ASPE Report

Monthly News from the American Society of Plumbing Engineers



From the President's Pen Carol Johnson, CPD, LEED AP, CFI, FASPE 2018–2020 ASPE President aspepres@aspe.org

ASPE — Year Kickoff

Recently, a friend sent me an article about POTUS talking about low-flow fixtures. I receive a monthly report of what is happening in the government that impacts plumbing. We live in a society where plumbing, water usage, and water quality have never been more important. ASPE's impact has never been more important. ASPE is in exciting times, and we have the pleasure to experience growth in an environment that is critical to our continued evolution. Our mission is greater than we are! We are a professional association that offers improved opportunities that impact our members' careers, our society, and the health and safety of the public.

What are our goals, and how are we achieving them as we kick off this New Year? My answer is that we are achieving them one step at a time. We stay focused on continuing to grow and innovate. We increase our voice in this industry. We stay focused on our strengths and our intellectual property. We stay focused on building relationships with industry partners, and we stay focused on providing quality programs for our members. What is happening currently is as follows:

- » ASPE has launched the Legionella Working Group to increase our voice in the industry as we develop a design guide for our members.
- » ASPE spent several months working with key committees to increase their ability to meet goals and initiatives that are critical to improving member quality. This means increased publications, improved programs, more webinars, and more member benefits.
- » ASPE is developing more tools for communication within the Society and our committees within ASPE Connect.
- » ASPE has developed a new website for improved communication for our members and industry partners. This new website will help ASPE with internal processes that will allow the Staff to be more effective and efficient.
- » ASPE has Staff that is constantly impacting the codes and standards worlds. Both Billy Smith, FASPE, our Executive Director/CEO, and Ramiro Mata, Sr. Director of Technical & Regulatory Affairs, are diligently participating on committees and work with standards.
- » ASPE is committed to our membership and to providing our members with a voice in the industry, providing tools for them to do their jobs, and developing a communication platform with employers that explains how ASPE members are an asset to their company.
- » ASPE works diligently with industry partners to increase awareness of our mission.
- » ASPE is working on providing our Chapters with better tools to interact with each other to prepare for Region Meetings and help Chapters make the ASPE experience more rewarding for our members.
- » ASPE is working on streamlining Chapter operations.
- » ASPE had the most successful Tech Symposium in recent history.
- » Many Chapters are experiencing 50-year anniversaries.
- » ASPE membership is at an all-time high and growing.

Your Board has been challenged to work diligently, and they are dedicated. Your Board's impact is providing for this Society and understanding how to continue improving foundations for ASPE to strengthen our voice. Your Board is working on tasks to keep the focus of ASPE on our members and our intellectual property growth. Their efforts continue to improve and provide for ASPE for short-and long-term goals. ASPE will meet the needs of our members.

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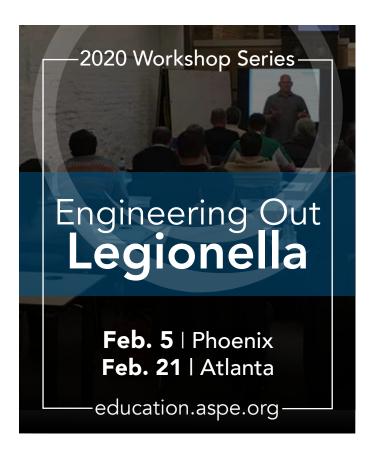


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As ASPE grows and our industry voice and impact grow, I want to be keenly aware of our members. I have said our strength is our intellectual property. We are here to be better at our jobs. Whether you are a salesman making industry relationship or a designer/engineer, we are focused on you. ASPE is a team effort, and growth is a product of achieving our goals. We are a team focused on working hard and serving our members and society. Everyone on a team has a common goal. Members are part of the ASPE Team. ASPE is focused on making us a better team in our industry.

So what does 2020 hold for our industry? My answer is quality to our members, quality to our employers, improved intellectual property, a louder voice, and awareness that we are an industry that is keenly important. When the President of the United States is talking about low-flow fixtures and cities are focusing on water quality and infrastructure, our profession has never had more focus or opportunity to have a voice. We as a professional society have a focused goal for our members and our industry. Our profession needs talented, trained individuals to continue to answer the needs

Let's kick off this year with awareness and focus. Reach out to anyone on this Board, and reach out to me. We are here for each and every one of you. Let's be smarter and more efficient and work on impact. I am here to strengthen ASPE. We are One ASPE! We change people's lives. Let's stay focused on who we are. We are the Voice of the Plumbing Industry and an ASPE Family.



