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FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING

Date: TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

Location: Countryside YMCA
1699 Deerfield Rd
Lebanon, OH 45036
Tel 513.932.1424

Cost: \$20 online

Schedule: 11:30PM-1:30PM

Mixing Valves

Presented by: Disney McLane

Reservations: Make a reservation and pay for the meeting
through the Chapter Website or email Bill Berger
at bill.berger@kohler.com or John Fox at
jfox@mwspec.com before noon on MONDAY,
February 9th, so that a head count can be
established. As always, guests are welcome.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Chapter Meetings to be held at Countryside YMCA,
Lebanon, OH unless noted otherwise.

- World Plumbing Day - March 11, 2025
Ohio Ethics CEU with Tri-State Society of Fire
Protection - April 15, 2026
Region 2 TopGolf Competition - June 4, 2026
ASPE Convention & Expo - Oklahoma City
October 8-14, 2026

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## Presidential prose...



Upcoming Events:  
Chapter Meeting - March 10, 2025 – Mixing Valves w/ Disney McLane  
World Plumbing Day – March 11, 2025  
Ohio Ethics CEU with Tri-State Society of Fire Protection – April 15, 2026  
Region 2 TopGolf Competition – June 4, 2026  
October 8-14, 2026 – ASPE Convention & Expo – Oklahoma City

Thanks for being here, we like having you.

– **Andrew Hemmelgarn**  
**President**

Calling all golfers!! The Southwest Ohio Chapter has entered the ASPE Region 2 TopGolf competition, where our Chapter will virtually go head-to-head with other Chapters in our Region (this includes archrivals Columbus and Cleveland). Come out to TopGolf West Chester on June 4 and help us be the best in the Region.

March 11 is World Plumbing Day!  
<https://www.worldplumbing.org/worldplumbingday/>. As American Standard once told us “The Plumber Protects the Health of the Nation”.

In April the Society of Fire Protection Engineers they are bringing in the same ethics speaker we had a few years ago: Susan Willeke from the Ohio Ethics Commission. This presentation will provide your required ethics CEU as part of Ohio PE licensure.

Registration for the 2026 ASPE Convention & Expo, held in Oklahoma City, will open soon. This is a huge event and the largest gathering of plumbing design professionals and manufacturers of the entire year. See any of your Board members if you're unfamiliar with the Convention & Expo and want to learn more and understand the benefit.

As always we are open to programming requests, please reach out to a Board member or submit on the website YOUR ideas for a technical presentation.

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# Technically Speaking...



March

Sad to say I missed our February meeting, since I am always eager to hear more about plenum-rated thermoplastics. Anything to provide flexibility to our clients and contractors is a worthy course in my book. But much gratitude to Marco Deangelo for presenting!

Our upcoming meeting is Digital vs. Thermostatic Mixing Valves, presented by Todd Schneider with Disney McLane. Having worked on hot water systems for years now, I still always need a refresher on some of the fundamentals of these, particularly the different ASSE standards. Hope to see y'all there!

Cheers,

– **James Fiorini**  
VP, Technical

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## Legislative lingo...



- Proper **integration with fire, sprinkler, and accessibility systems** where applicable.

### Impact:

- If modular units include plumbing, they now fall under full OPC compliance.

– *Jeremy M. Williams PE, LEED AP BD+C  
VP, Technical*

## Looking to stay in touch with the Chapter



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### Plumbing-Related Amendments (Effective October 15, 2025)

**Plastic Pans for Water Heaters Now Explicitly Allowed**  
Ohio adopted 2024 IPC language permitting **plastic drain pans** under water heaters—an important update for both residential and commercial plumbing installations.

- This is part of the statewide amendment package applied to the 2024 OPC. [\[com.ohio.gov\]](http://com.ohio.gov)

### Impact:

- Expands acceptable materials in water heater safety design.
- May change specifications where metal pans were previously required.

