

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 9** for more information

ASPE Pipeline

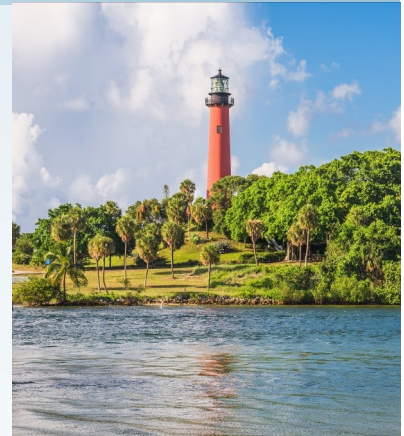
Keep up to date with everything ASPE on the [ASPE Pipeline](#).

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

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Presidents Report



A New Beginning.

It is official!!! We are now known as the ASPE SOUTH FLORIDA Chapter.

Since last June, we have seen a growth in the chapter membership, as well as involvement in the South Florida area. To assist in promoting this, the Chapter officers saw the need to better promote the chapter and felt that changing the name would give us a

stronger presence and a better way to market ASPE. It is a change that also works in coordination with other chapters in Florida as well.

We are pleased to announce that we are in the process of creating a new ASPE Student chapter at FIU. Our chapter will be working to recruit new members from the certificate and undergraduate programs. Much of our efforts will be done in coordination with the 2021 Engineers Week. We are looking for our current members to assist in becoming part of the ASPE Mentoring program to assist these students with their interest in the plumbing industry.

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 our South Florida 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 **"Rethink Water Heating"** and will be presented by Tom Schroder of Emax. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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Legislative News

Luis Crespo, Sr.—Chapter VP-Legislative



Welcome back to the monthly ASPE South Florida Chapter Newsletter for February. I want to let everyone know that now we are the ASPE South Florida Chapter. We are happy to announce this to everyone, so tell everyone and spread the news.

The National Fire Protection Association was established in 1896, their devotion to eliminating death, injury, and property and economic loss due to fire. Florida has some adopted NFPA codes like 1 and 101 for Florida Fire Prevention Code. The NFPA has its Building Code, NFPA 5000, and it cannot be very clear. That is why it hasn't caught on as the ICC has. They never caught on like they wanted to.

NFPA is a world-recognized organization that the plumbing, building, and electrical design industry uses. For the plumbing part of it, we use NFPA for fuel gas, and the local amendment in most municipalities will tweak it. The National Gas Code is similar to the NFPA 54-18 as it is an auspice of other approved engineering methods, which is an installation standard for an alternative design manual. We also use NFPA 58 -18 for Liquid Propane Gas storage, handling, transportation, and use, which is referenced in our Florida code as NFPA- 54 is not.

We also use the NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities, which provides state-of-the-art performance criteria for health care facilities, materials, and appliances, including medical gas and vacuum systems, electrical systems, gas equipment, and features of fire protection. It determines safety guidelines from provisions for installations, inspections, and testing to maintenance, performance, and safe practices. In the last cycle, which was NFPA 99-15, there are four different categories, and in category 3, Dental, they made mistakes and had to make a declaratory statement to refer back to the NFPA 99-12. Hopefully, they fixed it for the NFPA 2018 new cycle.

