



SOUTH FLORIDA NEWS

Chapter Announcements

- Mark Your Calender for the ASPE South Florida Christmas Party at Tap 42 on Thursday December 12th. Read our [Affiliate Liaison report for more information](#).
- The ASPE South Florida chapter is excited to start **our 2025 ASPE year** full speed after seeing so much growth and support in 2023 and 2024 from all our members!. For additional information and Sponsorship opportunities please visit [South Florida Chapter's Website](#).

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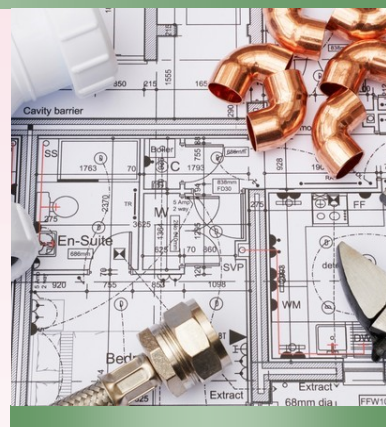
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ASPE South Florida BOD at our Annual Clay Shoot



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Presidents Report

David Erickson — President

Greetings Members,
Our November technical meeting was held at Famous Dave's in Doral, FL. where Kevin Freidt of Caleffi presented on "Mixing and Balancing Valves. We had a smaller than normal turn out but the interaction and subject matter was great.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party at Tap 42 on Thursday December 12, see the below flyer in the newsletter for all the important information.

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.

Special Acknowledgements

- I am acknowledging the team that was led by Scott Smith to put together our 4th annual sporting clay shoot. Scott orchestrated weekly meetings with the BOD to make sure that the event will be successful. Scott recruited volunteers outside of our chapter to assist as well. The next time you see Scott, please thank him for the countless hours of behind the scenes work that went into this event.

New Members

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

- Nikolas Olmedo
- James Rodgers transferring from Central Indiana

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Presidents Report

Open Positions on the South Florida Chapter

- The following positions are still open and need to be filled so if you are a member in good standing, please contact one of the BODS for additional information: Corresponding Secretary, AYP-ASPE Young Professional

Annual Sponsorships

- Vendors, the 2025 Annual Sponsorships are posted on our website <https://aspemiami.com/Sponsorship> click the hyperlink to see what level you would like to participate in for the South Florida Chapter, we will continue to keep January as our renewal timeframe.

ASPE Pipeline

- If you missed the latest e-blast on the ASPE Pipeline here is the hyperlink, there is great information on here for: Events, Expo's, Workshops, and other Industry News. <https://www.aspe.org/pipeline/>

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.

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Technical News

Elvira Pita-Mejia - VP Technical

As the end of the calendar year closely approaches, I wanted to take a moment to thank all our members and plumbing industry professionals for supporting our Chapter and our endeavors on education and product knowledge.

Last month Kevin Freidt and Joe Robbins from Caleffi sponsored and presented on Mixing and Balancing Valve Selection Considerations: What is the Key Criteria? Thank you to Kevin, Joe and Caleffi for their continued support.

December 12, 2024 – ASPE South Florida Chapter Holiday Party

Don't forget to join us this month at TAP 42, Ft Lauderdale where we will be coming together to celebrate the holiday season. To find out more, please click link below:

<https://aspemiami.com/meetinginfo.php?id=67&ts=1731944259>

If you are interested in presenting at an upcoming Technical meeting please contact me at epita@spiritgroupinc.com

September 24-28, 2025 - ASPE Tech Symposium, 2025

The 2025 ASPE Tech Symposium is a 2.5-day conference being held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida. This is a premier opportunity for plumbing engineers and designers at all career levels to engage in productive technical exchanges and networking.

If you are interested in attending our finding out more, please click on link below:

<https://aspe.org/2025-aspe-tech-symposium/>

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Elvira Pita-Mejia - VP Technical – ASPE South Florida Chapter



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Membership Corner

Scott Smith — Chapter VP-Membership



ADVANCING THE SCIENCE OF PLUMBING ENGINEERING

The ASPE Education & Research Foundation is the only independent, impartial organization involved in plumbing engineering and design research. By sponsoring unbiased technical research, the ASPE Education & Research Foundation upholds the best interests of the public and the plumbing industry.

