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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Date: **TUESDAY, September 8, 2026**

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

Cost: \$20 online

Schedule: **11:30PM-1:30PM**

Value Engineering

Presented by: **Dalton Usery**

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, September 7th**, 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.

Value Engineering – September 8
SWOASPE Golf Outing – September 16
CMPA/PHC Industry Expo Night – September 24
ASPE Convention & Expo – Oklahoma City
October 8-14

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Presidential prose...



Inauguration Thoughts

As we have transitioned the leadership of the Board and the Chapter, I have the honor to share my thoughts with you for the first time. I want to share a bit about me and my background. I joined the Army Reserves out of High School to pay for college, but I first learned a lot about leadership from the best to do it. Luckily, I have refined my leadership style from barking commands to leading by example and understanding. I have been doing Plumbing Engineering for the last 20 years. The last 7 years have been in a leadership role. Looking back, I never thought I would be in leadership at my company and didn't have being President of our chapter anywhere on my radar. Yet here I am. It takes people believing in you but most importantly, believing in yourself.

Golf Outing

First order of business, we have our first Golf Outing coming up September 16. Please get your foursomes registered. You don't have to know who they will be, we can figure that out later. Want to make sure we maximize the number of golfers we can get. My goal is to get more Engineers/Designers than Affiliates to make this truly successful. It is for a good cause in our Chapter's Scholarship fund.

Vision for the year

Beyond a successful golf outing, we are exploring doing a Clay Shoot in the Spring. Andrew and I went to our KYBG Chapter's first one this summer and had a blast (excuse the pun). Another goal is to increase membership and attendance at our Monthly Meetings so promote joining ASPE to colleagues and bring friends to the meetings. I am encouraged to see more Co-ops and some new faces in some of the past meetings. Co-ops are free and they don't have to be members. We are starting the year at the Countryside YMCA but are working on a plan to meet in two locations in Cincinnati and Dayton in November. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer. We see the

current location as equally inconvenient for both Dayton and Cincinnati. I ask for patience as we make some small adjustments to make it easier for all to make it without taking a large portion of your day.

Our first meeting is September 8 to cover Value Engineering (VE). I will see you there. 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.

Registration for the 2026 ASPE Convention & Expo, held in Oklahoma City, is open. 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.

"Whether you think you can, or you think you can't, you're right."
— Henry Ford

**– Jeremy M. Williams, PE, LEED LP, BD+C
President**

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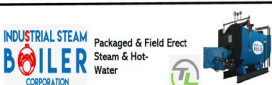


Summer

Looks like school is back in session! It's been a hot and stormy summer, and I hope everyone spent plenty of time away from the tri-state area. Ideally near a beach, mountain range, or reliable air conditioning. I've had a couple weekends away, but nothing very far from the Midwest (which I've saved for September). Dalton Usery will be kicking off our first session back with Value Engineering, a presentation about the implications of switching from cast iron to PVC. I'll unfortunately miss this one as I'll be in Greece, but I hope the discussion will be productive with our chapter's experiences with drainage value engineering.

Cheers,

– **James Fiorini**
VP, Technical

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Legislative lingo...



Greetings! It's an honor to be welcomed back to the SWO ASPE board as your new VP of Legislation. I have some big shoes to fill as Jeremy Williams steps up to be chapter president. I'm still easing into the role so no code talk today, but I am excited to dive deeper into code changes on the chapter's behalf and hope to develop some connections with local inspectors over my time in the position that can be a resource to the chapter. I enjoyed serving as the chapter's AYP Liaison from 2019 to 2023 and am excited to serve in this new position for the upcoming year and hopefully beyond.

**– Justin R. Hobing PE, CPD
VP, Technical**

Looking to stay in touch with the Chapter



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The Southwestern Ohio Chapter would like to wish a

Happy Birthday

to the following members celebrating their birthday this month:

David Dexter, Sean Duffy, Michael Heaton and Daniel Ross

And the Chapter would like to wish a

Happy Anniversary

to the following members commemorating their ASPE anniversary this month:

Regina Condry, Jon Hall and Paul Rice

Membership musings...



Membership!!

Our chapter membership remains steady at 107 members. Membership continues to grow across Region 2 and, critically, we're ahead of Cleveland in our membership count!

Don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions about making the most of your ASPE membership. I will be sharing a snippet each month from the "Making the Most of Your Membership" document on ASPE's website. This month's member benefit tip is "Build a Killer Network".

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

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 [Symposiums](#) 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.



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Total Membership		
	Summer 25'	Summer 26'
Buffalo-Niagara	45	43
Central Indiana	132	132
Central Ohio	130	130
Cleveland	97	99
Eastern Michigan	117	115
Johnstown	33	39
Kentucky Bluegrass	37	43
Pittsburgh	105	107
Rochester	86	79
Southern Indiana	41	36
Southwestern Ohio	106	107
Toronto	110	116
Western Michigan	95	102
Region 2 Total:	1134	1148

Thanks,

**—Andrew Hemmelgarn EI, CPD
VP, Membership**

PLUMBING SYSTEMS: COMMERCIAL



Covering Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo, Columbus and
Northern Kentucky (Lexington, Louisville...)