New ASPE Members

Alabama Chapter

Phillip Tyler Gay, PE Roger J. Smith, PE

Atlanta Chapter

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Baltimore Chapter

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Alfred Steele Scholarship Deadline Is January 31

Want some help getting your degree in engineering? Apply now for the Alfred Steele Scholarship! Each year, ASPE awards up to \$3,000 in scholarship money to deserving students who are ASPE members or the immediate family of an ASPE member (i.e., spouse or child). Go to bit.ly/SteeleScholarship for more information and to download the application package.

Registration for the 2020 CPD Exam Is Open

Join the elite this year by becoming Certified in Plumbing Design. The CPD is the only international credential program in the plumbing engineering field, and it sets the standard for leadership within the industry and provides formal recognition of outstanding professionals with advanced skills in the design and specification of plumbing systems. The 2020 exam will be held at testing sites around the world on March 30 – April 5, and registration is open at www.aspe.org/education-credentialing/cpd/exam until March 19, 2020.

ASPE Seeks Presentation Proposals for the 2020 Convention & Expo

We are currently accepting abstracts for 60-minute, nonproprietary technical education sessions that address current industry trends and technologies for basic, intermediate, and advanced learners. The 2020 ASPE Convention & Expo will be held in New Orleans on September 11–16, and the deadline to submit your presentation proposal at www.aspe.org/CFP is February 28.

Presidential Member A. Calvin Laws, PE, CPD-Retired, FASPE, Passes Away

Cal joined ASPE in 1970 and was a member of the San Francisco Chapter Board of Directors for several years before being elected to the ASPE Board of Directors, where he served as Treasurer, First Vice President, and President. You can learn more about his accomplishments in the plumbing engineering industry at bit.ly/CalLaws.

2019 ASPE Tech Symposium Achieves Highest Attendance Ever

Held last month in Pittsburgh, the 2019 ASPE Tech Symposium attracted 567 participants from across North America, which makes it the best ASPE Tech Symposium ever in terms of total attendance. The previous highest attendance was at the 2007 Tech Symposium in Atlanta with 549 participants. Held biennially, ASPE's Tech Symposium focuses on education, professional development, and networking for plumbing engineers and designers, and the next one will be held on September 21–26, 2021 in San Diego.



Visit education.aspe.org/CPDReviewClass for more information.



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From the Executive's Desk William "Billy" Smith, FASPE ASPE Executive Director/CEO bsmith@aspe.org

Happy New Year to everyone! Speaking of the New Year, I'm sure many New Year's resolutions have been made, and let's talk about those. Most years, people start thinking of ways they can improve themselves, their lifestyle, their families, their employment (this list could go on and on)—things like I need to cut down on my food intake, which will hopefully lead to a reduction in weight; I need to exercise more or actually begin; I need to cut down on how much I spend on the consumption of alcohol, tobacco, etc., which can improve my overall health; I'm going to knock out those many items on my to-do list around the house.

Do any of the items I've listed fit into those you've personally decided as resolutions? By the time you read this month's column, hopefully you've already accomplished a few on your list. I bring this up as accomplishing things gives us a sense of pride and purpose and brings about the desire to accomplish even more.

As to looking ahead to achieving more, let's also consider what it takes to do so and how best to accomplish those goals while not avoiding or paying proper attention to other important areas.

Let's look in the mirror and consider some important self-evaluations relative to our workload and schedules and how those fall into our daily, weekly, and monthly plans. I know we all love our jobs, whatever they may be, and are so thankful to be where we are. Our work ethic is what drives us to grow and be as successful as possible. However, during our planning, are we also focusing on how much time we place on the really important things in our lives? These things include ensuring that we spend enough valuable, quality time with those we should love more than our jobs—spend needed time with family and friends, who are our support base.

Looking at the big picture, let's ensure that we are not doing everything we do with the mindset of "me" and focus more on what really makes each of us successful, a mindset of "team."

Speaking of team, looking back at 2019, the ASPE Team accomplished several very important things. We successfully implemented ASPE Connect, an interactive communication platform where our members can network, discuss, and seek direction or provide valuable information to each other. ASPE Connect has been a complete success, and recently ASPE was awarded by Higher Logic for having the best community launch on their platform.

