ASPE — Holiday

Our lives are filled with poignant, meaningful moments. At the UAB campus a few weeks ago I saw a three-minute thesis sign and thought, “Wow. There is a communication effort compacting an educational thesis into three minutes.” How does this fit into an ASPE article? Francisco DeHoyos, CPD, had a life-defining moment on his way to the 2019 ASPE Tech Symposium. What happened? The plane he was on lost a couple of engines in flight, but fortunately one engine restarted and they found a place to land. This experience was a reality check that life happens in the blink of an eye. You could no longer be here in the simplest amount of time. Life ends in a moment, and we leave only our deeds, our efforts, our memories, and our families.

As I go into the holiday season, I remember things like that—the things for which I am thankful. I am in awe and amazement of our Society and our members, my friends. Francisco was not himself in Pittsburgh because of his experience, but his friends comforted him, made him feel things were going to be okay, even in a life-defining reality check. He is a dedicated, honorable person as a contributing member to the growth of our profession and in the rest of his life.

I remember the conversation I had with the son-in-law of Haig Demergian, PE, CPD-Retired, FASPE, after Haig died. We talked about how Haig had encouraged and promoted the plumbing profession and the engineering profession, how his family and so many of his friends were changed, and how an amazing person had passed. When I hear of members passing or being in poor health, I reach out to let them know that ASPE cares—that I care. I have even reached out to employers at times to tell them that their employee will be missed. I do it because we are a family.

I look at myself and my career, how I have had the privilege of a successful career and how I have so many friends in this Society. I not only have the Board and Staff with whom I serve, but I also have all of the guys and gals out there, current and past members, for whom I have complete appreciation. We have been through everything together. We are partners in this profession. We teach each other how to do this job. We support others in the industry.

I will tell you now that I appreciate the people who believe something is wrong, who have a different expectation, and even those who have a thought that may not be the same as mine. You can disagree with me, and I will still listen to and appreciate you. One of the more poignant moments in Pittsburgh was a gentleman I greatly respect who said he was sorry for an email he had sent. I hugged him before he got out his apology. He was my friend either way. Life takes us all.

Life happens in the blink of an eye. We are here together. We are an amazing Society. If you have that three-minute summary of your life, what will be included? ASPE will be included in mine because of all of you. We pass along a profession for others to have a great life, and we protect public health.

I promise to give a full description of all of the Society’s impacts in following articles, but as we continue the holiday season, take time to love your family, love yourself, continue to do good deeds in life, and know that it is your deeds and your decisions that quantify your life’s meaning. In the words of my grandmother, “Live your life without regrets and follow your heart.” Life is limited. Live now.

Let’s encourage each other in our growth. Let’s continue to build our profession, and let’s build our Society. This is your ASPE family. Please contact me anytime as we grow this Society and our profession. Please contact me with your ideas and comments.

I wish all of you a merry holiday season.
ASPE Thanks Local Chapters for Their Contributions

At the 2019 ASPE Tech Symposium Lunch & Awards Ceremony, ASPE President Carol Johnson, CPD, LEED AP, CFI, FASPE, recognized the following Chapters for their contributions to ASPE’s Education Fund and the Education & Research Foundation:

» Education Fund: Baltimore, Montreal (Region 1), Cleveland, Johnstown (Region 2), Central Texas (Region 5)
» Education & Research Foundation: Baltimore, Central New York, Montreal (Region 1), Cleveland, Eastern Michigan (Region 2), Central Florida (Region 3), Phoenix (Region 4), Oklahoma, St. Louis (Region 5)

