

SOUTH FLORIDA NEWS

Welcome to the Revival...

The beginning of our revival was to find new members to assist in leading the chapter to move forward. This was accomplished with the election of the new chapter officers. The new officers have been working to find ways to make being an ASPE member worthwhile. The decision was made to start with a revised web site and a newsletter.

Sometime later this month, we will be sending you information about the revised web site. The web site is a work in progress and is there to assist you with information about your chapter and industry issues. You can see the web site at www.aspemiamichapter.org.

Once again, welcome to the rebirth of your chapter.

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



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Presidents Report



Welcome...

On behalf of the ASPE Miami Chapter Board Officers, it is with great pleasure for me to welcome you to the first edition of the Miami Chapter newsletter. It is the goal of the Chapter Board to revitalize our chapter by offering our members new and creative reasons to be a member of ASPE. We are confident that this will also lead to the growth of our membership.

Before I go any further, I want to take this time to thank Feroz Bhamani for all of his hard work and efforts in keeping

the chapter alive over the past years. Without his efforts and love for this organization our chapter would have folded. Feroz has agreed to continue to serve on the board as our Secretary/Treasurer and help guide us in the years to come. Thank You Feroz!

Here are some of the items that the Chapter Board has done to enhance your membership:

- Redevelopment of our web site. We have been working along with the staff at National and will be opening the website sometime later this month. We are confident that this will offer you a many new ways to enjoy your membership.
- We have moved our meeting date from the 2nd Tuesday to the 2nd Thursday of the month. This move will allow us to work in coordination with the West Coast Chapter and create better technical and educational programs.
- The meeting location has moved to a more central location, making it easier for everyone to attend. We are also looking at having some meetings held in other locations to accommodate those at the far north and south of our region.
- Fund Raising events. Our 1st Annual Bowling Tournament and Tabletop Show is planned for Thursday, October 15th, please see the flyer in the newsletter for more information.

As you can see, your Chapter Board is working hard to make this a stronger chapter and at the same time make your being a member a great experience. Please feel free to offer any suggestions of topics that you would like to see at a monthly technical meeting.

Once again, welcome and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

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Technical Corner

Meet Andre Leslie—Chapter VP-Technical



From the age of 16, Andre has had basic knowledge of the construction field. With this background, he then ventured into plumbing through the open doors of Ridgeway Plumbing in the year 2006. Here, he started working in the field for two years, then transition into the office where his plumbing knowledge began to blossom. It was during this transition he created the CAD department and currently holds the position of Project Manager. From there he moved on to attain a number of certifications such: Certified Journeyman Plumber License, Residential Inspector, Commercial Inspector and Plan Examiner.

In addition to this he also acquired his Palm Beach County Plumbing Contractors License. He is a dedicated leader, with a commitment to self-improvement through continued education with an eagerness to learn. He has a sound work ethic, and believe in giving his best to his employer and his colleagues.

Legislative News

Meet Luis Crespo, Sr.—Chapter VP-Legislative



Luis is a Certified Plumbing Commercial Inspector and Plan Examiner with a vast knowledge of all the International Plumbing Code, International Gas Code and NFPA Code. Inspections and reviewing of drawing, specification and other document for code compliance the of Sanitary Drainage Systems, Storm Systems, Pool Plumbing, Interceptors, Separator, Storage System, Medical Gas for Health care along with protection of the Water Supply adopted by the jurisdiction, in conjunction with providing the design professionals the service of answers to questions and concern about plumbing codes and standards.

Currently, Luis is working to master the art of Plumbing, Mechanical and Building, design, fabrication, engineering and installation by gaining certification through the American Society of Plumbing Engineering and Air Conditioning Contractors of America. Luis has a long-term goal to be a Plumbing, Mechanical and Building Inspector / Plan Review Examiner for Plumbing, Mechanical and Building and eventually becoming a Chief Plumbing Inspector and then working my way to a Building Official.

Membership News

Meet Matthew Cocking —Chapter VP-Membership & AYP Liaison.

The son and grandson of a plumber, Matthew Cocking has been in the plumbing industry for his entire life. After graduating in 2010 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, he went on to acquire a Plumbing Contractors license. Matthew has worked as a plumbing contractor, an architectural/engineering consultant and currently works as a Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector and Plans Examiner and Project Engineer.

As the Chapter VP-Membership, Matthew's goal will be to increase our membership by showing potential new members all the benefits that ASPE has to offer.



