

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



**May 14th at Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que
Doral at 6:00 pm**





presents



Brent Taylor

Sr. ASME Sales Engineer



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May 14, 2026
6:00 p.m.



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8210 NW 36th St., Doral

TOPIC:

Thermal Expansion & Design

*Considerations for Domestic Water
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Presidents Report David Erickson



Greetings Members,

May 2026, and we are halfway through Q2, how time flies when you're having fun and living your best life. Business is in full overdrive with all kinds of new jobs popping up from Miami to Jacksonville.

We have our May meeting and our June Tabletop Show at Top Golf in Doral to have some networking fun with our industry colleagues. Our official summer break is July, August, and September will start the second half of our year.

If you are interested in joining our next meeting on Thursday May 7, we will be at Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th Street Doral, FL. 33166. Brent Taylor-Sr. ASME Sales Engineer with Amtrol will be presenting on Thermal Expansion & Design Considerations for Domestic Water Heating and Hydronic Applications. The networking event will start at 6 pm and the presentation typically starts at 7 pm. I will pay for dinner for the first 2 engineers that contact me via phone call, text, or email. On your mark, get set, go. Here is the hyper-link for those who would like to sign up for the meeting.

<https://aspemiamichapter.starchapter.com/meetinginfo.php?id=88&ts=1777246308>

Special Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge our entire BOD, everyone has very hard this first half of the year with Clay Shoot in November, Top Golf in December, Women of ASPE Galentine's Event in March, and Regional 3 President's Meeting in June, not to mention working with the manufactures / sponsors to help fund these events. Everyone has an important role; I like to say the wheel can't turn if you don't have spokes to support it. Thank you for all that you do for your ASPE South Florida Chapter/Family.

New Members

Below are our new members that have joined over the past 30-60 days, please take time to speak with them at our next meeting to get to know them better.

- No New Members for this month

Our Chapter is constantly looking for individuals to help us to become bigger, better, stronger, and to provide our members with educational opportunities to grow professionally. If you have any topics or locations that would benefit our meeting, please reach out to any of our board members. Additionally, we are in search of a VP Legislative board member-this position is typically held by an inspector or engineer that help the chapter stay current on codes and standards.

Thank you for reading and feel free to reach out to me or any of our BOD if you have any questions or know of someone who is interested in joining the chapter and may need help to navigate through the process.

David Erickson
President ASPE SFL Chapter



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Technical News Elvira Pita-Mejia — Chapter VP – Technical



Connect, learn, lead: ASPE South Florida Chapter Meeting!

Join us Thursday, May 14, 2026 as we welcome our Speaker Brent Taylor from Armtrol to our monthly general and technical meeting. Brent will be presenting on Thermal Expansion and Design. The presentation will cover

- Principles of thermal expansion
- Considerations for proper expansion tank sizing in domestic hot water and hydronic heating & cooling applications
- Regional trends with improper installation of expansion tanks and measures that can be implemented by project engineer(s)
- Review of expansion tank types for proper selection in project design
- Risk associated with approving import residential grade expansion tanks intended for use with volume multi-family and single-family construction
- Understanding where ASME vessels should be required in project design, regardless of gaps in plumbing code
- Regional trends with improper scheduling & design on commercial projects
- Common gaps with code enforcement

Details: Date: 05/14/2026 — Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm — Location: Famous Dave's, Doral.

Register: <https://aspemiamichapter.starchapter.com/meetinginfo.php?id=86&ts=1773768775>

Registration is finally open for the 2026 ASPE Convention & Expo

The countdown is on for the 2026 ASPE Convention & Expo — and this is one you don't want to miss. From October 8–14 in Oklahoma City, the industry's top engineers, designers, manufacturers, and innovators will come together for the premier event in plumbing system design.

click LINK below to register

https://www.compusystems.com/servlet/AttendeeRegistrationServlet?ext_uid=450



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Elvira Pita-Mejia

VP Technical – ASPE South Florida Chapter



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Membership Corner—Scott Smith (VP Membership)



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The CPD, which is the only international credential program in the plumbing engineering field, sets the standards for leadership within the industry and provides formal recognition of outstanding professionals with advanced skills in the design and specification of plumbing systems.

