

SOUTH FLORIDA NEWS

Chapter Announcements

- ◆ The ASPE Miami Chapter has announced that the chapter will change its name to the ASPE South Florida Chapter.
- ◆ ASPE Region 3 Director Curtis Ray, has announced that our own Elvira Pita-Mejia has been named as the Region 3 Women of ASPE (WOA) liaison.
- ◆ ASPE's [Certified in Plumbing Design \(CPD\) program](#) offers the only international credential for engineers and designers of plumbing systems. [Registration](#) is open for the 2021 exam, which will be held via remote proctor on April 5-16.
- ◆ Once again, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we have been forced to re-schedule the date of our Bowling Tournament to June 14th, 2021. Please see Page 8 for mor information

ASPE Pipeline

Keep up to date with everything ASPE on the [ASPE Pipeline](#).

About ASPE

The American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE) is the international organization for professionals skilled in the design, specification and inspection of plumbing systems. ASPE is dedicated to the advancement of the science of plumbing engineering, to the professional growth and advancement of its members and the health, welfare and safety of the public.

The Society disseminates technical data and information, sponsors activities that facilitate interaction with fellow professionals, and, through research and education, expands the base of knowledge of the plumbing engineering industry. ASPE members are leaders in innovative plumbing design, effective materials and energy use, and the application of advanced techniques throughout the world.

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ASPE Connect

ASPE Connect: One of the Best Things ASPE Has Done in Years

- Since the launch of ASPE Connect—the hottest online community for plumbing industry professionals—thousands of plumbing engineers and designers from around the world have benefited from its shared knowledge and expertise on a daily basis. In our Open Forum, you can get quick answers and advice from numerous experts, often within minutes. ASPE Connect is free for ASPE members and we also offer a 30-day trial for nonmembers, so what



Presidents Report



Happy New Year...

As we enter 2021, your Chapter Officers have made a decision that will help give us a better image in the years to come. Since this chapter was established, it has been known as the Miami Chapter. However, many people could not properly relate to that because they lived in other areas outside of Miami. To give the chapter the ability to be better accepted, the Chapter Officers

have changed our name to **ASPE South Florida Chapter**. We are excited about this change and feel that it will assist in growing the chapter.

Here are some items that we will be addressing this year:

- Engineers Week will be running from February 21st to 27th. We will be working along with Florida International University to promote plumbing engineering. If anyone would like to assist in this effort, please contact any of the Chapter Officers.
- As we all know, the new edition of the Florida Plumbing Code will take effect on December 31, 2020. We invite you to visit the Florida Building Code website for more details: https://www.floridabuilding.org/bc/bc_default.aspx

I would like to take this time to congratulate our own Elvira Pita-Mejia for being named as the Region 3 Women of ASPE (WOA) liaison. Elvira is a huge asset to our chapter and has been highly active as our Chapter Education Chairperson and WOA Liaison. Congratulations Elvira.

I would like to remind everyone that we hold both a lunch and evening meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month. We hope that you can attend and see what the Miami Chapter is doing to assist your development and education. Meeting information is available at [ASPE Miami Chapter - Meeting/Event Information](#). Our next meeting is on January 14th and the topic is "Stainless Steel in Sanitary Design Applications" and will be presented by Zurn Industries. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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Affiliate Corner

Will Stransky — Affiliate Liaison.

Have been in touch with Wholesalers and Manufacturer's Reps to get involved with the South Florida ASPE Chapter. There is a growing enthusiasm and we look forward to seeing new faces and hearing about their firms.

The monthly Technical Presentations during our meetings are very informative and interesting. We can all benefit from learning more about the various parts and devices in modern plumbing systems.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.



Membership News

Lets welcome our newest members to the ASPE Miami Chapter:

- ◆ **Dennis L. Heaberlin**
- ◆ **Scott A. Smith**
- ◆ **Sirisha Lakshmi Karnam, PE, LEED, CPD**
- ◆ **Jorens Pierre**
- ◆ **Jose A. Rodriguez**
- ◆ **Leon Holmes**

Part of the responsibility of being a member of ASPE, is to tell others within our industry about the Society. We also need to tell others that the Society is not just for engineers. Many of our members are code officials, manufacturer representatives, plumbing, maintenance & HVAC technicians, architects, and wholesalers.