Membership Benefits

-  Handbooks, Technical Books & Manuals
-  Newsletters, Journals & Reports
-  Plumbing Engineering & Design Tables App
-  Member Exclusive Site Section Access
-  Special Pricing & Discounts
-  Conventions, Expositions & Symposiums
-  Earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs)
-  Alfred Steele Scholarship Program
-  Local Chapter Affiliation & Meetings
-  Networking and Leadership Opportunities

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

Education News

Meet Elvira Pita-Mejia—Chapter Education Chairperson & WOA Liaison.

For over 25 years Elvira has worked in many different areas of the Plumbing industry. She started her career as a Plumbing Engineer and Plumbing Director for some of the most prestigious firms in South Florida. From there, she accepted a position as a Mechanical/Plumbing design manager and project manager at a Construction Company that was building a one of a kind tunnel in Miami. Most recently, Mrs. Pita Mejia is a territory manager for a leading manufacturer's rep agency in the State of Florida.

Elvira is an active, full member of the Miami/South Florida Chapter of ASPE. She has been recently elected to the position of Chapter Education Chairperson and Chapter WOA Liaison for the 2020-21 term.

In her time off, Elvira enjoys spending time with her husband and two boys.

Elvira is looking forward to being an integral part of the chapter and is so excited for what's to come!

Affiliate Corner

Meet Will Stransky— Affiliate Liaison.

Will has been working with Plumbing, HVAC & Fire Sprinkler System Designers, Engineers and Contractors in South Florida for several decades to provide product information and knowledge. He learned about pump systems and piping dynamics in the industrial markets of Chicagoland & SE Michigan before relocating in our region.

Currently working as a Sales Engineer with a major mechanical equipment system representative firm based in Weston, he is looking forward to developing symbiotic relationships between Affiliate Members and the other constituent groups involved with the Plumbing Industry.

Having been active with the Miami ASPE Chapter over the years, Will is now going to strive to bring ASPE to the attention of the Vendors and Suppliers in the region. Their Support, Sponsorship and Promotion of the Miami Chapter will be vital in the growth and outreach of the group.



Secretary & Treasurers Report

Meet Feroz Bhamani, CPD — Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

For over 35 years, Feroz has been a member of ASPE. Since 1985 he has held multiple positions on the Chapter Board and has been president for the past 20 years. In 1977, he received a Bachelor of Science from FIU in 1977 and attended the school of continuing studies at the University of Miami Florida 1986. He holds a State of Florida General Contractor License since 1982.

Feroz has been very successful in Miami, Florida as a principal in the firm Bhamani, Ford, & Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers and Planers since 1984 and a principal in the firm CY Construction, Inc. since 1991.

With over 43 years of experience in the building industry and has been personally involved in the design and construction of various groups of occupancies in the private as well as public sectors for local, state and federal agencies.

Feroz comes from a family of architects and engineers. His father was a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) and a Fellow of the Pakistan Institute of Architects. His father had a flourishing firm in Pakistan.



The graphic for the ASPE Mentoring Program features a grayscale image of classical columns on the left. The title 'ASPE Mentoring Program' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'ASPE' in blue and 'Mentoring Program' in a large, bold, dark gray font. A blue arc is positioned to the right of the title. Below the title, a paragraph describes the program's purpose, followed by an invitation to become a mentor or mentee and a website link. The ASPE logo is in the bottom right corner.

ASPE Mentoring Program

Connecting **ASPE members** who have a particular skill set with others who want to acquire the same skills to achieve their personal and professional goals.

Become a mentor or mentee today!

To learn more, visit
connect.aspe.org



Women of ASPE

The core mission of the Women of ASPE (WOA) is to engage, retain and advance women in the plumbing design industry, through education, leadership development and networking opportunities. The WOA is committed to bringing together women and assisting them to achieve their professional and personal goals.

The Women of ASPE Committee is comprised of ten active members of the Society who represent chapters of different sizes and geographic regions. The WOA committee is tasked with specific duties assigned by the society board of directors as it relates to the professional development and membership growth of women members. Working in conjunction with the committee chair and committee members is ASPE's staff Liaison and a liaison from the Society Board of Directors.



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Dedicated to **engaging, retaining,**
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- Mentoring programs
- Membership outreach
- Partnerships with industry-related associations
- Educational and leadership offerings

To join WOA, email rrodriguez@aspe.org
For more information, visit aspe.org



Exclusive AYP Sponsor



Hey Young! Professionals!

