

Making the Most of Your Membership

MEMBER BENEFIT TIP #1 - BUILD A KILLER NETWORK

One of ASPE's greatest benefits is its members. Everyone is busy at home and at work, but members who attend Chapter meetings, [Conventions & Expositions, and Symposia](#) are more likely to build a killer contact list. Our members are eager to help you in your next plumbing engineering problem, which undoubtedly will make you more competitive in the workforce.

Whether you are in sales or engineering, you sell yourself every day. ASPE has many networking opportunities for you to meet professionals who possess the skills and training necessary to help you out of a tight spot or put you in touch with someone who can help you. If you are outside your comfort zone, ask your Chapter Board to make the introductions. Exchange business cards and remember to follow up with a brief conversation or email thanking them for their time. Before you know it, you will be a pro in engaging other members, which will lead to career growth and prosperity. If you are not able to attend a Chapter meeting, [ASPE Connect](#) offers you a way to build your network online.

MEMBER BENEFIT TIP #2 - ASK A MEMBER FOR HELP

Being a member in ASPE enables you to call upon a friend for help. Your Chapter Officers know who does what. Call your [Chapter leaders](#) when you are stumped on the job and ask for help. More times than not, you will find a fellow member who is more than willing and able to assist you with your problem. If they can't help, kick it up to the [Region Director](#), and they will find you the help you need. ASPE members treat other members just like family; it's our single most valuable membership benefit.

MEMBER BENEFIT TIP #3 - BOOST YOUR INDUSTRY VISIBILITY

Demonstrate your abilities to lead and boost your industry visibility by volunteering to join your Chapter Board of Directors or apply to join the [Society Board of Directors](#). Employers, clients, and coworkers respect and look up to ASPE Chapter and Society Officers. Without our leaders, we would not have a Society; it's worth the work.

MEMBER BENEFIT TIP #4 - EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EARN CEUs

ASPE produces webinars for members to expand their knowledge of plumbing systems and design. Members pay about half the price as nonmembers and if the webinar is sponsored, members can participate for free, so this is a great member benefit. Hover over Education & Credentialing in the [aspe.org](#) main menu, and then click on [Webinars and Workshops](#). You can access current webinars as well as every webinar ASPE has ever held. Don't forget to recommend these to your colleagues and clients.

Through our special Read, Learn, Earn series, ASPE also can help you accumulate the CEUs required for maintaining your CPD or CPDT credential or other regulatory agency CEU programs for your Professional Engineer license. Here is how you do it. Go to [aspe.org](#), hover over Education & Credentialing, and in the left column you will see [Read, Learn, Earn](#). Click on it and it will take you to a page with the active materials. This benefit is free to members and \$35 for nonmembers. Download one of the articles, read, learn, and earn your CEUs. When you complete the payment screen, the system guides you through the questions and you can enter your answers directly into the system. (Note that members do NOT need to add a credit card.) Voila! If you get 90% correct, you will receive your 0.1 CEU in the email specified in your account.

MEMBER BENEFIT TIP #5 - TRACK YOUR CEUs

We've seen some extraordinary new things come out of ASPE in the past couple of years, but this benefit is as good as it gets. Did you know that you can track your CEUs in your member area on [aspe.org](#)? Well you can, and here is how:

1. Under Education & Credentialing in the [aspe.org](#) main menu, in the left column click on [Continuing Education](#). You have now entered the ASPE Education website.
2. In the menu click on [My Education](#). (You must be signed in to see My Education.) This takes you to your dashboard.
3. Under My Dashboard, click on Transcript/Achievements.

All of your ASPE-sponsored CEUs will already be populated in this table, but you can also add other CEUs from other sources. Simply click on the link toward the top of the table and the site will direct you to a page to add the session information and to upload a certificate.

This member benefit is invaluable in keeping your CEUs current, and it's only offered to members. Don't get caught empty-handed when the eventual audit for your credential comes around.

MEMBER BENEFIT TIP #6 - MEET POTENTIAL CLIENTS/MEMBERS

If you are an Affiliate member, in sales, who steps up and takes on a membership role, you are in a unique position to promote ASPE and your company. Your leadership role is a valuable way to place yourself in front of prospective clients and members. Talk to your Chapter Board of Directors and see what you can do to promote yourself and ASPE.

MEMBER BENEFIT TIP #7 - LEARN HOW TO MENTOR OTHERS

ASPE has mentor opportunities so you can help foster the career of another member. Opportunities are available for all members. Just click on [Mentoring Program](#) under Membership & Global Community on [aspe.org](#) for more information. Leave your mark on our Society.

MEMBER BENEFIT TIP #8 - ADD LETTERS TO YOUR NAME

We all market ourselves every day with everything we do, and ASPE can help with programs that can add letters to your name: our [Certified in Plumbing Design \(CPD\)](#), [Certified Plumbing Design Technician \(CPDT\)](#), and [Green Plumbing Design \(GPD\)](#) programs. These programs will help others instantly recognize your leadership and expertise in the plumbing design industry.

MEMBER BENEFIT TIP #9 - ACCESS YOUR ASPE ACCOUNT

Accessing your ASPE account has never been easier. Visit [aspe.org](#) and click on the [LOGIN](#) tab in the upper right-hand corner. If you know your username or email address and your password, enter them and you will be done. If you do not know your username and password but know your email address, click on the "Request a New Password" tab. A temporary password will be sent, but be sure to change it when you log in. If you do not know your username, you can try your last name followed by your member number, just the digits. For example: jones12345.

Having trouble logging in to your ASPE account or you can't remember your member number? No worries. Your Chapter Vice President, Membership has a roster with this information. Call or email them and they will be happy to help you access your account.

MEMBER BENEFIT TIP #10 - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

ASPE has made it easier than ever to renew your membership. Log in to [aspe.org](#) as you ordinarily do and then to the left of the login button is a green "[Join/Renew](#)" button. Just click and you'll be renewed in no time. **NOTE: If you have lapsed for more than 90 days, your account was purged from the membership database and you will need to reapply for membership.**

MEMBER BENEFIT TIP #11 - SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS

[ASPE Young Professionals \(AYP\)](#) is designed for young industry professionals looking to meet with peers to share experiences, exchange ideas about the plumbing design industry, and network with other Chapter members. The focus of AYP is to help young plumbing engineers, design professionals, and practitioners establish contacts and further the mission of the Society. ASPE members 35 years old and younger are all included in this special-interest group.

The core mission of the [Women of ASPE \(WOA\)](#) is to engage, retain, and advance women in the plumbing design industry, through education, leadership development, and networking opportunities. WOA is committed to bringing together women and assisting them to achieve their professional and personal goals.

MEMBER BENEFIT TIP #12 - ASPE TABLES

The [ASPE Plumbing Engineering & Design Handbook of Tables](#) is a tool to help members with pipe sizing, equations, and more. This information is available not only as a book, but it is also available in both the Apple App Store and in the Google Play Store, offering members a portable way to access these valuable tables from their phones. More recently, the tables have become available for download to your Mac or PC. Just visit the [ASPE Bookstore](#) and you can have these tables at your fingertips.

MEMBER BENEFIT TIP #13 - CAREER CENTER

ASPE's Career Center is a valuable tool for ASPE members seeking new jobs or those looking for experienced plumbing engineers to join their team. Just hover over Membership & Global Community in the [aspe.org main menu](#) and click on [Career Center](#) to get started.