The CPD designation is designed to:

- Establish specific standards for professional competence in the field
- Identify and recognize those individuals who successfully demonstrate their acquired knowledge and abilities
- Encourage plumbing engineers to participate in a continuing program of professional development
- Provide a standard for educational programs in plumbing engineering
- Enhance the status of plumbing engineering as a unique discipline

CPD EXAM DATES AND REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to take the CPD Examination, a candidate must possess:

- A minimum of four years of experience in a position of responsibility for the design of plumbing systems and possess a baccalaureate degree in a field related to engineering

In lieu of an accredited degree, a candidate may substitute up to an additional four years of practical experience in the design of plumbing systems, for a total of eight years, or be granted a credit of one-half year of practical experience for each full year of education in an accredited curriculum related to plumbing engineering.

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The ASPE South Florida Chapter has a long history of supporting the next generation of plumbing engineers and designers. Our mission has always been to bridge the gap between academic study and professional excellence, ensuring that the plumbing and mechanical trades continue to thrive with fresh talent and innovation. Historically, our chapter has championed students through the ASPE South Florida Foundation, providing tangible financial support to those dedicated to our industry. Whether you are a student or a professional mentor, here are the vital opportunities and dates you need to know for the coming months.

Local Support: The Bruce Morris Memorial Scholarship

Named in honor of a dedicated industry leader, this scholarship is designed to support the "homegrown" talent of South Florida.

- Target Region: Students residing or studying in Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach County.
- Academic Focus: Applicants must be enrolled in engineering or construction management programs.
- Eligibility: While specific requirements may vary, candidates typically need a minimum GPA of 2.5 and a demonstrated passion for the plumbing or construction industry.
- Local Impact: This scholarship frequently supports students at institutions such as Florida International University (FIU) and our regional technical schools.

National Reach: The Alfred Steele Scholarship

As a member of the South Florida Chapter, students also gain access to prestigious national awards. The Alfred Steele Scholarship, named after a pioneer of modern plumbing engineering, is a significant opportunity for ASPE members and their families.

Join Us: May Technical Meeting - We invite you to connect with your peers and continue your professional development at our upcoming monthly meeting. It's a great chance to talk shop, meet the board, and stay current on industry trends.

- Date: May 14, 2026
- Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Location: Famous Dave's: 8210 NW 36th St., Miami, FL 33166

Thank you for taking the time to engage with our chapter each month. Our strength lies in our community, and we are proud to support the engineers of tomorrow.

Warm regards, Kyle Stottlemeyer Education Chairperson & Treasurer — ASPE South Florida

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Corresponding Secretary - Vanessa Londoño



As Corresponding Secretary of the ASPE South Florida Chapter, this month I'd like to highlight the importance of networking and continuous education. No matter which organization you are part of we can always join forces.

There are many associations and groups within our industry that offer valuable opportunities to connect, learn, and grow. Being involved allows you to strengthen your networking and communication skills while building meaningful relationships with other professionals. These connections not only expand your knowledge but also open doors to new perspectives and opportunities.

Investing in yourself through education and engagement is essential for both personal and professional growth. I encourage everyone to stay active, explore different organizations, and take advantage of the resources available to continue developing within our industry.

ASHRAE Miami

Event: Golf Tournament

When: May 7, 2026

Link: https://lnkd.in/e7a_r-pg

LBA - Latin Builders Association

Event: Golf Tournament

When: March 2, 2026

Where: The Club at Weston Hill

Link : <https://bit.ly/4qlgRHA>

ABC- Associated Builders

Event: ABC-FEC Business Development Night on 2nd Tuesday

When/ Where: May 12, 2026

Where: The Sylvester

3456 N Miami Avenue

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Time: 5:30- 7:30 pm

Link: ABC Florida East Coast Chapter

Blessings,
Vanessa Londono
Corresponding Secretary, of ASPE South Florida Chapter

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In addition, I'm also coordinating sponsorships for the upcoming **President's Region 3 Meeting**, which will be held on a full course, offering a fantastic opportunity for maximum brand visibility. We're eager to secure as many sponsors as possible to make this event a shining success.



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Women of ASPE Elvira Pita-Mejia — WOA Liaison



Women in Plumbing Engineering: Where We Are—and Where We're Going

The conversation around diversity in engineering has gained real momentum in recent years—but in plumbing engineering, the story is still being written. While progress is happening, the data makes one thing clear: there is significant opportunity ahead.

