



SOUTH FLORIDA NEWS

Chapter Announcements

- Only 1 Technical Meetings left before our Clay Shoot coming up on November 22nd. Read our [Affiliate Liaison report for more information](#).
- The ASPE South Florida chapter is excited to start our **2024-25 ASPE year** full speed after seeing so much growth and support in 2023 from all our members!. For additional information and Sponsorship opportunities please visit [South Florida Chapter's Website](#).

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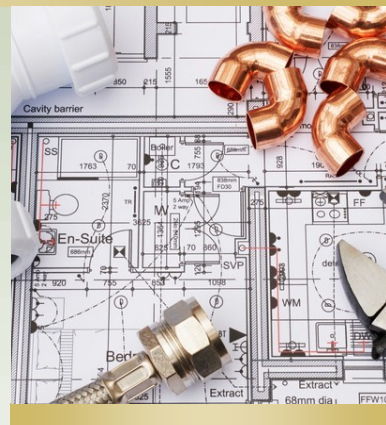
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ASPE Convention & Expo

Another successful Convention & Expo. We welcome home our South Florida Board of Directors. Now its time to get back to work and concentrate on growing this Chapter to be the Best it can be.



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MONTHLY MEETING

Topic: Mixing and Balancing
Valve Selection Considerations:
What is the Key Criteria?



DATE

14 November, 2024



TIME

6:00 - 8:00 PM

MORE INFORMATION



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Presidents Report

David Erickson — President

Greetings Members,

Our October meeting was interrupted by hurricanes Helena and Milton, please keep the West Coast residences in your thoughts and prayers.

I want to thank the South Florida Chapter for the representation at the 2024 ASPE

National Convention in Columbus, OH. There were representatives from each chapter to conduct business meeting on Saturday October 19 and Sunday 20. During the business meetings there were elections for the National BOD, I chose to run for the VP Affiliate position on the National Board Level. I did not win, but I will have another opportunity in 2026 at Oklahoma City National convention in October. Good old Ricky Bobby says, "If you aren't first your last." Additionally, there were multiple class for CEU credits, you even received CEU credit while walking the show floor on Monday 21 and Tuesday 22.

Many of the manufactures had parties after the show which provided food and beverages, the S FL BOD attended as many as possible to thank them for what they do for us on a local level. We were able to network with new and old industry partners that have the same passion as our chapter does.

Humberto Farina attended 7 out of the 9 meetings we had last year, and the chapter provided him a flight, hotel room, food, and beverages. By attending the National Convention, Humberto attended Sunday Night Party, walk the expo, and spoke with many leading industry experts from multiple manufactures, gain professional insight by networking with engineers at every event.

We will be heading back to Famous Dave's BBQ in Doral on Thursday Nov. 14 if you have not been attending the meeting lately, I would suggest coming out and join us. You can sign up by going to this hyperlink <https://aspemiami.com/meetinginfo.php>

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.

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Presidents Report

Special Acknowledgements

I am acknowledging the delegates that attended the 2024 National Convention. Elvira Pita-Mejia, Christopher Robulock, Scott Smith, Kyle Stottlemeyer, Freddy Hernandez. Everyone conducted themselves in a professional manner and contributed to the Societies most prestigious events

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.

- Mohamed Ahmed
- Jonathan Quintero PE Stantec

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, we will be discussing the 2025 Annual Sponsorships at our next couple of board meeting, at this time we will continue to keep January as our renewal timeframe.

4th Annual Sporting Clay Event

- The 4th annual Sporting Clay Shoot at Quail Ridge in Okeechobee, FL; will be on Friday Nov. 22

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

Welcome to this month's edition to our newsletter! Each month The ASPE South Florida Chapter Board members write articles to help inform our ASPE Community of the latest news in our industry.

Last month we were scheduled to meet at Maggiano's Little Italy for our October Technical meeting, but Hurricane Milton had different plans for us. Due to the storm, we moved our meeting to a virtual presentation where Joel Taylor from Rehau presented on Commercial Plumbing with PEX. Thank you to Joel and all who attended.

November 14, 2024 – General and Technical Meeting

Please join us this month at Famous Dave's – Doral, Florida on Thursday, November 14, 2024 where Kevin Freidt from Caleffi will be presenting on Mixing and Balancing Valve Selection Considerations: What is the Key Criteria?

To register please click on link below:

<https://aspemiami.com/meetinginfo.php?id=66&ts=1727021544>

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

October 18-23, 2024 - ASPE Convention & EXPO, 2024

Last month six board members of our ASPE South Florida Chapter attended the 2024, ASPE Convention & Expo as delegates for our Chapter. It was a jam packed few days in Columbus, Ohio filled with delegate business meetings, technical sessions and one of the largest plumbing expo shows in North America. I was lucky to be one of those members who attended and served as a delegate for our Chapter. It really was an awesome event. Not only did I have the opportunity to represent our Chapter, and the Business meetings held on October 18 & 19, I also was able to network with other industry professionals and learn about the latest innovations in the plumbing industry.

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/>

"Stay in the know"

Don't forget to follow us on "LinkedIn"!

