



### From the President's Pen

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### ASPE — Humanity!

Life is filled with our choices. This may seem like a very odd sentence to start a column in this most troubling time. It is, however, where we are. We are faced as people in this world with a virus. Now it is our choices that will change the result. The one factor I have complete faith in is humankind. We are strong, resilient, and brilliant as a race. We can change our destiny with our choices. Events such as this show who we are.

Our families, our race have lived through wars, pandemics, and hatred. We find solutions through resilience, strength, and the great effort of people to solve problems. Science and ingenuity will get us through this; kindness and strength of soul will hold us up. I love people and appreciate all that we can do collectively. During hard times, coming together and working together get us through difficulties. Our life choices will be remembered, and our life choices will make the difference.

With this love for people, understand that ASPE members are people I love. We are an ASPE family, and I will always work to protect and strengthen ASPE for our members and the industry. I will always communicate and be transparent—these are the keys to working together, and as a humankind, we can conquer anything working together.

The first step taken during the early moments was to steady the ship, so to speak: review where we were from an economic standpoint, review where we could be for our members, work with industry experts to conquer this virus's impact, and provide a path for ASPE.

Part of the path is continued support of our members. The most important step in the process was to take care of ASPE, our Staff, and our members. ASPE is strong. We will be efficient in continuing to be strong. ASPE is an employer, and to make sure ASPE can take of its members, we take care of our Staff. ASPE Staff have the ability to continue working as brilliantly as ever. Staff can maintain their work for our members from their homes. Please continue to reach out for any needs; your messages and emails will continue to be answered without interruption. For members who have been impacted economically, we have a compassion waiver of dues available.

Additional steps in the process were to communicate with our members and help our Chapters operate. We have information on virtual meetings; we have set up a COVID-19 resource page; and we have social media outreach. We recognize that our members have needs, and we will continue to strive to meet those needs. Keep in mind that emotional isolation has an impact also. ASPE Connect and social media are ready and waiting for your interaction. It is a great time to have conversations about anything from your pet to healthy plumbing systems.

Everyone, we can come out of this with some silver linings. We have additional tools in the shed for remote meetings, combined with our future face-to-face meetings. We will come out of this with more of a voice within the industry on how to design healthy plumbing systems. We are writing position statements and participating on committees. We will come out of this with ASPE stronger for you.

ASPE represents the plumbing engineering industry. During this new normal, we will support our members with information, and our voice must be heard. ASPE is looking forward to coming together with you in September at the Convention & Expo.

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At the beginning of this column, I stated that our life choices will make the difference. Yes, it is horrible that we are losing family and friends. It breaks my heart for us to hurt, but it is our choices that will make the difference to everyone we love.

Life is simpler than we think sometimes. For me, what I can do for others helps me through difficult times. I have spent hours on calls and writing and proofing for ASPE. My choice is continuing to help humankind and this industry, because someone, someone's family, some person cannot die from Legionella or a bacteria or a virus because we can be better.

This weekend, I took food to the shelter, I mowed my elderly neighbors' grass, I brought them items from the store, and I loved those who needed my help. I live by the words of my grandmother who lived through the Great Depression and outlived eight of her nine children: "Live without regrets; you have a good heart." She also said, "Take care of the living." For her, this meant people you love. Humanity is the most important thing, so let us all get through this. Let's do what we can for each other. Let's take care of our families and friends. Let's take care of our jobs. We as a humankind can get through this. We will strengthen each other when we need it, and we will support each other.

Thank you for being my family. Thank you for being brilliant, bright, amazing stewards of this Society. Please reach out at any time.

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### ASPE Member Corey Bierer Is Recognized as a PHCP Millennial on the Move

In the March 2020 issue of *Plumbing Engineer*, the Official Publication of ASPE, PHCPro highlighted Corey Bierer, a Plumbing Engineer with Lovorn Engineering, as one of this year's "Millennials on the Move." Corey is an Associate Member of ASPE and the newsletter editor for the Pittsburgh Chapter. Go to [phcpro.com](http://phcpro.com) and search for "Corey" to read his interview.

Congratulations Corey!

### Learn from Home with ASPE Education

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### EWTS Confirms Rescheduled Dates

The 2020 Emerging Water Technology Symposium now will take place on May 11–12, 2021, at the Westin Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio. You can learn more about this important industry event at [ewts.org](http://ewts.org).



### From the Executive's Desk

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How do we go about navigating these uncharted waters? How many of us remember all of the stories about the Bermuda Triangle that described disappearances without warning or reason? So many questions were left unanswered, and no one knew which way to turn or how to solve the situation. I could go on and on with these types of analogies.

At times, living and working in this uncertain and unprecedented world seems so much like steering a boat without an oar in waters with which we are not familiar, and we've dropped our compass overboard. Frantically, we search for what our next steps or actions might be.

At ASPE, I can confirm one of the most important components of managing a life crisis such as this: that is to advise that we are all in this together, focused solely on protecting the health, welfare, and safety of ourselves, our families, our Staff, our members, our Chapters, our industry partners, and the public at large. One of the statements we've all heard over the years is that we are only as strong as our weakest link. Our intention through this collaborative effort is to make the COVID-19 virus the weakest link. Everyone doing their part to help flatten the curve as we reduce the spread of the virus is of the utmost importance, and I trust that each of you will do your best to assist in this important goal.