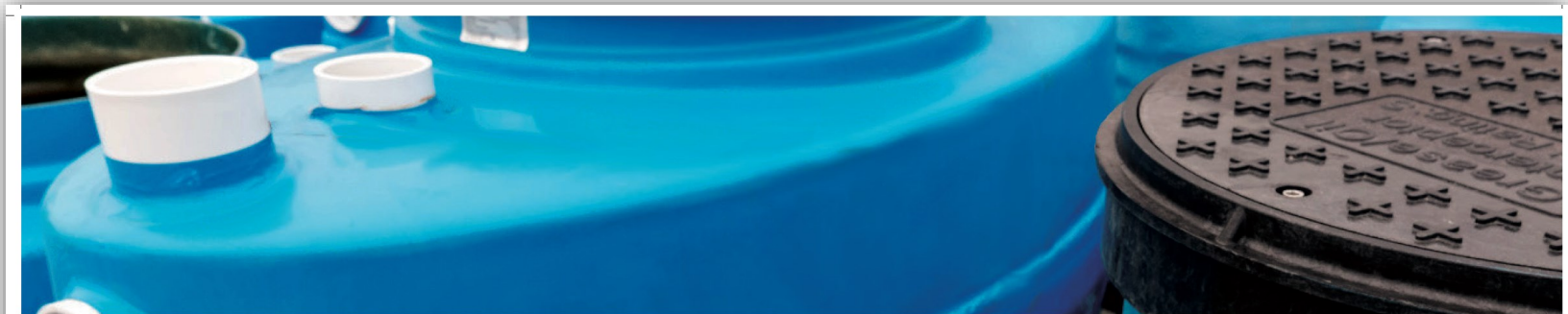
Just a reminder to all our readers, in April our technical presentation will be about Medical Gas. Ms. Shannon McAfee, of Pattons Medical, will be presenting ***Choosing the Technology of Medical Air and Medical Vacuum***. We hope that you will be able to attend this virtual meeting.

This is all the fire information I have for you all today, and until my next Newsletter, I will keep throwing wood in the fire to keep you warm and informed!

Luis. A. Crespo

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
March, 2021	Rethink Water Heating Presented By: Tom Schroder—Emax	Virtual
Thursday, March 11, 2021	Joint Meeting with All Florida ASPE Chapters. Time, Date & Topic—TBD	Virtual
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	Bowling Tournament	



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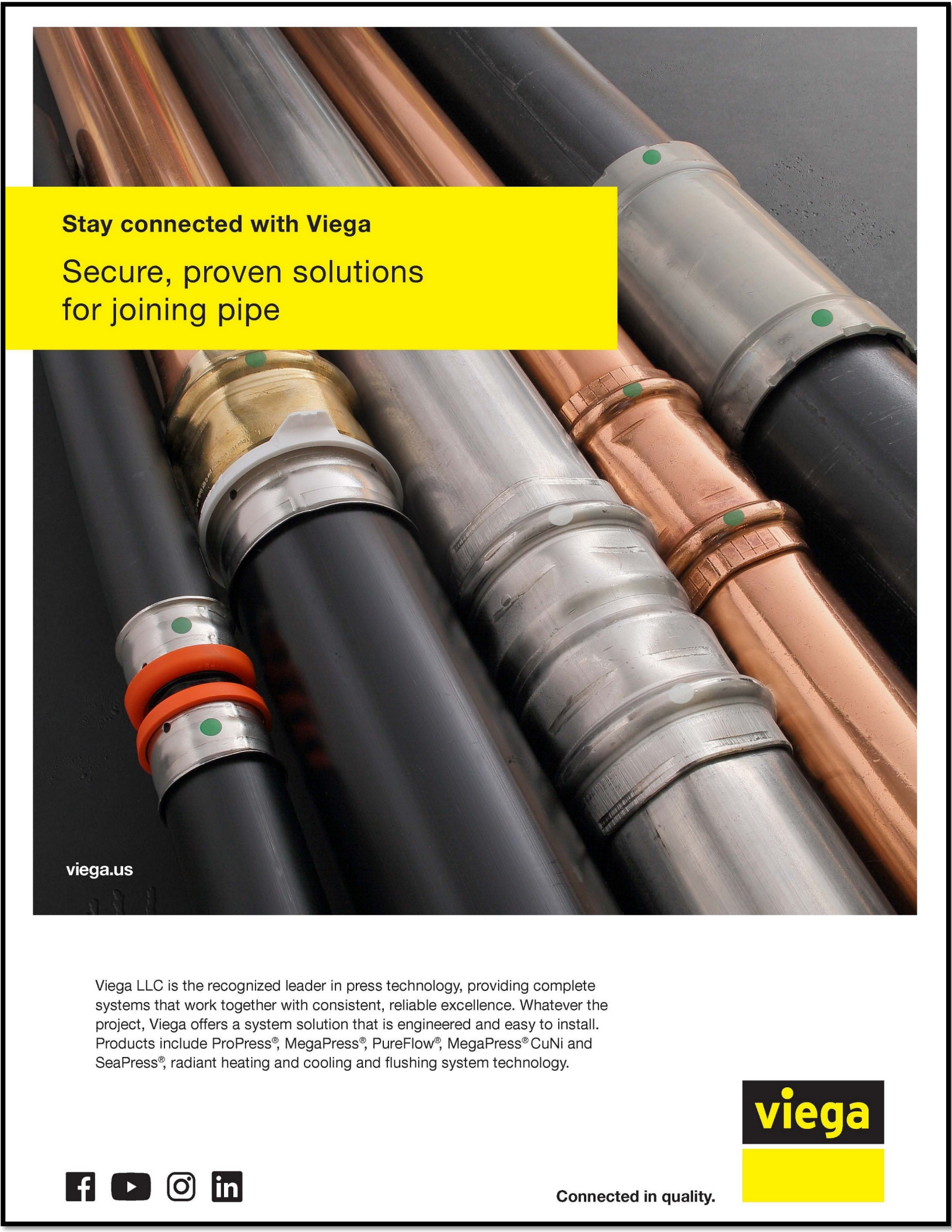
Alejandro Luis Rivas Prieto
Jim B. Crabtree
Francisco J Gonzalez P.E.
William E. Stransky
Charles W. Killingsworth P.E.