A Snapshot of Today

Women remain underrepresented across the plumbing and engineering landscape. Within the American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE), women account for roughly 10% of membership as of 2024. That's slightly lower than the broader engineering field, where women make up about 16% of engineers in the United States.

Looking at the trades side, the numbers are even smaller—women represent approximately 7% of the plumbing workforce and under 10% of licensed master plumbers.

Taken together, these figures highlight a consistent trend: while plumbing engineering may offer more accessibility than field roles, it is still a predominantly male industry.

Signs of Progress

Despite the gaps, there are encouraging signals. More women are entering engineering pipelines, earning roughly 20% of engineering-related degrees in the U.S. today. Industry organizations—including ASPE—are also taking a more active role in supporting inclusion through mentorship, networking, and professional development initiatives.

Groups like Women of ASPE are helping create visibility, community, and career pathways that simply didn't exist a decade ago.

If you'd like to learn more about Women of ASPE or get involved, feel free to reach out to me—I'd love to connect and share more.

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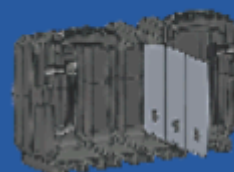
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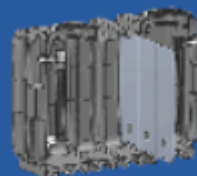
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Serving on the board of American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE) is an opportunity to make a meaningful impact not only within the chapter, but across the plumbing engineering industry as a whole. Board members play a key role in shaping the direction, growth, and success of the organization, helping to create valuable programs, events, and educational opportunities that benefit all members.

In our last month meeting, many of our board members were attending work-related events; however, as a team, we all stepped in and made the magic happen. Our meeting was a great success, with 24 attendees. Congratulations to our winners!

Being part of the ASPE board allows you to develop leadership skills, expand your professional network, and collaborate with a diverse group of industry professionals, including engineers, contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers. It provides a platform to share ideas, contribute your expertise, and help drive innovation and best practices within the industry.

Additionally, serving on the board offers personal and professional growth. It strengthens communication, organization, and decision-making skills while giving you the chance to give back to the industry that supports your career. It also increases your visibility and credibility within the professional community, opening doors to new opportunities and relationships.

Most importantly, being on the ASPE board means being part of something bigger, helping to mentor the next generation, support fellow members, and ensure the continued success and advancement of the plumbing engineering profession. We have positions Open positions. Feel free to contact our [ASPE Miami Chapter](#)

Warm regards,
Vanessa Londono
Administrative Secretary, ASPE

A modern bathroom vanity setup featuring a long, white, rectangular countertop with two integrated sinks. The countertop is supported by a dark grey cabinet with three large doors. Above the countertop, two large, dark grey rectangular mirrors are mounted on a wall with vertical wood grain. Four circular pendant lights with white shades hang from the ceiling, illuminating the vanity. The floor is dark grey tile.

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ASPE Young Professional—Nickolas D’Agostino



A tip from Make your bed - Little things that can change your life...and maybe the world , by Admiral William H. McRaven: If you want to change the world...find someone to help you paddle.

Attending our chapter’s monthly meetings and technical symposium has given me the insight into the people and work that plumbing engineers and professionals encounter on a daily basis. It also has provided opportunities to connect with others who are more experienced than I am as a young engineer. Many of these veterans have witnessed the industry evolve as new codes, technologies, and challenges emerge. What better way than to find a ‘paddle buddy’ than through ASPE AYP- by meeting and learning alongside other young professionals.

In the world of plumbing, a cross connection is a physical arrangement that links two separate piping systems—one carrying safe, potable water and another containing substances of unknown or questionable safety. While we rely on these systems to stay separate, a cross connection creates a potential bridge where flow can occur between them depending on the pressure differential.

For example, if you were to leave a garden hose submerged in a bucket of soapy water or a swimming pool, you have created a cross connection. If a nearby water main were to break or a fire hydrant were opened, the resulting drop in pressure could create a vacuum, "pulling" that contaminated water backward through the hose and into your building’s clean water supply. By implementing cross-connection control, such as installing backflow prevention devices, engineers ensure that even when these physical links exist, the clean water we depend on remains protected from any reverse flow of contaminants.