By having member's from so many different phases of the industry, we are all given the opportunity to learn more about what is needed to properly design buildings and systems.

For the online ASPE Membership Application [Click Here](#)

Legislative News



Luis Crespo, Sr.—Chapter VP-Legislative

Welcome back to the monthly ASPE Miami Chapter Newsletter for January. I hope everyone had a great Holiday and is ready for a new start in 2021. Last year, we had it hard, and we lost many friends and families, so this year we pray for a better year.

With a new Code Cycle for 2020, we need to adapt and retain ourselves to significant changes. I like to use the International Code Counsel page for Florida Codes <https://codes.iccsafe.org/codes/florida> when doing my plan reviews. I find it an excellent tool for clarifying, referencing, and documents the code when I do my plan examination. This year they are going to change the page. They will take away the copy and paste for free viewing, you will still be able to look at the code volumes, but if you want to copy and paste the code sections, you will need to subscribe.

In my job, they gave me an option to have the Code Book in PDF or BOOKS. I find it so much easier to do it in PDF than the old Fred Flintstone way using a heavy bind book. With the PDF, you can copy and paste a section of the code, and you can use the find tool to search for particular sections of the code. The PDF can be found at [2020 Florida Codes: Complete Collection \(PDF Download\) \(BOAF\) \(iccsafe.org\)](https://codes.iccsafe.org/codes/florida) and it has a complete collection of nine codebooks, helpful links to the website, product store, FAQ, and Evaluation Reports of Products not prescribed in the code.

It doesn't matter which method you use as long as you understand the code and apply the essential factor, life safety. I also use the Code Commentary, and the New ones for 2018 are available if you purchase them. However, the Code Commentary and is not enforceable. They have given ample reference to decide on a code dispute or clarification. They have made pictures and layout of the code, and I used it to study for my ICC certifications, which immensely helped me.

This is all I have for this section of this newsletter, it's a New Year, and we will keep moving with our lives, so keep staying safe. I hope you keep reading and sharing this information. Please make it excellent in 2021 because those are our wishes!

Luis. A. Crespo



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Education News

Elvira Pita-Mejia — Chapter Education Chairperson



“Out with the old and in with the new!” I am sure this is a sentiment we can all agree on – especially this year. 2021 is here and as with each new year it provides an opportunity for all of us to reset and start fresh. For our chapter, this means a new name to reflect our every growing community and ASPE members. We are happy to announce we are now the **“South Florida ASPE Chapter”**.

Are you in the process of preparing for the upcoming CPD exam? If so, ASPE is offering two virtual review classes in 2021 on February 13, 14, and 20 and February 27, 28, and March 6.

During these classes, the instructors will cover topics such as:

- * A review of the new CPD Study Guide
- * Q&A about the exam
- * Key terms and definitions
- * Review of the five domains (Gathering Information, Administration, Design, Specifications, and Construction Services)

This class will help you learn how to study for the exam.

Please refer to ASPE.org Pipeline for more information.

<https://www.aspe.org/pipeline/virtual-cpd-review-classes-will-help-you-prepare-for-the-2021-exam/>

DON'T MISS our upcoming meeting on January 14, 2021 where a representative from Zurn Industries will be presenting on “Stainless Steel in Sanitary Design Applications. To find out more and to sign up for meeting please make sure to register ahead of time.

Registration is easy and is available on our ASPE Miami chapter website: <https://aspemiami.com/>.

HERE'S TO A HEALTHY AND PROPSEROUS 2021!

Elvira

Women of ASPE

Elvira Pita-Mejia — WOA Liaison.

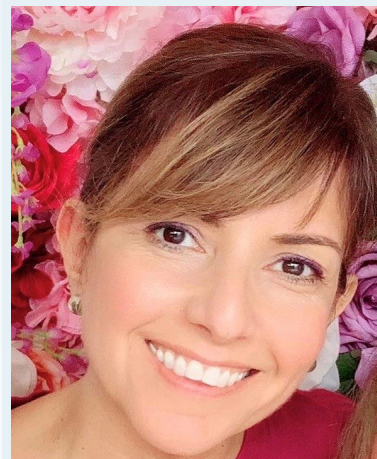
We are happy to report that on December 15, 2020 the South Florida ASPE/WOA Chapter alongside Lauren Berenato (from Jomar) and Terrese Tuchscher (from Oatey) successfully hosted a virtual trivia night Happy Hour. WOA members from the Florida Chapters joined in for a night of good cheer, good vibes and all around good time. Congratulations to our trivia winners – LeeMarie Bocanegra (West Florida Chapter), Marcy Bartges (West Florida Chapter), and Diane Wingard (Central Florida Chapter). Please stay tuned for more WOA networking in the 2021.