Members Receive Coins of Appreciation

The first-ever coins were presented to the following members who have volunteered countless hours in multiple leadership positions to help ASPE be the success it is today and for the future: Lauren Berenato, Anthony Curiale, CPD, LEED AP, FASPE, Mark Girgenti, Illsa Liebler, CPDT, Lance MacNevin, P.Eng, Daniel O’Gorman, CPD, Nicole Parker, CPD, Karl Yrjanainen, PE, CPD, FASPE (Region 1), Ronald Bartley, PE, CPD, CPI/CPE, FASPE, Theresa Card, PE, CPD, LEED AP, GPD, Mitch Clemente, CPD, FASPE, David Dexter, FNSPE, FASPE, CPD, CPI, LEED BD+C, PE, Donald Ditter, CPD, GPD, Chris Graham, CPD, FASPE, William Grayzar, CPD, GPD, Pamela Hartsell, CPD, Andrew Hemmelgarn, EI, CPD, Dann Holmes, Steve Kormarnik, CPD, GPD, Gwynne Morrison, CPD, CPD, LEED AP, Eric Reese, CPD, Charles Shoudel, CPD (Region 2), Tony Furst, MSEd, CPD, LEED AP, David Lewis, CPD, FASPE, Joseph Messina, CPD, FASPE, Diane Wingard, CPD, FASPE, Timothy Washington Jr., CPD, GPD (Region 3), Kurt Bramstedt, Linda Burman, PE, Jonathan Franzese, PE, P.Eng, CPD, GPD, Travis Lewis, PE, Khosrow Nourmohammadi, Ph.D, PE, CPD, LEED AP, FASPE, Frank Vanderharst, CPD, LEED AP, Thura Zin, CPD, GPD (Region 4), Sarah Balz, PE, LEED AP, CPD, GPD, Jose Francisco DeHoyos, CPD, Ana Ginter, CPD, Nicholas Hipp, CPD, Jill Imig, PE, EDAC, Daniel Leos, Jason McDonald, CPD, Chris Phillips, CPD, GPD, J. Joe Scott II, CPD, LEED AP, FASPE, Greg Swafford, CPD, GPD, Cyril Unger, CPD, GPD, FASPE (Region 5).
Zurn Recognizes Dave Texter, CPD, as the First-Ever Specifier of the Year

Nearly 20 ASPE members submitted entries to the 2019 Specifier of the Year contest, which was sponsored by inSpec, powered by Zurn. Dave was chosen because his entry not only demonstrated process simplification through digital tools, but he also took it a step further by explaining how it relates to a designer’s or engineer’s job, according to David Krohn, Zurn’s Director of eCommerce and Digital Specifications.

Dave received the honor during the 2019 ASPE Tech Symposium Product Show on October 24. Congratulations Dave!

ASPE Awards Local Chapters for Their Achievements

At the 2019 ASPE Tech Symposium Lunch & Awards Ceremony, ASPE President Carol Johnson, CPD, LEED AP, CFI, FASPE, recognized numerous Chapters for their achievements in the past year.

The Chapter Award of Merit captures the spirit of dynamic volunteerism and is awarded on the basis of a Chapter’s accomplishments in the past year as measured by 15 distinct areas. For 2018–2019, the following Chapters were recognized:

» Region 1: Baltimore, Boston, Montreal, New Jersey, New York City, Philadelphia
» Region 2: Central Ohio, Cleveland, Eastern Michigan, Pittsburgh, Western Michigan
» Region 3: Alabama, Central Florida, West Coast Florida
» Region 4: Phoenix, Portland
» Region 5: Central Texas, Chicago, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston, Kansas City, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Omaha, Wisconsin

The Membership Growth Award is given in two categories: to Chapters with up to 99 members and to Chapters with 100 or more members. The award is presented to the top three Chapters in each category with the highest percentage of growth in the past year. For 2018–2019, the award was presented to East Tennessee, Rochester, and Oklahoma and Central Indiana, Orange County, and Houston respectively.

The Membership Retention Award is presented to Chapters that retained 90 percent or more of their previous year’s membership. For 2018–2019, the award was presented to:

» Region 1: Baltimore, Central New York, Long Island, Philadelphia, Quebec, Richmond, Virginia Blue Ridge
» Region 2: Buffalo-Niagara, Cleveland, Johnstown, Pittsburgh, Rochester, Southwestern Ohio, Toronto
» Region 3: Memphis, Nashville, New Orleans, North Florida
» Region 4: Phoenix, Portland, San Francisco
» Region 5: Oklahoma, Omaha, Wisconsin

Congratulations all!
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