1 Year
29 Years
14 Years
1 Year
28 Years

January Meeting Attendees

Alex Roberte
Alexander J Sol
Alfredo Hernandez
Edwin Cerna
Elvira Pita-Mejia G.E.
John Bloomfield
John Mendez
Jose R. Fernandez Jr.

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Education News

Elvira Pita-Mejia — Chapter Education Chairperson

"Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has." -Albert Einstein

Thank you, Mr. Einstein; no truer words have been spoken! As the Chapter's Education Chairperson, I strive to provide quality education content that will help support and advance all our members in their plumbing field of expertise.

Did you know that the 2021 ASPE Tech Symposium is being held (in person) between September 22-26 in San Diego, Ca.? The Tech Symposium is two and one-half days of nonstop technical education for plumbing industry professionals. The symposium includes a variety of educational sessions and tabletop product show. Please refer to [ASPE.org / 2021-tech symposium](https://www.aspe.org/2021-tech-symposium/) for more information:

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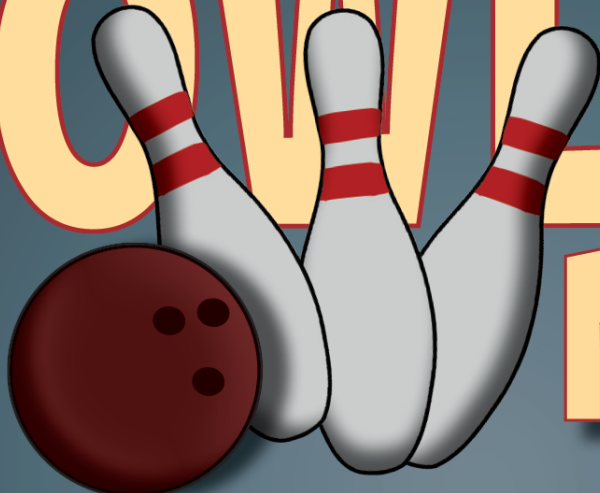
DON'T MISS our upcoming virtual meeting on February 11, 2021 where Tom Schroeder (Eemax water heaters' Southeast Regional Sales Manager) will be presenting on different types of water heating technologies taking into consideration energy, water, and space. This presentation offers CEU credits. To find out more and to sign up for our February virtual meeting please make sure to register ahead of time.

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

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN FEBRUARY!

Elvira Pita-Mejia

BOWLING NIGHT



Thursday, June 10, 2021

TOURNAMENT AND TRADE SHOW

Check-In begins @ 5:30 PM • Tournament Starts @ 6:00 PM

Sponsorship Opportunities include:

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- Company Logo on Event Marketing

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- Company Logo on Event Marketing

ENTRY FEE: \$50 per Person | Team Discount Rate: \$250

- 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.
- Receipt of payment is required for registration and/or inclusion in the signage.
- Current social distancing and COVID-19 precautions will be followed

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NOTE: Payments can be made on our web site at <https://aspemiami.com/meetinginfo.php>

Women of ASPE

Elvira Pita-Mejia — WOA Liaison.