On other news, I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed as the new Region 3 Women of ASPE (WOA) Liaison. I look forward to serving in this capacity for an organization which promotes the advancement of women in the plumbing profession.

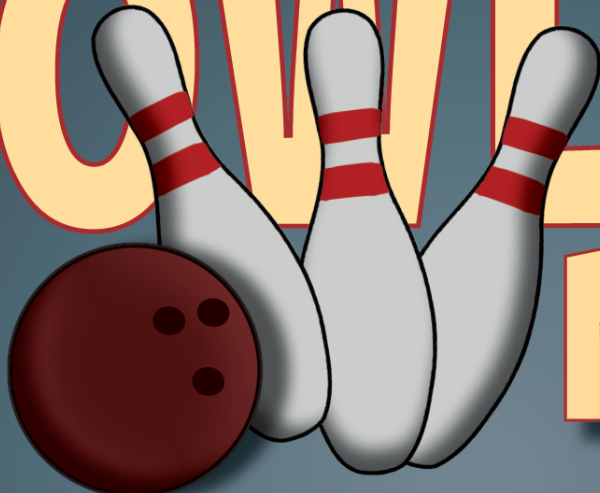
Finally, we continue to encourage all women in the industry to join our group. This organization is open to women who have an active membership with the American Society of Plumbing Engineers. For more information you can contact me at woaliaison@aspemiamichapter.com or check out our website - <https://www.aspe.org/membership-global-community/membership/special-interest-groups/women-of-aspe/>

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND MANY BLESSINGS IN 2021!

Elvira



BOWLING NIGHT



Thursday, June 10, 2021

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- All tabletop information will be sent out prior to the event.
- All proceeds from this event will benefit the ASPE Miami Chapter.
- Reservations will be confirmed by receipt of registration and sponsorship form.
- All payments must be received no later than Friday, June 4, 2021.
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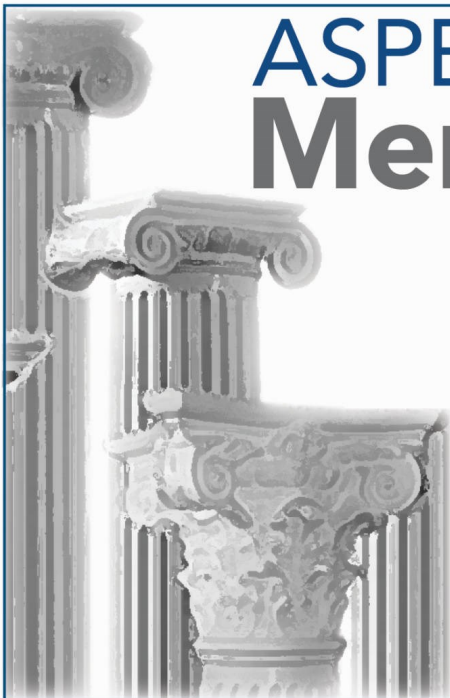
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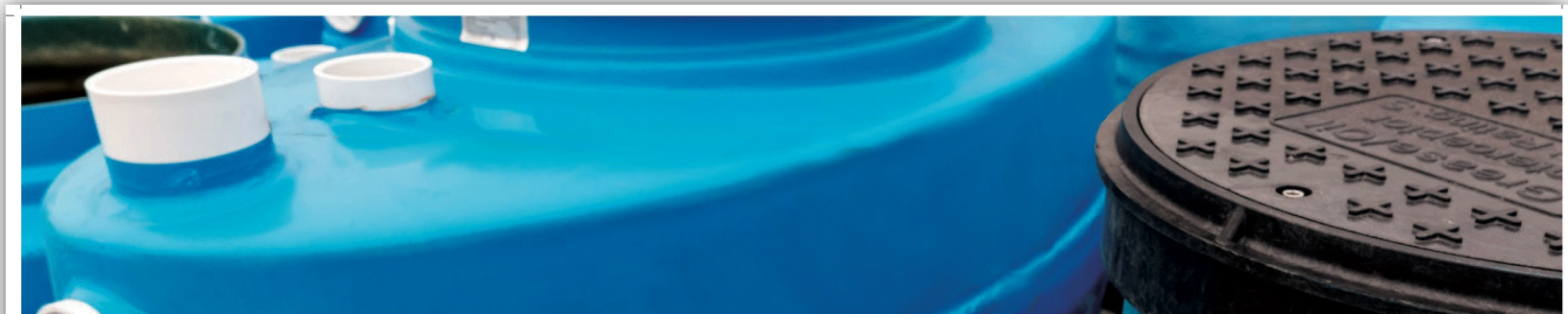