The work of the ASPE Education & Research Foundation is instrumental in promoting the entire plumbing industry. Information collected and disseminated helps support code revisions, provides a scientific basis for innovative engineering techniques and materials, and leads to more cost-effective plumbing designs.

The mission of the ASPE Education & Research Foundation is to facilitate research that advances plumbing engineering by improving the understanding of plumbing systems for the public good. To accomplish this mission, the Foundation:

- Identifies and evaluates specific technical research areas
- Finances research in plumbing engineering and engineering sciences
- Sponsors and coordinates definitive projects
- Educates the plumbing engineering and design community
- Publishes research findings

The ASPE Education & Research Foundation has conducted numerous studies designed to improve the design and installation of plumbing systems, including:

- Roof drain capacity
- Medical gas systems
- Water demand and pipe sizing methodologies
- Water-saving fixtures
- Restroom fixture requirements
- Water reclamation and recycling

Completed research reports are available upon request.

The ASPE Education & Research Foundation welcomes research project proposals from engineers, scientists, and other industry organizations. Proposals are evaluated for their ability to complete the scope of work within the available budget. The Education & Research Foundation is interested in conducting studies to influence needed code changes, provide rational data on which legislation may be based, encourage innovative areas of design, and provide needed technical data to plumbing engineers.

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Jorge Megias—Administrative Secretary

Secretary's Note—November 2024

The month of November was busy with our regular monthly meeting on the 14th and our 10th annual clay shoot on the 22nd.

Our technical meeting was held at Famous Dave's in Doral, featuring Kevin Freidt, Director, Product Management & Technical Support with Callefi. Our chapter appreciates all the cooperation that we receive from industry members like Callefi.

- **Total attendance of 18**
- **Meal covered by Caleffi NA**
- **Social Hour Beverages sponsored by Marsh & Moore, Specified Sales Assoc and Viega LLC**
- **Our 50/50 was won by Kyle Stottlemeyer**
- **Our RSVP winner was Kyle Stottlemeyer as well.**

For news, pictures and results of our Clay Shoot please see full coverage in this newsletter. The support of our affiliates, the planning by our committee, the hard work of our board members and their families, plus the promotion of the event by all our members made this Clay Shoot a great success!

As the end of the year is just around the corner, let's continue to promote and support our chapter... without everyone's help, participation, and promotion we could not enjoy the successes achieved during the year.

Look for information for the Holiday Party...

Thursday December 12th - 1411 S Andrews Ave. - Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

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In closing I would like to wish everyone all the blessings of the holiday season... Family and Good Health!

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Women of ASPE

Elvira Pita-Mejia - Women of ASPE



WOMEN OF ASPE (WOA) REPORT – MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Did you know that one of our South Florida Chapter WOA members presented at the **American Supply Association (ASA) NETWORK event**? ASA NETWORK is the industry's premiere event for leaders and CEOs from wholesaler distributors, manufacturers, & manufacturer's representatives.

Last month **Vanessa Londono, owner of KGV Plumbing Supply** and member of our South Florida Chapter traveled to Chicago, IL where she was one of three panelists that came together to discuss everything company culture. Vanessa alongside Bill Condron, CEO, The Granite Group, Alexis Davis, VP of Human Resources, Rinnai America Corporation, and moderator Tracie Sponenberg, Founder and CPO, TSLLC had an impactful discussion on "Culture Catalysts: Strategies for Enhancing Company Culture".

This was Vanessa's first time on stage and hopefully not her last! Her panel was one of the most celebrated at the event and her participation and insight was widely applauded.

Congratulations Vanessa on a job well done!

If you are interested in finding out more about Women of ASPE, please contact me at epita@spiritgroupinc.com

Sincerely,

Elvira Pita-Mejia

WOA Liaison – ASPE South Florida Chapter



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 two large doors. Above the countertop, two large, rectangular mirrors are mounted on a wall with vertical wood grain. Four spherical pendant lights hang from the ceiling, illuminating the vanity. The background wall is made of dark wood, and the floor is dark grey tile.

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Education Update

Kyle Stottlemeyer – Education Chairperson



The end of the year is upon us. Where did it go?? LOL. I hope everyone is healthy and busy with work. We are coming off of the best Clay Shoot yet! Hope everyone who was able to attend, enjoyed themselves! I know my family and I enjoyed every minute! Except for the raffle ticket sales, that was a little stressful! LOL!! Thank you all so much for your patience and all of your support, this past year! Looking forward to an even better 2025!

