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From the President's Pen

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ASPE — Convention, Leadership, and Truth

We all are products of genetics and environment. When I was growing up my mom would always say, "There is strength in truth." As I grow older, I understand that statement on so many more levels. The truth is that the plumbing industry is critical for our society. The truth is that we have some of the greatest members in our organization. The truth is that we have wonderful, dedicated industry and professional leaders in this Society. The truth is that ASPE is providing more for our members. The truth is that our members build ASPE.

In June we held our first-ever virtual Region Meetings. They were directed by our Region Directors and were well attended and positively received. Personally, I had the opportunity to attend all five of the meetings. The interaction with the members was good. The feedback has been positive, and we are looking forward to our first Joint Region Meeting to be held in Chicago in June 2021. I thank our Chapter leaders and Region Directors for making the Region Meetings a success.

This year's CPD exam was also held online. We have been talking about finding silver linings in our current pandemic environment, and communication is one of them. This is another one of those instances where I am hearing positive feedback. We are hearing from various members that the test is more accessible because they can take it from home.

Just a reminder: credentialing can be a critically important factor in your career. The Certified in Plumbing Design (CPD) credential indicates that you have reached an advanced level of knowledge in plumbing. Recently I was on a committee call, and I asked an individual what direct impact the CPD had on his career. His response was that he received a raise, he was given a leadership role in his firm, other employees asked him more questions, and he felt that they trusted his answers. I personally thought, "Wow. That is a great result." This Society was founded on members collectively building our knowledge base. Credentials are an indicator or an exclamation point providing recognition of outstanding professionals with advanced skills in the design of plumbing systems. If you are not a CPD, please go to our ASPE website to learn more: aspe.org/education-credentialing/cpd.

The 2020 Convention & Expo is around the corner. New Orleans is calling our name. First, let me say that I will be thrilled to see everyone. The time to register and book your flights is upon us. ASPE's Education Committee and Staff have put in many hours to plan programs, meetings, the Expo, and networking events. Our Convention & Expo is professional development at its best. The numbers speak loudly! It is the largest plumbing tradeshow in the country, spanning six days, with thousands of industry professionals, hundreds of exhibitors, and numerous technical sessions.

If you are a designer or a manufacturer representative who wants to be at the top of your field, the ASPE Convention & Expo is where to be. You will have an opportunity to see the latest products, network, earn CEUs, expand your knowledge base, and see local attractions close to the venue. Visit the website to learn more and register: expo.aspe.org.

There is strength in truth! The truth is that our Chapter leaders are amazing. Our members are stellar, and this profession is important. Let's continue to build our industry. Let's encourage each other in our growth. Let's continue to build our profession, and let's build our Society. This is your time! Grow your skill set. Grow your value for your employer. This is your ASPE family. Let's grow ASPE together.

I want to see you in New Orleans!

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Founding Member Ed Saltzberg, FASPE, Passes Away

The American Society of Plumbing Engineers and the plumbing engineering industry recently lost a pioneer in the profession, Mr. Edward Saltzberg, PE, CPD, FPE, FNAFE, FASPE. During his long career, Ed served in many capacities for ASPE, including Society President, and he played a crucial role in fostering upcoming generations of plumbing engineering professionals. In 1992, Ed received the George W. Runkle Award of Merit, the highest recognition presented by the Society, and in 2006 he was presented with the Donald F. Dickerson Founder's Award. Ed also was a member of the inaugural class of the ASPE Kenneth G. Wentink College of Fellows in 2008.

In recognition of his decades of dedication to ASPE and the plumbing engineering profession, earlier this year ASPE renamed the Distinguished Service Award as the Edward W. Saltzberg Distinguished Service Award, and Ed was the first recipient. He will be missed by everyone he influenced in our industry.



ASPE Members Named to CSE's 2020 40 Under 40 List

Consulting-Specifying Engineer recently announced the recipients of the 2020 40 Under 40 award, and we are pleased to share that ASPE members Karen Schulte, PE, CPD, LEED AP BD+C, and Jason Witterman, PE, LEED AP BD+C, were included.

Karen is a Mechanical Project Engineer with Mueller Associates in Linthicum, Maryland. She has been an ASPE member since 2017 and is the Women of ASPE (WOA) Liaison for the Baltimore Chapter. Jason is the Associate Director of Mechanical for NV5 in Las Vegas. He joined ASPE in 2011 and has served in numerous positions on the Southern Nevada Chapter Board of Directors, including Treasurer, Vice President, Membership, Vice President, Technical, and President. Congratulations Karen and Jason!

Rainwater Catchment Systems Standard Is Updated

ASPE is pleased to announce that ARCSA/ASPE/ANSI 63-2020: *Rainwater Catchment Systems* has been designated as an American National Standard by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). It was developed in collaboration with the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association and is now available for purchase at ASPE's Bookstore: aspe.org/product/arcsa-aspe-ansi-63-2020-rainwater-catchment-systems.