### B. Higher Education Buildings Lose Certain Plumbing Fixture Exceptions

Ohio modified plumbing fixture requirements so that **institutions of higher education can no longer use an older exception for separate facilities.**

- The modifications appear in amendments to Section 2902. [\[dam.assets.ohio.gov\]](http://dam.assets.ohio.gov)

### Impact:

- Higher-ed buildings must now provide **separate facilities for each sex** where required.
- Impacts restrooms in new construction, renovations, and change-of-occupancy projects.

### C. Modular Rooms Now Treated as Building Components (Including Plumbing Integration)

Ohio formally defined “modular rooms” and requires permitting and life-safety integration. While often not plumbed, some modular work pods include:

- Sinks
- Drinking water fixtures
- Drainage provisions

The updated rules require:

- **Building permits** for modular rooms.

The Southwestern Ohio Chapter would like to wish a

*Happy Birthday*

to the following members celebrating their birthday this month:

**Travis Burke, Ron Cobb, Tony DeNiro, Michael Hagan, Erich Knemeyer, Jon O'Donnell, Christopher Swank and Matthew Wyles**

And the Chapter would like to wish a

*Happy Anniversary*

to the following members commemorating their ASPE anniversary this month:

**Travis Burke, Terry Cannon, Deana Crawford, Doug Dockus, John Fox, Kevin Hansman, Bob McGinnis, Jim Miller, Andy Monnig, Ben Oisten, Jeff Papania, Tyler Smaga, Christopher Swank and Kevin Witte**

## Membership musings...



### Membership!!

We had great attendance at our last meeting on Plenum Rated Thermoplastics, I enjoyed the opportunity to hear from one of the suppliers of the raw materials and their perspective. Our next meeting of 2026 is on Digital vs Thermostatic Mixing Valves at Countryside YMCA in Lebanon from 11:30am to 1:00pm on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

We are steady at 109 members this month again, we have 60 Full members, 18 Associate members, 27 Affiliate members, 3 Life members, and 1 Retired member.

We would also like to thank those who renewed last month including William Blake, Tony DeNiro, Timothy Goodale, Dennis Helmig, William Kaikis, Mario Linares, Frank Pauly, Alex Trombold. We appreciate your continued support.

Don't forget co-op's are able to attend our meetings for free, please consider inviting them if you can.

Total Membership		
	Feb 25'	Feb 26'
Buffalo-Niagara	44	45
Central Indiana	131	132
Central Ohio	128	135
Cleveland	98	100
Eastern Michigan	114	117
Johnstown	31	37
Kentucky Bluegrass	38	41
Pittsburgh	105	105
Rochester	86	86
Southern Indiana	40	36
<b>Southwestern Ohio</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>109</b>
Toronto	109	115
Western Michigan	93	97
Region 2 Total:	1124	1155

Thanks!