ASPE's members are our most important resource, and during this season of uncertainty, the ASPE Staff and Board of Directors are working diligently to ensure that our members have every tool they need to continue to function as an individual member, a Chapter member, a Chapter leader, and a Society leader. With that in mind, allow me to share some of the items we've made available to both our members and Chapters while we are not meeting face to face to keep everyone safe.

Recently, I sent a message to our members outlining some operational changes relative to the ASPE Staff to ensure that they and their respective families remain safe during the current environment in which we live and work. Our Staff is equipped to work remotely and will do so for a period of time yet to be determined considering the fluidity of each day, week, and month. As a Staff, we also are taking steps to minimize any impacts on our operations as we strive to maintain all member services during this period. Again, we are all on the same team—we are in this together and pulling in the same direction. Continued patience and perseverance are the focal points as we all steer our Society through these tumultuous times.

During this time of working remotely, the best way to communicate with Staff is via email. You can find everyone's email addresses here: [aspe.org/about/staff](mailto:aspe.org/about/staff). Should you need to phone, please leave a voicemail, and our Staff will follow up as soon as possible.

We are so thankful for our members and your efforts to help keep our Society the best in the industry. For members needing to renew their membership, or if you know someone wanting to join ASPE, please do so online at [aspe.org/membership-global-community/join](http://aspe.org/membership-global-community/join).

One of the tools the ASPE Staff developed is ASPE's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Preparedness Resource webpage to help our members stay safe and also productive during these uncertain times, wherever and however you are conducting business. This is a proactive guidance webpage with resources to help address many of your needs and concerns while we strive to remain efficient. You can find it at [aspe.org/coronavirus-covid-19-preparedness-resources](http://aspe.org/coronavirus-covid-19-preparedness-resources).

Staying focused on our members and Chapters, I, along with Society President Carol Johnson, CPD, LEED AP, CFI, FASPE, communicated with our Chapter leaders about Chapter meetings and the concern for the health and safety of all involved in attending them. We recommended that all face-to-face Chapter meetings through at least the end of May be canceled and replaced, if possible, with a virtual meeting. Knowing that our members need and depend on an appropriate number of CEUs during each Chapter calendar year, Society Staff is offering a means to host Chapter meetings via Zoom software and to possibly integrate them directly with ASPE Education and Chapter members' CEU dashboards. This is a great opportunity for our members and Chapters to remain active. If your Chapter wants to participate, please fill out the form here: [aspe.org/membership-global-community/membership/chapter-officers/virtual-meeting](http://aspe.org/membership-global-community/membership/chapter-officers/virtual-meeting).

From a more personal perspective, please allow me to share some of the things I've found so special about the times of social distancing. Being more old school, if you will, I made a point to reach out over the phone rather than by email or text to people all over the country, just to add that special personal touch rather than the same old standard. During my weekly Staff meetings, I asked my Staff to begin their portion of the meeting by sharing something about them or their family that has changed in a positive way due to our circumstances, trying to help each of us find the positives rather than the negatives during this time. It has been helpful to me and I hope to them to open up a little rather than keeping our

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concerns and frustrations bottled up. Hopefully, it's been kind of therapeutic for each of us. I also called each of our Board of Directors members to ask about them and their families, with no discussion about work. This resulted in some special conversations and a calming sense.

For those of us who live in a neighborhood, it's amazing to look around and see how many people are walking, talking, and sharing from 6 feet away. I know that my wife and I have been doing this daily, and I've never been a big fan of just going for a walk. This effort has changed my outlook on many things due to circumstances we can't control. I will also admit that over the years with my focus on the work/life balance, I've not taken the time to just stop, breathe, talk, care, and love more. I'm thankful for the little things that I've taken the time to notice and to share during this time of life that we can't control.

In closing, I encourage each of us to slow down, breathe, care, and love more. I thank each of you for being an ASPE member and serving as a steward of our Society as we work together to move onward and upward. Please know that we will continue to monitor the situation and work for and with you during this time.

Reach out and touch someone from 6 feet away.

### New ASPE Members

#### Alabama Chapter

Lyndi Michelle Baucum  
Jason Garrette  
Tanya Greer  
Gregory William Hamaker

#### Boston Chapter

Megan Brennan  
Gary Anthony Gauthier  
Elena N. Nifonova

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Nayoung Lee  
Lynsey Jean Rafferty, P. Eng  
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#### Central New York Chapter

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#### Central Ohio Chapter

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Bill Michael Kaikis  
Ethan Wesley LaRue  
Charles Alexander Rabb

#### Central Texas Chapter

Mike Francis Famigletti  
Richard David Rossi  
Robert H. Williams

#### Chicago Chapter

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Brian A. Mazzocchi  
Carlos Viramontes  
Alexander Zaeske

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Chandler Cunningham

John Joseph DiTullo

Henry Holmes, LEED AP

Nikhil Asok Kumar

Griffin Scott Lydahl

Saul Martinez, PE

Kirk William Plum

Holly Marie Shadel

Karan Shah

Richard Stephen Williams, PE

#### Denver Chapter

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Adam Ernst

#### Houston Chapter

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Rosmila G. Gonzalez

Justin David Mahan

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#### Johnstown Chapter

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#### Kansas City Chapter

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Brad Graves

#### Los Angeles Chapter

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Kevin Medina

Lizeth Vazquez

#### Member at Large

Manuel Giurgiu

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Luc Tessier



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