Recently, the ASPE Team also successfully implemented and announced that ASPE.org has a completely new look! Our new website went through a complete renovation and is streamlined for ease of use for our members, Chapter Officers, potential new members, and ASPE supporters. You may have noticed that one of the great new features of our new website is that you now have one

username and password for ASPE.org, ASPE Connect, and ASPE Education. This means additional passwords are no longer required to stay signed in. We also are pleased to announce a brand-new website for *ASPE Pipeline*, which will contain all of the news and information you are used to receiving in the e-newsletter. In addition to the website, we will continue to send the e-newsletter on a biweekly basis. We hope you find our new websites to be useful and easy to navigate. We welcome your feedback and hope you enjoy the new ASPE.org!

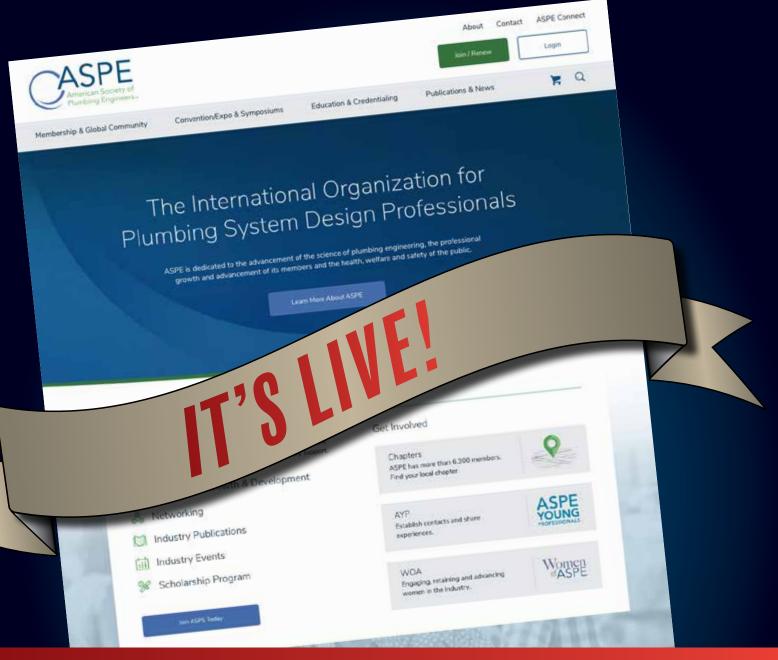
In 2019, ASPE's Tech Symposium in Pittsburgh achieved the highest attendance ever, attracting 567 participants from across North America. The previous highest attendance was the 2007 Tech Symposium, which was held in Atlanta with 549 participants. We were extremely pleased with the turnout and overall quality of the attendees.

Looking ahead, we would ask each of you to save the date for the 2020 ASPE Convention & Expo, which will be held in New Orleans on September 11–16. ASPE's Convention & Expo is the only event designed to enhance the professional development, technical education, and career growth of plumbing engineering professionals. We encourage each of you to attend and discover game-changing innovations, profitable solutions, and new ideas to maintain your competitive edge. Combining professional development sessions designed exclusively for plumbing industry professionals with the largest plumbing product show in the country makes this the must-attend event of the year. So, with all of this in mind, book your tickets and rooms now to be in New Orleans on September 11–16, 2020.

WOW! When looking briefly in the rearview mirror and then looking ahead, what a special and successful time this is for ASPE members, both current and prospective. Yet we aren't satisfied! I can assure you that the ASPE Board of Directors and Staff will not be sitting on our respective laurels with all of this great news. We are focusing on continuing to advance ASPE's value to our membership and our supportive stakeholders at all levels. Yes, we have many things in play with our plumbing industry partners, too many to mention in one column, and are thankful for each.

Therefore, continuing the storyline I began with, let's not just focus on how successful we've been with our respective business from a personal standpoint, but simply understand that it takes each of us as a team to be successful.

In closing, I again would suggest that we spend needed and quality time with family and friends, who are our support base.



ASPE's Brand-New Website

- Easier navigation and improved menu
- Enhanced graphics
- New bookstore
- Streamlined access to information
- New mobile versions

Plus...a totally redesigned ASPE Pipeline



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