ASPE Member Wins PPI Award

Our congratulations go to Jim Paschal, PE, CPD, LEED AP, a member of our Intermountain Chapter, who was named the Building & Construction Division Member of the Year by the Plastics Pipe Institute (PPI). Jim is the Chief Technology Officer for Aquatherm North America and has been an ASPE member since 2009. He was recognized by PPI due to his work on the PPI Polypropylene Pressure Pipe Steering Committee, for which he has been the Chair since its inception in 2017.

ASPE Featured on #KnowledgeShared Video Series

ASPE President Carol Johnson, CPD, LEED AP, CFI, FASPE, ASPE Executive Director/CEO Billy Smith, FASPE, and ASPE Director of Affiliate Relations Brian Henry recently chatted with Charli K. Matthews, CEO & Founder of Empowering Pumps & Equipment, about the role plumbing engineers play in the construction industry. You can watch the video at bit.ly/2UDFetk.

New ASPE Members

Baltimore Chapter

Wayne Reynard Smith
Jeanne Schmagner Tebera, PE

Boston Chapter

Daniel Ring

British Columbia Chapter

Jan Luechachandej
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Marisol Carranza

Intermountain Chapter

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Are We There Yet?

I hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July, spending quality time with family and friends. Also, I wish each of you continued health and safety as we travel together on this long trip we are sharing, without having any idea just how long the trip will be. Considering that, please go back with me to our respective early years, when our families may have been going on a long trip. As young children, we didn't really know or understand how long it would take us to get to the destination. Can you recall asking, "Are we there yet?" How many different excuses did we come up with to get our parents to stop, just to get out of the car? Let me guess, one of those excuses was, "I've got to go!" Anything—just let me out!

Similarly, yet so different due to current circumstances, I would suggest that we find ourselves right back where we were then, wondering how long our current trip is going to last. The trip that began a few months ago, brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, seems like it started many years ago. I bet many of you feel like you did back in the day: I need to get out!

Considering the question we've asked so many times, it's interesting that the "are we there yet?" feeling has returned. Many of us may be getting back to a certain level of normalcy relative to living and working in the early stages of buildings opening up again. Regardless of where you live and work, we seem to be getting closer to the lives we remember prior to social distancing. We place tremendous value on some of these activities and have been missing them so much. So, are we there yet? Let's hope so. However, let's also remember to not get so comfortable that we forget about the continued relevance that this pandemic still carries as to our lives, our families, and our workplace.

Sadly, I will bring to your attention a tremendous loss that the American Society of Plumbing Engineers and the plumbing engineering industry recently suffered. ASPE lost one of our association's founding fathers and a pioneer in the profession when Mr. Edward Saltzberg, PE, CPD, FPE, FNAFE, FASPE, passed away in May. On a personal note, I am so thankful for all of his important work and his desire for success from the beginning of ASPE to this day. That success will continue for many years to come because of the efforts of one Edward W. Saltzberg.

You can read more about Ed's life and professional successes in the item earlier in this ASPE Report and also on ASPE Pipeline:

bit.ly/2ZXHhfi. He will be missed by all who benefited from his years of mentorship and love.

As a professional society, ASPE is committed to disseminating technical data and information, planning and sponsoring activities that facilitate interaction with fellow professionals, and, through the education process, expanding the knowledge base of the plumbing engineering industry. ASPE members are leaders in innovative plumbing design, effective materials and energy use, and the application of advanced techniques, and we should communicate that through our industry partnerships whenever possible.

Now is a great time to be doing that with all of the online tools we are taking advantage of during this season in which we are working. Recently, we were fortunate to speak with Charli K. Matthews, CEO and Founder of Empowering Brands, as she hosted a live video chat with three members of ASPE. Joining this discussion in the second part of the #KnowledgeShared video series were ASPE's President, Carol Johnson, CPD, LEED AP, CFI, FASPE, who is a Project Manager with Edmonds Engineering, ASPE's Director of Affiliate Relations, Brian Henry, and me, ASPE's Executive Director/CEO.

If you are interested, you can find a link to the video on ASPE Pipeline at bit.ly/30oAtHz. During our 30-minute conversation you will get an inside look at the world of plumbing engineers and how they work behind the scenes to support safety in buildings for not just potable water, fire protection, and domestic water systems, but also medical gas, sewer, and municipal waste systems. We also discussed the major issues facing the industry today, what role the plumbing engineer plays, and how plumbing engineers interact within the design/construction world. We ended by talking about ASPE's Convention & Expo in New Orleans on September 11–16, 2020. We hope you are making plans to attend.

Well, here we are, at our destination. It's been a long trip, hasn't it? From start to finish, the trip has had many frustrating and challenging hurdles for us to overcome, some of which are still there. As stated, things are now opening up in various stages around the country. The most important questions to ask now are these: Are you ready? Are we ready? Am I ready? We can be. To ensure our success, to be ready, to be prepared, we must be together.

Ending this column just as I began it: "Are we there yet?"