Through the pipes...



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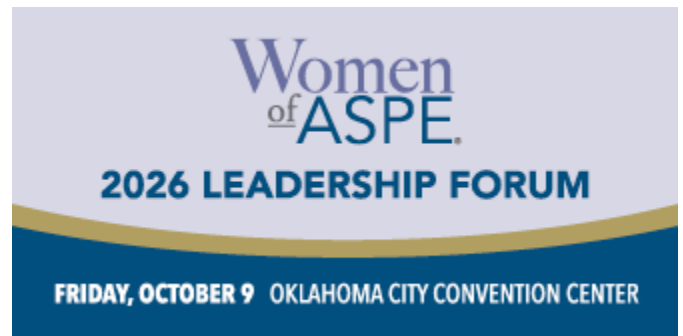
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News for the Plumbing System Design Industry

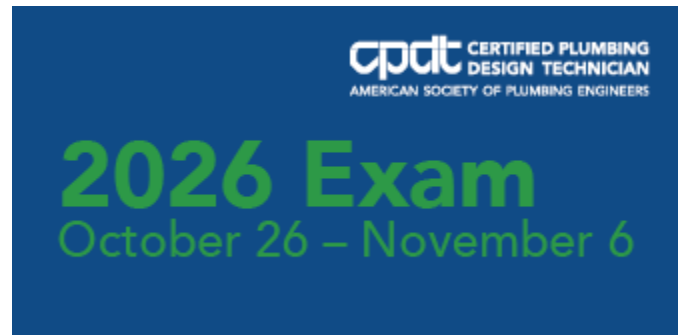
Forum Speakers Announced

The Women of ASPE is pleased to announce that the following speakers will be featured during the 2026 WOA Leadership Forum: Charli Matthews Carruth, Jennifer Nakayama, and Cyndi Wentland, MBA. Sponsored by Viega, this special event is an invaluable learning and networking experience at the 2026 ASPE Convention & Expo. [Learn more>>](#)



Registration Is Open

The 2026 Certified Plumbing Design Technician (CPDT) exam will be held via remote proctor from October 26 – November 6, and eligible candidates can now register. ASPE's CPDT credential provides professional recognition of qualified plumbing designers early in their careers and is considered the first step toward the CPD. [Learn more>>](#)



Want to Discover All of the Latest New Products in the Industry?

At the 2026 ASPE Convention & Expo, [more than 260 manufacturers](#) will be showcasing their newest technologies, giving you the opportunity to learn about them in person from the engineers who designed them. But the Expo isn't the only thing you'll benefit from by attending the 2026 ASPE Convention & Expo. To plan your experience and register, visit [expo.aspe.org](#).



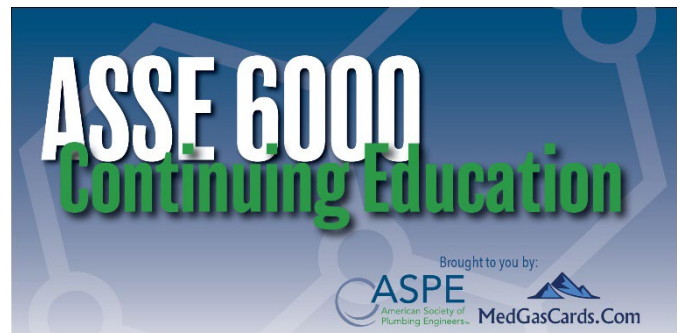
ARCSA Invites ASPE Members to Its Annual Conference

Our industry partner ARCSA International invites you to join rainwater, stormwater, water reuse, engineering, plumbing, sustainability, and policy professionals on September 16–17 at the Sheraton Universal in Universal City, California. Explore emerging technologies, real-world projects, legislative and standards updates, workforce development, data center water solutions, wildfire resilience, and more. [Learn more and register>>](#)



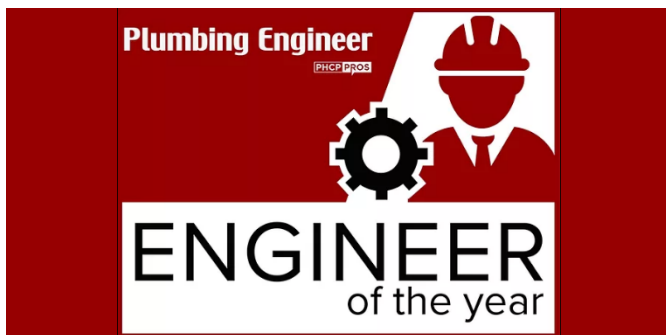
Only a Few Seats Left

If you want to attend ASPE's next MedGas Workshop, [sign up soon on ASPE Education](#). You'll get 32 hours of ASSE 6060 training plus 1.2 ASPE CEUs by participating.