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December 2020	
1 st	CPD Registration Opens
February 2021	
21 st – 27 th	Engineers Week
March 2021	
11 th	Miami Chapter Bowling Tournament & Tabletop AMF Boynton Beach Lanes, Boynton Beach
April 2021	
5 th – 16 th	CPD Exam Dates
8 th	CPD Registration Closes
June 2021	
24 th – 27 th	ASPE Chapter Presidents Leadership Summit – Chicago, IL
September 2021	
21 st – 25 th	ASPE Symposium – San Diego, CA
September 2022	
22 nd to October 2 nd	ASPE Convention & Expo Indianapolis, IN

2020-2021 Chapter Meeting Dates

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION
Thursday, September 10, 2020	Oil Water Separators. Presented by: Highland Tank	Virtual
Thursday, October 8, 2020	High Rise Plumbing Design Presented by: David DeBord FASPE, CPD, GPD, LEED BD+C, ARCSA®AP	Virtual
Thursday, November 12, 2020	Domestic Hot Water Recirculation Systems Presented by: Tom Ruggerio– ThermOmegaTech.	Virtual
Thursday, December 10, 2020	Water Quality/Pathogen Risk Reduction by Design Presented by: Jorge Megias - Viega	Virtual
Thursday, January 14, 2021	Stainless Steel in Sanitary Design Applications Presented By: Brian Gillespie—Zurn Industries	Virtual
Thursday, February 11, 2021	Rethink Water Heating Presented By: Tom Schroder—Emax	Virtual
Thursday, March 11, 2021	Bowling Tournament	
Thursday, April 8, 2021	Choosing the Technology of Medical Air and Medical Vacuum Presented by: Shannon McAfee- Pattons Medical	Virtual
Thursday, May 13, 2021	Achieving Sanitation and Safety with the Latest Plumbing Innovations Presented by: Jon Huddle - Zurn Industries	Virtual
Thursday, June 10, 2021		

Advertising Rates

	ASPE Member	Non-Member
Business Card	\$125	\$175
1/4 Page Ad	\$175	\$225
1/2 Page Ad	\$250	\$300
Full Page Ad	\$400	\$450
Full Page Insert	\$100	N/A



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- * Full page advertisement in the Miami Chapter newsletter for a full year.
- * A complimentary full page insert in the Miami Chapter newsletter – once per year.
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- * Two (2) tables for the display of products at the Bowling Tournament & Product Show
- * Two (2) 4-person teams in the Bowling Tournament
- * Two (2) complimentary tickets for each of the Chapter Technical Meetings.
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Gold Level – Contribution: \$1,300 (\$1,600 value)

- * Your company will be included in all ASPE advertisements for the entire year, Including web site banner.
- * Full page advertisement in the Miami Chapter newsletter for a full year.
- * One (1) pre-paid ASPE Memberships for one-year.
- * One (1) tables for the display of products at the Bowling Tournament & Product Show
- * One (1) 4-person team in the Bowling Tournament
- * Two (2) complimentary tickets for each of the Chapter Technical Meetings.
- * Ability to commit up to one (1) additional years at \$1,300, with full payment at time of agreement.

Silver Level – Contribution: \$800 (\$1,000 value)

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- * One-Half (1/2) page advertisement in the Miami Chapter newsletter for a full year.
- * One (1) tables for the display of products at the Bowling Tournament & Product Show
- * One (1) 4-person team in the Bowling Tournament
- * One (1) complimentary ticket for each of the Chapter Technical Meetings.

Bronze Level – Contribution: \$500 (\$600 value)

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