Important Dates:

ASPE South Florida – Holiday Party

Thursday, December 12, 2024
@ Tap 42 – Fort Lauderdale
1411 S. Andrews Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

Education:

Applications for the 2024 ASPE Alfred Steele Scholarship are being Accepted

ASPE is now taking applications for the 2024 Alfred Steele Scholarship, which is named in honor of Alfred Steele, PE, a long-time member of ASPE and a visionary and pioneer in advocating education and professional development for plumbing engineers and designers. Up to \$5,000.00 in scholarship monies may be awarded to qualified applicants. See full details on ASPE South Florida site.

Plumbing's Role in Public Health

Recent global events have accentuated the significance of sanitation and hygiene. This renewed focus has brought plumbing to the forefront, underscoring its role in safeguarding public health. Whether installing touchless fixtures in communal areas or integrating UV purification systems in homes, the mandate for plumbers has expanded from mere installations to guardians of health.

Diversification in Plumbing

With the field evolving at an unprecedented rate, specialization within plumbing is becoming more distinct. As systems become intricate and tailored to specific sectors, plumbers can niche down—focusing on residential, commercial, or industrial setups.

CPD Test

If you are interested in taking the CPD Test next year, please let me know. We want to start a study group at the end of January beginning of February. The CPD test will be held in April '25. Dates have not been determined yet. Going forward if anyone has any questions or would like to share any hot topics that might be informational to our viewers, please feel free to drop me an email @ kylestottlemeyer@gmail.com. Thank you for taking time out to read each month's articles.

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Affiliate Liaison Report

Alfredo Hernandez — Affiliate Liaison



As the Affiliate Liaison for the South Florida chapter of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE), I have the unique opportunity to bridge the gap between our members and the industry. South Florida, with its rapidly growing infrastructure and diverse population, presents both challenges and opportunities for plumbing professionals. In this article, we'll explore the importance of affiliate partnerships, highlight key initiatives, and discuss how we can work together to advance the plumbing engineering profession in our region.

Affiliates play a crucial role in the ASPE community by providing resources, expertise, and networking opportunities. In South Florida, our affiliates range from manufacturers and suppliers to trade organizations and educational institutions. These partnerships are vital in fostering collaboration and innovation within our industry. By supporting each other, we can ensure that plumbing engineers have access to the latest technologies, best practices, and regulatory information.

1. **Educational Workshops**: One of our primary goals is to enhance the knowledge base of our members. We regularly organize workshops and seminars featuring industry experts. These events cover essential topics such as sustainable plumbing practices, new technologies, and code changes. Our affiliates often sponsor these events, making them possible and accessible to all.
2. **Networking Events**: Building relationships is at the heart of ASPE's mission. We host networking events that bring together members, affiliates, and industry professionals. These gatherings provide an excellent platform for sharing ideas, discussing challenges, and exploring potential collaborations.
3. **Advocacy and Standards**: Our affiliates are instrumental in advocating for the plumbing engineering profession. By working together, we can influence policy changes and promote standards that benefit our industry and the communities we serve.
4. **Community Outreach**: The South Florida ASPE chapter is committed to giving back to our community. Through partnerships with local charities and educational programs, we aim to raise awareness about the importance of plumbing engineering and its impact on public health and safety.

As we move forward, the South Florida ASPE chapter will continue to seek new opportunities for collaboration with our affiliates. By leveraging our collective strengths, we can enhance the profession and adapt to the ever-changing landscape of plumbing engineering.

In conclusion, the role of affiliates in the South Florida ASPE chapter cannot be overstated. Together, we can create a thriving community that not only supports its members but also contributes to the betterment of our industry and society as a whole. I encourage all members to engage with our affiliates, participate in events, and take advantage of the resources available to us.

Let's work together to elevate the plumbing engineering profession in South Florida!

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VP-Legislative Report

Christopher M. Robulock VP-Legislative



Greetings Members,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving with friends and family. The holidays are upon us and will be here before you know it. Are you ready?

On November 22, ASPE South Florida held our 4th annual ASPE Sporting Slay Tournament at Quail Creek Sporting Ranch with over 80 shooters. We raffled off two 65" tvs, two Blackstone grills, two ipads, two shotguns, two cornholes and a boat ride. I loved the swag bag the best with the USB adapter, the survivor kit and all the snacks inside. This was our biggest event yet and there is room to grow. Stay tuned for next year. Please join us for our 2024 holiday party at Tap 42 in Fort Lauderdale, 1411 S Andrews Ave. This event is complementary for members and \$50 for non-members.