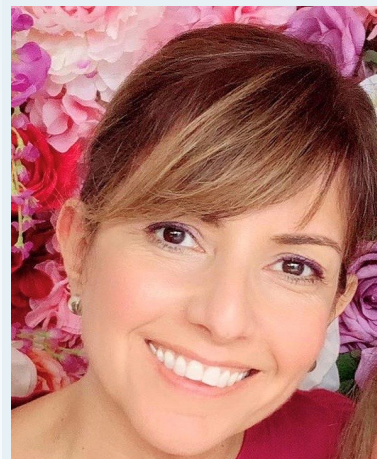
Did you know that in 2014 the ASPE Board of Directors recognized the disproportionate number of female members and decided to form a special interest group and make it one of the main initiatives for the society? This was the inception of the Women of ASPE.

Today we continue our core mission to “engage, retain and advance women in the plumbing design industry, through education, leadership development and networking opportunities.”

As the “newbie” in this role, I have immersed myself in WOA meetings and networking events to gain a better understanding of the group and their efforts. I can tell you it has been a treat to engage and learn from other WOA members.

We invite all women to join our group; you will not be disappointed. 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/>

Sincerely,
Elvira Pita-Mejia



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TechSymposium**2021**

September 22-26 // San Diego Marriott Mission Valley

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Affiliate Corner

Will Stransky — Affiliate Liaison.

No Report This Month



Membership News

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.

Membership Benefits

-  Handbooks, Technical Books & Manuals
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- Mentoring programs
- Membership outreach
- Partnerships with industry-related associations
- Educational and leadership offerings

To join WOA, email rrodriguez@aspe.org
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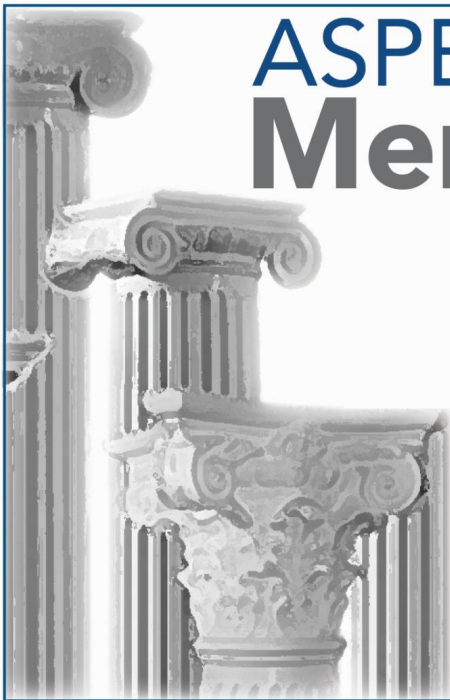
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Schedule of Events

February 2021

21st – 27th | Engineers Week

April 2021

5th – 16th | CPD Exam Dates
8th | CPD Registration Closes

June 2021

11th | Miami Chapter Bowling Tournament & Tabletop
AMF Boynton Beach Lanes, Boynton Beach
24th – 27th | ASPE Chapter Presidents Leadership Summit – Chicago, IL

September 2021

21st – 25th | ASPE Symposium – San Diego, CA

September 2022

22nd to
October 2nd | ASPE Convention & Expo
Indianapolis, IN



September 22-26 // San Diego, CA



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Platinum Level – Contribution: \$1,500 (\$2,200 value)

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- * Full page advertisement in the Miami Chapter newsletter for a full year.
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- * Two (2) pre-paid ASPE Memberships for one-year.
- * 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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- * 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)

- * Your company will be included in all ASPE advertisements for the entire year.
- * 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)

- * Your company will be included in all ASPE advertisements for the entire year.
- * One-Half (1/2) page advertisement in the Miami Chapter newsletter for a full year.
- * One (1) complimentary ticket for each of the Chapter Technical Meetings.

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