**– Brian Selander VP, Membership**

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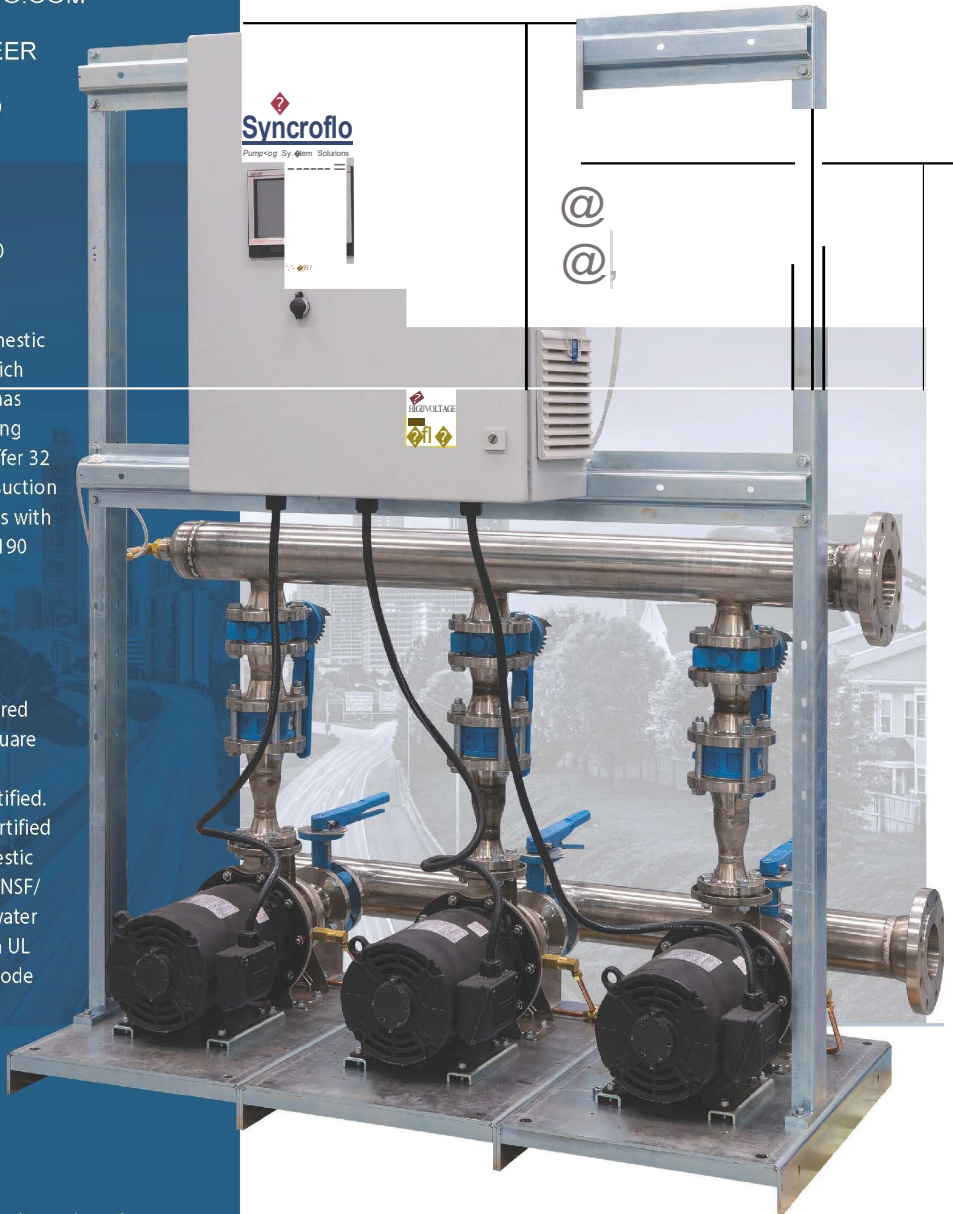
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# ASPE Pipeline

News for the Plumbing System Design Industry

## [Affiliate Partner Program Grows Again](#)

We are pleased to announce that REHAU has joined our distinguished list of ASPE Affiliate Partners. REHAU's plumbing and mechanical systems are installed worldwide across residential housing, commercial buildings, and infrastructure projects. The backbone of REHAU systems is RAUPEX® crosslinked polyethylene (PEXa) pipe. [Learn more>>](#)



## [Only a Few Spots Left](#)

Our next MedGas Workshop in NYC on March 23–26 is almost sold out, so [register now](#) if you plan on attending. In just a few short days you will gain 32 hours of training from medgas expert Mark Allen plus 1.2 CEUs, a copy of NFPA 99, and an ASSE 6060 practice exam, all while enjoying the Viega Experience Center. [Register now>>](#)



## [Earn Up to 0.4 CEUs at ASPE's 2026 Virtual Learning Day](#)

On March 18, ASPE is offering four opportunities to earn CEUs during our new 2026 Virtual Learning Day. The event features four webinars that will explore valves, instantaneous water

heaters, booster systems, and hot water recirculation. You can pick the topics of your choice or sign up for the entire bundle. [Learn more>>](#)

### [You Still Have Time to Sign Up for This Year's CPD Review Class](#)

If you are thinking about taking the Certified in Plumbing Design exam, this class is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the exam and how to prepare for it. Even better, the class includes a CPD practice test (a \$50 member value), which you will take prior to the last day and then go over the results with the instructor. [Sign up on ASPE Education>>](#)

## ***2026 Workshop Dates Announced***

Our MedGas Workshop will be held four times this year, providing several opportunities to get the training needed for the ASSE 6060 exam.

