Caparrelli, EIT
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Gary W. Lawrence
Carmen Liu
Jordan Samuel Miller
Edward Joseph Patterson
Grant Sides
Nicholas William Wemer

Seattle Chapter
Dustin E.M. Johnson

Southwestern Ohio Chapter
Byron Edwark, EIT

St. Louis Chapter
John D. Dienstbach
Crystal Lynn Richey
Matt Sink, PE

St. Louis Chapter
Barry MacBride
Kazi Nasir
Sam Waterman

Virginia Blue Ridge Chapter
Markham Keth Jarrett

West Coast Florida Chapter
Christopher John May

Western Michigan Chapter
Breanna L. Kooiman

Wisconsin Chapter
Gary John Koeier
Michael W. Marx
Connect Summer Challenge Runs Through the End of August

To help everyone make the most out of our newest member benefit and keep the ASPE Connect community engaged while many of us take a break from work to enjoy summer, we are introducing a new Connect Summer Challenge. Go to connect.aspe.org to find out how to participate for your chance to win some great prizes, including ASPE education and merchandise store gift cards.

WOA Teams Up with Empowering Women in Industry

The Women of ASPE recently became a media partner of Empowering Women in Industry 2019, a one-day conference on September 26 in Chicago that will include keynotes and interactive workshops focused on mentoring, negotiation, personal branding, networking, and other topics designed for women in male-dominated industries. You can learn more and register at empoweringwomeninindustry.com.

Affiliate Sponsors Renew Their Commitment to the Industry

CSA Group, an independent organization dedicated to safety and sustainability through standards development, testing and certification services, and consumer product evaluation programs, and Reliance Worldwide Corp., a global provider of water control systems and plumbing solutions for domestic, commercial, and industrial applications, have renewed their ASPE Affiliate Sponsorships. To learn more about our sponsors and the program, visit aspe.org/affiliates.

Have You Checked Out Our New Education Platform Yet?

We are pleased to announce the launch of ASPE Education, a new platform where you can build your knowledge base and skills at your own pace, access and register for all of ASPE’s education offerings, maintain your CEU database, print certificates, and more. Visit education.aspe.org to start learning!

Allied Technical Solutions Joins Our CEU Provider Program

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