Just an FYI.... At our technical meetings, your attendance will automatically enter you to win a trip to an ASPE event, so don't miss out! Register today!!

Have you heard of SB 7040 Stormwater Rule Compliance & Density Increase Presentation. This bill was submitted on January 18th, 2024 and went through the process unopposed to being signed by Governor Ron Desantis on June 28th, 2024. Florida recently passed new stormwater regulations, and development projects may be challenged with meeting highly restrictive nitrogen and phosphorus reductions. Currently there is a resources that will introduce you to commercial building solutions that reuse rainwater, stormwater and graywater for toilet flushing, irrigation, cooling towers and other non-potable uses. This senate bill will promote a lesser impact of storm water impact and build more on a property. I like the idea of capturing that rainwater and utilize it for the irrigation system, toilets and other non-potable water sources. Benefits—reduce on your storm ponds and the maintenance on the storm ponds, reduce your stormwater infrastructure and reduce potable water consumption. Come join us and learn something every day!

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.

Christopher M. Robulock ASPE SFL Chapter- VP-Legislative



Thanks Chris for your efforts to Bring the Pinewood Derby award to the Chapter. Congratulations on winning Fastest Car in the Regions.



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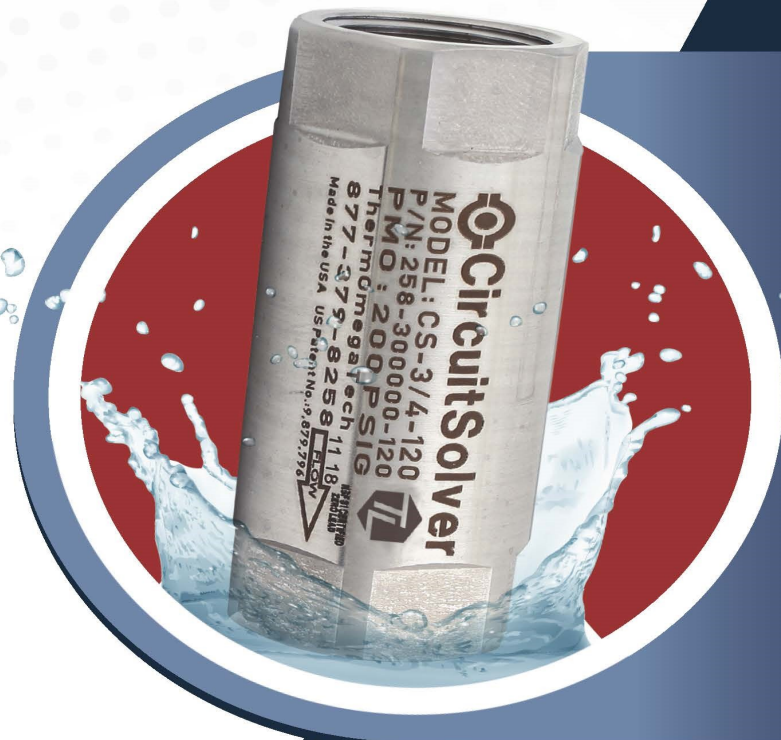
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Thursday, October 10th, 2024	Presenter: Joel Taylor—Rehau	TBD
Thursday, November 14th, 2024	Presenter: CALEFI	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St, Doral, FL 33166
Thursday, December 12th, 2024	ASPE Holiday Party	TAP 42
Thursday, January 9th, 2025	TBD	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St, Doral, FL 33166
Thursday, February 13th, 2025	Access Beyond Compliance: Emerging Trends in Commercial Restroom Design Presenter: Carmen Gonzalez—Bradley—A	TBD
Thursday, March 13th, 2025	TBD	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St, Doral, FL 33166
Thursday, April 10th, 2025	TBD	TBD
Thursday, May 8th, 2025	TBD	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St, Doral, FL 33166
Thursday, Jun 12th, 2025	ASPE South Florida Chapter End of ASPE Year event	TBD

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October 2024

18th—23rd | ASPE Convention & Expo—Columbus, OH

November 2024

22nd | 4th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot

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