We want YOU to join our group!

AYP is dedicated to the needs of plumbing designers 35 years old and younger. Your local ASPE Chapter is busy organizing exciting opportunities to help you excel in your career:

- Partnerships with other industry groups
- Social and networking events
- Professional development opportunities
- Mentoring programs
- And more!

Visit aspe.org to get involved.



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AYP

The ASPE Young Professionals (AYP) special interest group is designed for young industry professionals looking to meet with peers to share experiences, exchange ideas about the plumbing design industry, and network with other chapter members. The focus of AYP is to help young plumbing engineers, design professionals, and practitioners establish contacts and further the mission of the Society. ASPE Members 35 years old and younger are all included in this special interest group.

AYP is proud to present a new on-line leadership series. The three-part webinar series that includes interactive learning and seeks to create confidence in the use of conflict resolution tools. Each webinar will increase the participant's knowledge and confidence in how to resolve conflict and seek opportunities within the situation. This series is catered to the young professional but any engineer or designer at any stage in their career will find use in this series. You can register for the series or individual on-demand webinars. This series does not award any CEUs and is FREE for ASPE members. To learn more, [click here](#).

Schedule of Events

September 2020

11 th to 16 th	ASPE Convention & Expo New Orleans, LA
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October 2020

5 th to 8 th	Certified Plumbing Design Technician (CPDT) exam. Register online.
15 th	Miami Chapter Bowling Tournament & Tabletop Show AMF Boynton Beach Lanes, Boynton Beach, FL

December 2020

10 th	Miami Chapter Christmas Party TBD
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April 2021

TBA	Miami Chapter Sporting Clay Shoot TBD
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June 2021

24 th – 27 th	ASPE Chapter Presidents Leadership Summit Chicago, IL
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September 2021

21 st – 25 th	ASPE Symposium San Diego, CA
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September 2022

22 nd to October 2 nd	ASPE Convention & Expo Indianapolis, IN
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2020-2021 Chapter Meeting Dates

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION
Thursday, September 10, 2020	Oil/Water Separation	Virtual
Thursday, October 15, 2020	Bowling Tournament & Tabletop	AMF Boynton Beach Lanes, Boynton Beach
Thursday, November 12, 2020		
Thursday, December 10, 2020		
Thursday, January 14, 2021		
Thursday, February 11, 2021		
Thursday, March 11, 2021		
Thursday, April 8, 2021		
Thursday, May 13, 2021		
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



Alexander J. Sol	15-August
Steven Michael Alvarez	17-August
Luis Antonio Crespo Sr	19-August
Diniester Marcelo P.E.	21-August



Elvira Mercedes Pita-Mejia G.E.	2 Years
Vladimir Kosta Markoski P.E.	5 Years
Freddie Irizarry P.E.	1 Years
James K. Austin	1 Years



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2020 – 2021 Chapter Sponsorship Program

Platinum Level – Contribution: \$1,500 (\$2,200 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.
- * A complimentary full page insert in the Miami Chapter newsletter – once per year.
- * 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.
- * Ability to commit up to three (3) additional years at \$1,500, with full payment at time of agreement.

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)

- * 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.

For additional information contact Vince Scriboni or Andre Leslie.



Bowling Tournament & Trade Show

Thursday, October 15, 2020

AMF Boynton Beach Lanes
1190 W. Boynton Beach Blvd.
Boynton Beach, FL 33426
[561-734-1500](tel:561-734-1500)

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

Sponsorship Opportunities Include:

Perfect Game Sponsor: \$500

- One Table for the Product Show
- One 4-Person Team
- Company Logo on Event Marketing

Clean Game Sponsor: \$350

- One 4-Person Team
- Company Logo on Event Marketing

Entry Fee: \$100 per Person

Team Discount Rate: \$250

Clean Game Sponsor: \$100

- Company Logo on Event Marketing

Contact Name:		Players Name	
Address:		1	
City/State/Zip		2	
Email:		3	
Phone No:		4	
Fax No:		Player Cost	\$ _____
Make Check to:	ASPE-Miami	Sponsorship Cost	\$ _____
Send Form and Checks to:	4900 SW 74th Ct. Miami, FL 33155	TOTAL ENCLOSED:	\$ _____

NOTE: PayPal payments can be sent directly to our account, lesdre21@gmail.com. There are no fees for this service.

Credit Card payments can be made by contacting Andre Leslie at (561) 814-7093.

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, October 2nd, 2020.

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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