- March 23–26, New York City
- June 11–14, Chicago
- September 17–20, Atlanta
- November 12–15, Chicago

You can learn more and register at [aspe.org/medgas-workshop](https://aspe.org/medgas-workshop).

## ***ASPE Convention & Expo Presentation Proposals Are Due by February 28***

Do you want to share your expertise in plumbing system design? Our Convention & Expo provides the perfect opportunity to do so! The Technical Education Program on October 13–14 in OKC will offer dozens of sessions for all career levels, and we currently are accepting presentation proposals to build the schedule. If you want to showcase your skills this fall, visit [callforpresentations.aspe.org](https://callforpresentations.aspe.org) by February 28 to submit your proposal.

# BOOK OF THE MONTH



Hello!

ASPE's February 2026 Book of the Month is [Engineered Plumbing Design II](#) (eBook version).

Through February 28, 2026, you can purchase this eBook for 35% off the regular member price. Just enter coupon code **engineersweek** when you check out.

The discount is valid on the digital edition of this publication, and the coupon code can only be used once. If you are purchasing multiple items, the discount will be applied only to the assigned publication.

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## Presidential Member Turns 90

We'd like to wish a warm "Happy Birthday!" to long-time member Philip L. French, PE, FASPE, who celebrated with family and friends at Trappers 2 in Minow, NY, on February 28. His children Mike, Matt, Greg, Alicia, and Deanna, friends Joe & Lisa Scott, the Mayor of Minoa, and many others attended. [Click here](#) to view more pictures from the celebration.



## ASPE Members: Help Shape the Future of ASPE

At the 2026 ASPE Business Meeting, Chapter delegates will elect the 2026–2028 ASPE Board of Directors and vote on proposed Bylaws amendments. To apply for the Board of Directors or submit a Bylaws amendment for consideration, [visit the Members Only page](#) on aspe.org.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

Study launched to determine most effective PFAS treatments for high-risk households

- ASTM Compass® introduces Compass Discover Beta, a semantic search engine
- ASHRAE and UNEP approve work plan focused on life-cycle refrigerant management
- American Water Works Association reaches 200 standards
- Registration is open for the 2026 PCA Plumbing Service Conference
- Wilo CTO is appointed to Hydraulic Institute Board of Directors
- Joseph Gresham joins Rinnai America as vice president of innovation

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# Alfred Steele SCHOLARSHIP



Application deadline:  
April 30, 2026

## ***2026 CPD Exam to Be Held This April***

If you seek to earn the Certified in Plumbing Design (CPD) credential this year, be sure to fill out the eligibility form by the April 1 deadline. The exam is held via remote proctor, so if you are eligible you will be able to choose your exam date and time from April 13 to 24. [Fill out the eligibility form now>>](#)



### ***Learn How to Take the CPD Exam***

If you are considering taking the CPD exam, our virtual review classes in March will teach you insightful studying skills so you can prepare to ace it. [Learn more and sign up>>](#)



## AFFILIATE CORNER

### [Watts Kicks Off "Training Cup Challenge" Sweepstakes](#)



Running from February 2 through May 1, 2026, the sweepstakes will reward those completing Watts Works training courses with the chance to win exclusive prizes, including gameday gear and tailgating prizes. [Learn more>>](#)

### [Kohler Introduces Dual-Wand Bidet Toilet Seat](#)



The KOHLER PureWash E860 Dual-Wand Elongated Bidet Toilet Seat, a first-to-market solution with both front and rear bidet wands, is designed to support women's health and wellness. [Learn more>>](#)

### [GF Announces the Inaugural GF Flow Symposium](#)



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### [Wilco USA Elevates Partnership with Memphis Grizzlies](#)



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### [Culligan Named Water Solutions Supplier of Paris Marathon](#)



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### [ICC-ES Announces New Electrical Division](#)