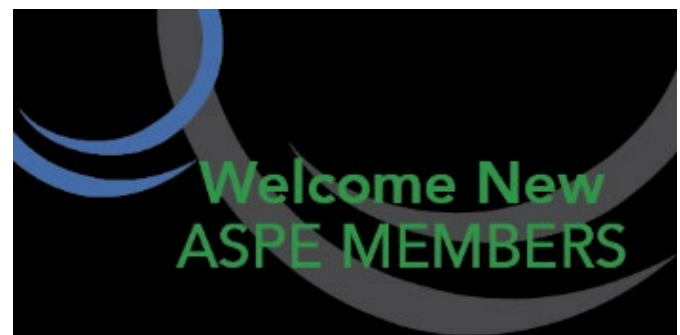
Need to Recertify?

Our online course provides four hours of instruction regarding changes to NFPA 99-2024 and meets the requirements of all ASSE 6000 credentials. [Get started>>](#)



Nominate Your Favorite Engineer!

Plumbing Engineer magazine is accepting nominations for its annual Plumbing Engineer of the Year recognition. [Learn more>>](#)



ASPE Chapters Continue to Grow

A LOT of ASPE Chapters gained new members in the past month. To learn who joined your local Chapter, [visit ASPE Pipeline](#).



INDUSTRY NEWS

- Texas strengthens building safety and resilience by adopting 2024 International Codes
- NSF achieves European accreditation for drinking water product certification
- New seismic retrofit standard will increase resilience and long-term value
- AWWA urges expanded U.S. cybersecurity support for water systems
- International Code Council acquires Code Concepts Group

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Watts Celebrates National Backflow Prevention Day



This year, Watts is bringing continuing education initiatives to the forefront, offering resources and tools to enrich professional development and promote awareness. [Learn more>>](#)

New CircuitSolver Case Study Is Published



CircuitSolver thermostatic balancing valves simplified hot water delivery in the new Southeast Michigan Psychiatric Hospital in Northville Township, Michigan, scheduled to open in October 2026. [Learn more>>](#)

Pentair to Acquire Taco Group Holdings



The acquisition of Taco expands Pentair's portfolio of smart, sustainable water solutions to support increased exposure to key high-growth end-markets primarily in North America. [Learn more>>](#)

Chicago Faucets Introduces CF Connect PLUS



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Caleffi North America Launches the LEGIOMIX®evo



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September 16

Wednesday • 2026

02 TEE OFF

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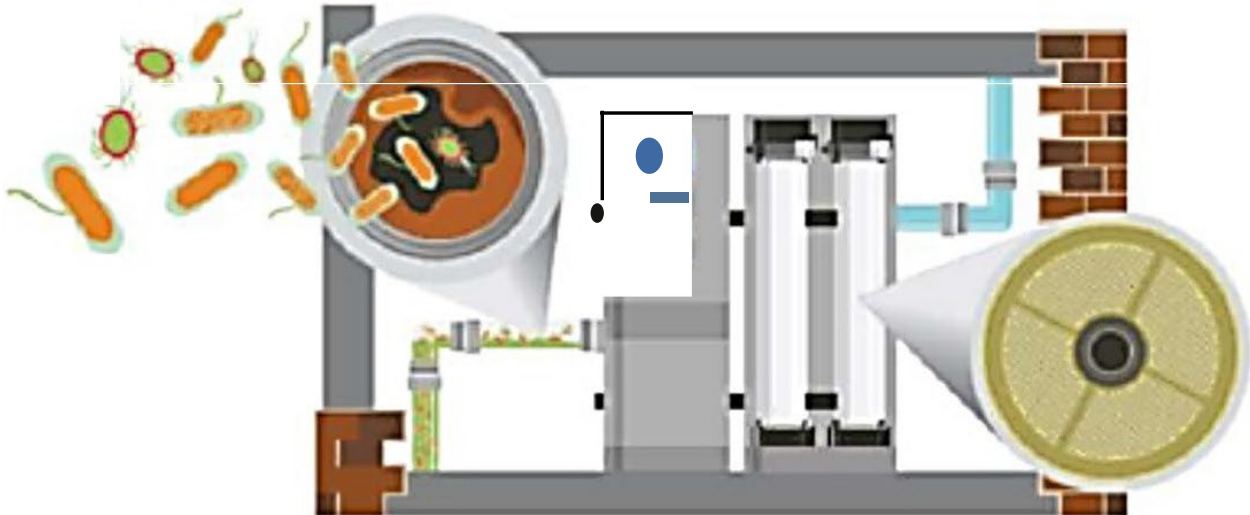


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