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ASPE Evolution!

To evolve takes a foundation of great effort, adequate resources, good decision-making, and an excellent team. ASPE evolution is growth, progression, and involvement. It is learning from our experienced members and solidifying young and old. Good decision-making allows ASPE to grow. Great efforts by our Staff, Board, Chapter leaders, and members also allow ASPE to grow. Having adequate resources allows ASPE to grow, as does having an excellent team.

ASPE is a team: ASPE Staff, Board, and members help the Society succeed. Every step of the way, we act in the best interests of ASPE members.

For example, an amazing effort has come to fruition: ASPE Connect, an online portal for interactive communities for our members. I have already seen hundreds of posts and a variety of information provided—information that is tools in the hands of members. All of ASPE's Staff worked with the consultants on programming and development. Some key people were Billy Smith, FASPE, Gretchen Pienta, Pam Rosenberg, CAE, Stacey A. Kidd, Rich Albrecht, Brian Henry, and Nadine Saucedo. ASPE Connect will be a multi-phase release, and ultimately, our committees and Chapters will have their own portals for communication. This is ASPE evolution—evolution for the member. Information for members is an immense value.

One of our great successes is certification. Certification and credentialing are key components in our growth. Don Strickland, CPD, GPD, FASPE, Credentialing Committee Chair, works in unison with ASPE’s Director of Education & Certification Pam Rosenberg. The tests are developed by a team of individuals, our ASPE members. ASPE is on a path to certify the most members in CPD history, and the opportunity to have a credential signifies that you are a qualified plumbing engineer. This growth is a huge step in our evolution.

We also have great successes in legislative. Brianne Hall, PE, CPD, LEED AP BD+C, GGP, ASPE’s Vice President, Legislative, in conjunction with the Legislative Committee and ASPE’s Senior Director of Technical & Regulatory Affairs, Ramiro Mata, is providing code involvement at the highest level. I hope you saw our response to proposed code changes in Illinois, and you will continue to see communication to the members on code involvement. ASPE continues to influence the plumbing codes, and we now have more tools to communicate.

Our Region Directors have had great success in working with Chapter leaders to provide monthly calls for interactive communication. Chapter leaders like Connecticut Chapter President Nicole Parker, CPD, have worked with Region 1 Director Paul Silvestre, FASPE, to provide a level of excellence to our members. Region 5, led by Region 5 Director Bryan Hutton, CPD, has had wildly successful product shows, study teams, and new Chapter growth. Success is working with our members. Successful teams build ASPE.

Education is on fire. Due to the overwhelming response of volunteers for the Education Committee, the committee was broken down into four sub-committees: Conference Sessions, General, Outreach, and Read, Learn, Earn. Each sub-committee has held their respective kickoff call and has determined future plans and scheduled ongoing calls.

Chris Phillips, CPD, GPD, Education Committee Chair, and Blair Minyard, PE, CDT, CPD, ASPE’s Vice President, Education, are each responsible and the main point person for two sub-committees, working with Pam Rosenberg as the Staff liaison. I recommend reading your quarterly Board reports to find out what our Education Committee is doing. A short update is reviewing the 76 submissions for Tech Symposium sessions, finalizing the selections for the Alfred Steele Scholarship, working on youth outreach efforts, and developing workshops and webinars.

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I have mentioned that working as a team brings success, and ASPE has an excellent team. The Staff is amazing, and your Board has very dedicated members who cherish this organization. Region 2 Director Keith Bush, CPD, GPD, CSI, and Treasurer Jim Zebrowski, PE, CPD, FASPE, bring focus and perspective. Region 4 Director Scott Steindler, CPD, LEED AP, ARCSA AP (IS), GPD, GGP, AYP Liaison Christoph Lohr, PE, CPD, LEED AP BD+C, ASSE 6020, and Bryan Hutton bring a global perspective. Region 3 Director Steve Mastley, CPD, FASPE, and Vice President, Affiliate Tom Sharp bring solid decision-making. Paul Silvestre brings history and positive reinforcement. Vice President, Membership Vinny Falkowski, PE, PMP, CCM, brings the cold, hard truth. I already have listed above the hard work put forth by Blair Minyard, Don Strickland, and Brianne Hall—what each of them brings is passion and a solid foundation for ASPE to thrive. The good decisions made in the past and currently allow ASPE to provide more for our members. ASPE grows, strengthens, and communicates more efficiently. ASPE evolves for the member. ASPE is you, every one of you. ASPE is focused on resources for your career, whether you are an engineer/designer, an owner, a code official, an inspector, or a manufacturer rep. We are focused on improving public health and plumbing science. Let's do this together.

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The 2018 version of ASPE/ANSI 45: Siphonic Roof Drainage was recently approved as an American National Standard by ANSI. ASPE/ANSI 45-2018 establishes the minimum performance specifications for siphonic roof drainage systems and is intended to provide designers, installers, and code officials with a standard of practice for the proper application of siphonic roof drainage. It is available for purchase at ASPE’s online store.

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