The ICC-ES Electrical Division will deliver globally recognized testing, inspection, and certification services to help electrical and automation manufacturers bring products to market quickly. [Learn more>>](#)

# Join ASPE!



# **SOUTHWESTERN OHIO**

## ASPE Southwestern Ohio Inter-Region TopGolf Golfing Competition

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**Represent Southwestern Ohio and compete against other ASPE regions in an evening of Topgolf competition, networking, and regional pride!**

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### Event Details

**Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2026

**Time:** 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**Venue:** Topgolf – West Chester

**Address:** 9568 Water Front Dr, West Chester Township, OH 45069

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### Competition Format

- **Inter-region Topgolf competition** (Southwestern Ohio vs. other ASPE regions)
- Reserved **3 Topgolf bays**
- **15 total participants** (5 players per bay)
- Structured gameplay with scoring tracked throughout the event

This event combines friendly rivalry with a fun, social atmosphere and is welcoming to **all skill levels**.

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## What to Expect

- Competitive play against fellow ASPE regions
  - Team camaraderie and Southwestern Ohio regional pride
  - Networking between rounds with engineers, designers, and industry partners
  - Food, drinks, and the full Topgolf experience
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## Prizes & Bragging Rights

- 🏆 **Top Region / Top Bay Score**
- 🏆 **Top Individual Score**
- 🎯 **Accuracy or Closest-to-the-Pin Challenges** *(if available)*

*Prize and recognition details to be announced*

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## Who Should Attend

- ASPE members and guests representing **Southwestern Ohio**
  - Plumbing engineers, designers, and industry partners and affiliates
  - Anyone ready to compete, network, and support their region
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## Registration / RSVP

**Spots are limited to 15 players.**

Advance registration is strongly encouraged to secure your bay.

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## 🎯 Ready to Defend Southwestern Ohio?

Grab your clubs, rally your teammates, and help Southwestern Ohio stand out in this inter-region ASPE Topgolf showdown.

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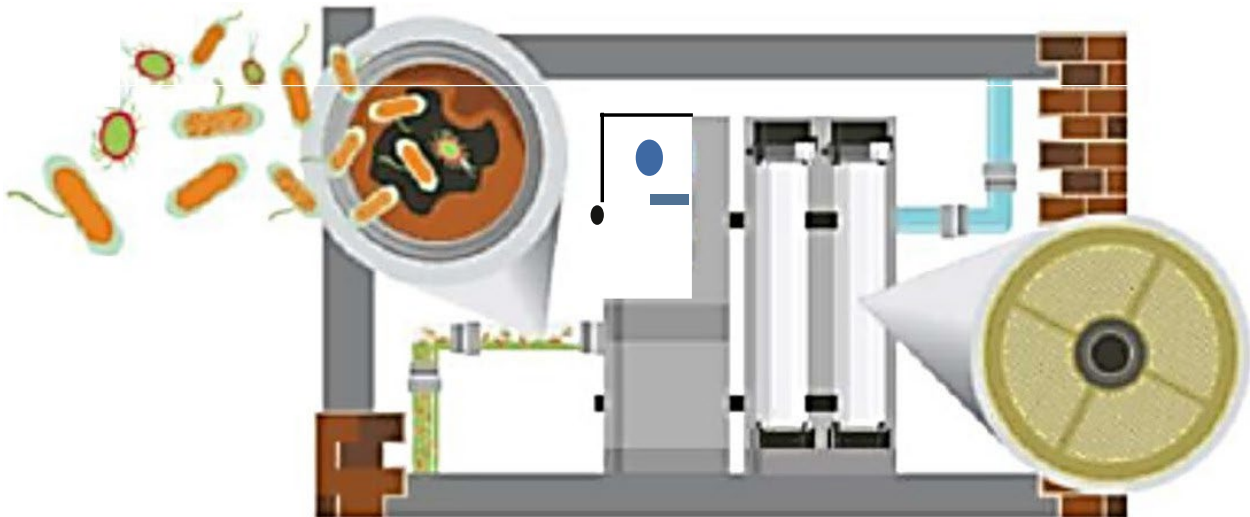


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