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VP-Legislative Interim Report—Emilio Sorondo



Spotlight on ICC 8:15 – A New Direction for Plumbing System Design

The International Code Council (ICC) is currently developing ICC 8:15, a proposed ANSI standard focused on modernizing how plumbing systems are sized. This new standard is intended to establish minimum requirements for a unified, comprehensive design approach to **water distribution, sanitary drainage, and vent piping systems in residential, mixed-use, and institutional buildings.**

The need for ICC 8:15 is driven by how significantly water use has changed over time. Many existing plumbing codes are still rooted in assumptions and fixture usage patterns from decades ago. Today's plumbing fixtures and appliances use far less water, and recent changes in lifestyle—especially the post-COVID shift toward remote and hybrid work—have altered when and how water is used inside buildings.

ICC 8:15 aims to address these realities by incorporating current fixture technologies, improved methods for estimating water demand, and more accurate usage patterns. The goal is to provide designers, engineers, and authorities having jurisdiction with a more reliable and relevant methodology for sizing complete plumbing systems—one that reflects how buildings actually operate today rather than how they functioned in the past.

As this standard progresses, it has the potential to influence future plumbing codes and promote more efficient, resilient, and right-sized plumbing system designs.

Here is the link to the full

article:<https://www.iccsafe.org/committees/is-swddv/>

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As your Chapter Ambassador, I'm excited to invite you whether you're a seasoned engineer, designer, specifier, student, or emerging professional to join us at our upcoming events and get to know the vibrant ASPE South Florida community firsthand.

Our monthly general and technical meetings (typically held on the second Thursday of the month) offer fantastic opportunities to:

Earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) through engaging presentations on cutting edge topics like pumping curves, system design, safety equipment, and emerging technologies.

Network with fellow members who represent every segment of the plumbing engineering, construction, and services world.

Enjoy good food, great conversations, and the chance to build lasting professional connections right here in Miami.

ASPE South Florida Chapter!

We had the pleasure of hosting Dalton Usery from McWane Plumbing Group for an excellent presentation on: 💡 Value Engineering Considerations for Plumbing Designers

Dalton delivered practical, high-impact insights on how to optimize plumbing designs, deliver real cost savings, and maintain (or even improve) system performance and quality. The discussion was rich covering everything from common value engineering pitfalls to forward thinking strategies that help projects stay competitive in today's market.

A huge thank you to Dalton for sharing his expertise and to all the ASPE South Florida members and guests who attended and contributed to the conversation. The level of engagement and thoughtful questions made it one of our strongest sessions this year.



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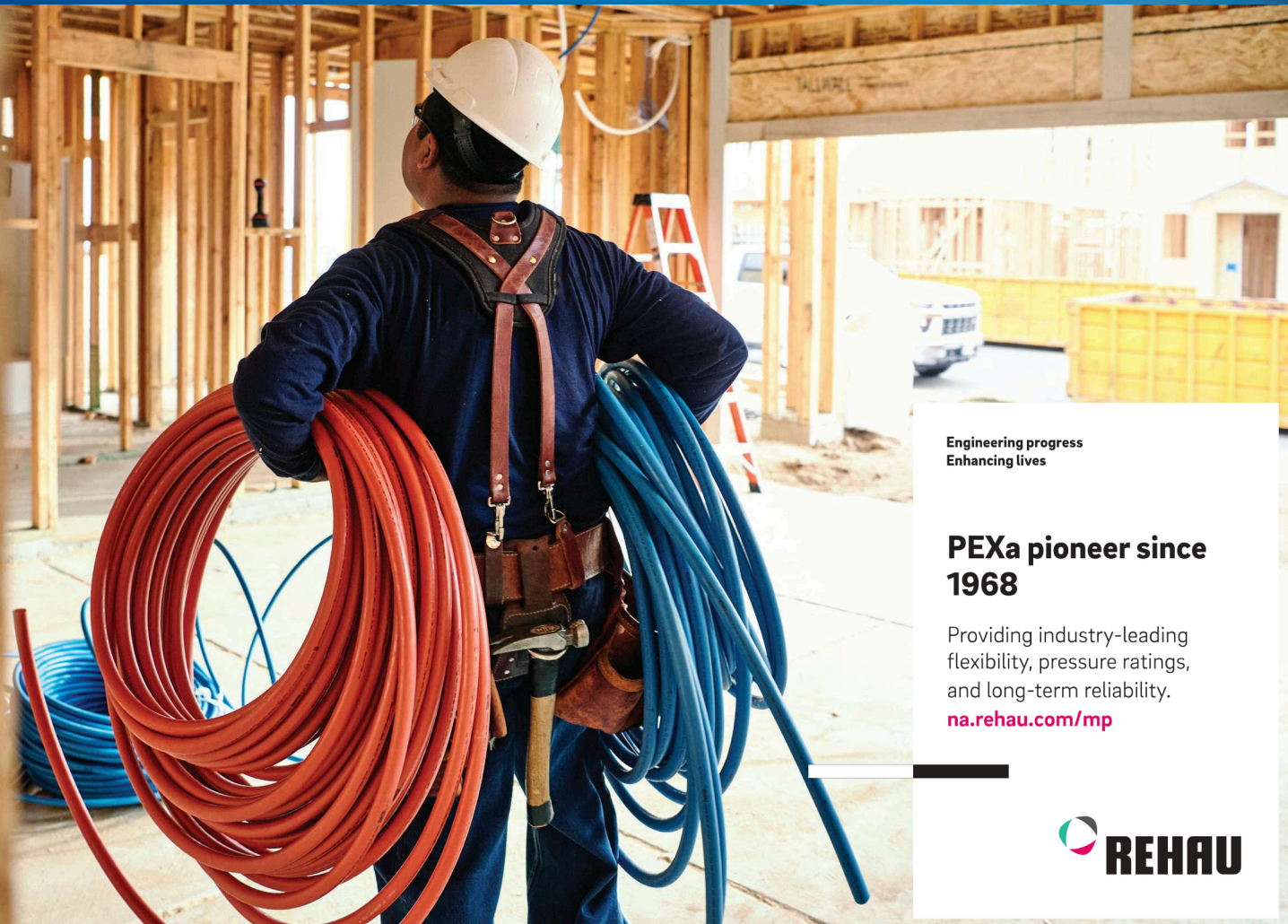
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2025-2026 Chapter Meeting Dates

Date	Topic	Location
Thursday, September 11th, 2025	Introduction to Vacuum Plumbing Systems Presenter: Edward AA. Villalta – EVAC	Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant 1822 Pointe Blvd. Dania Beach , FL 33004
Thursday, October 9th, 2025	Advances in Non-Metallic Pressure Piping Systems (PP-RCT) Presenter: Scott Felts—Performance Marketing Group	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St, Doral, FL 33166
Thursday, November 12th, 2025	Designing a Booster System	American Social 351 W Plaza Real Boca Raton, FL 33432
Thursday, December 4th, 2025	1ST Annual Region 3 TopGolf Tournament	Topgolf Pompano 400 Lucky Lane, Pompano Beach, FL 33069
Thursday, January 8th, 2026	Next Generation Water Conservation Technologies & Resilient Design	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St, Doral, FL 33166
Thursday, February 12th, 2026	Diversified Fluid Controls When Pipes Shake	Cheesecake Factory. Boca Raton
Thursday, March 12th, 2026	Demystifying Pump Curves Presenter: Tony Furst— Taco	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St, Doral, FL 33166
Thursday, April 9th, 2026	Value Engineering Consideration for Plumbing Designer's McWANE	American Social 351 W Plaza Real Boca Raton, FL 33432
Thursday, May 14th, 2026	Thermal Expansion & Design Considerations for Domestic Water Heating and Hydronic Applications	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St, Doral, FL 33166
Thursday, June 24th, 2026	ASPE South Florida Chapter End of ASPE Year Event and Tabletop Show	Top Golf Doral

Schedule of Events 2025/2026

September, 2025

24-28 | ASPE Tech Symposium, Orlando, Fl.

Nov 2025

5th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot—Quail Creek Sporting Ranch, Okeechobee

Dec 2025

4th | 1st Annual Region 3 TopGolf Tournament

Jun 2026

**5th-8th | ASPE Region #3 President's Meeting—South Florida
18th | End of ASPE Year event and Tabletop Show**

Jun 2026

24th | ASPE Table Top & Top Golf Event

Oct 2026

14th | ASPE Convention & Expo—Oklahoma City, Ok.

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**20th | 6th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot
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