We are regularly providing information on our chapter and upcoming events.

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

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Membership Corner

Scott Smith — Chapter VP-Membership



Membership Value

When you join ASPE, you become part of a worldwide family of plumbing engineering and design professionals and gain immediate access to their combined technical knowledge and industry support. ASPE members are leaders in the plumbing engineering industry, and joining their ranks offers invaluable networking and career-advancement opportunities. Our members benefit from ASPE's international exposure, and our involvement in national and local legislative initiatives helps strongly convey the important role of plumbing engineers and designers in the construction industry.

In addition to sharing professional knowledge, ASPE members also like to have fun. Local ASPE Chapters and special-interest groups such as ASPE Young Professionals and the Women of ASPE host social networking events throughout the year. With more than 7,500 ASPE members, a fellow professional is never far away.



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Jorge Megias—Administrative Secretary

Secretary's Note—October 2024

Because of Helene's threat to the area our October meeting was held virtually to still provide continuing technical education to our members. We appreciate the great attendance from our members and look forward to an in-person meeting in November. Our meeting will be held at Famous Dave's in Doral.

Our annual Clay Shoot on Thursday, November 22nd promises to be a great event, with record breaking participation. Stay tuned for updates via email, social media, and our chapter website.

Plans are also in the works for our annual Holiday Party in December... Stay tuned for updates in the coming weeks!

We will be updating everyone on our ASPE National Convention, with the participation of our delegates from the BOD.

The next national event will be the Tech Symposium. It will be held in Orlando at the Rosen Center...Thursday September 25th thru the 28th 2025. Technical session will run throughout the event, with product exhibits on Thursday and Friday. Save the dates on your calendar and join in for a great event.

Please continue to share the benefits of ASPE membership with your colleagues, and anyone who could benefit from the education and fellowship opportunities our chapter offers.

Wishing everyone a blessed Thanksgiving as you celebrate with family and friends. **God bless!**

Jorge

***"Some people see things that are and ask,
'Why?'
Some people dream of things that never were and ask,
'Why not?'
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all that."***

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WOMEN OF ASPE (WOA) REPORT

Welcome to the November edition of the ASPE South Florida Chapter newsletter.

Starting out in this business some years ago there were not many female colleagues that I could call to for support or to share ideas as to my experience in this field. Woman of ASPE really helped bridge this gap. Last month I attended the ASPE Convention & Expo' 2024 and I was once again shown the power of this organization. WOA held a one day leadership forum where various speakers presented on the following topics:

"The Benefits and Realities of Delegation"

"Process Excellence Behind the Walls: A practical guide to Achieve Process Excellence in Construction"

"Advocating your worth at Work"

It was really great to be able to spend time and exchange ideas with women across the country. A big thank you to our WOA, Committee Chair Sarah Balz, PE for leading our group on a national level

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

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HELP develop safe plumbing and building codes and standards

Education Update

Kyle Stottlemeyer – Education Chairperson



The 2024 ASPE Expo and Convention was amazing! I hope you had the opportunity to go. There is still lots going on for the rest of this year. We are Looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual Clay Shoot. See below for upcoming events.

Important Dates:

November Technical Meeting – Famous Dave's:

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

8210 NW 36th St.

Miami, FL 33166

ASPE South Florida Chapter Annual Clay Shoot

November 22, 2024 - 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ASPE South Florida – Holiday Party

December 12, 2024 – Place TBD

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.

Green Plumbing Design On-Demand Certificate Program

By now you should have heard that the popular Green Plumbing Design (GPD) certificate program is now available entirely on demand on the ASPE Education. This new self-paced online program will enable you to earn GPD certificate at your own speed, in your own time frame. You must be either Certified in Plumbing Design (CPD) or a Professional Engineer (PE) to be eligible to earn the GPD certificate. The cost is \$500 for ASPE members and \$600 for nonmembers.

CPD Test

If you are interested in taking the CPD Test next year, please let me know. We want to start a study group.

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

The Power of Partnership in Plumbing Engineering

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

As the Affiliate Liaison for the South Florida chapter of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers, I want to take a moment to reflect on the importance of collaboration and the benefits of sponsorship within our community.

****Why Become a Sponsor for Our Chapter? ****

Sponsoring our chapter offers numerous advantages that can significantly impact both your organization and our plumbing engineering community. Here are a few compelling reasons to consider:

1. ****Visibility and Recognition****: Your brand will gain exposure to a targeted audience of plumbing professionals, engineers, and industry leaders. Sponsorship ensures that your company is recognized at events, in newsletters, and on our website, elevating your profile in the industry.
 2. ****Networking Opportunities****: Sponsorship provides you with access to exclusive networking events. This is a chance to connect with potential clients, partners, and industry influencers, fostering relationships that can lead to new business opportunities.
 3. ****Support Professional Development****: By sponsoring our chapter, you play a crucial role in supporting educational programs and workshops that enhance the skills and knowledge of plumbing engineers. Your contribution helps us provide valuable resources that benefit all members.
 4. ****Community Engagement****: As a sponsor, you demonstrate your commitment to the plumbing engineering community and support initiatives that promote best practices, innovation, and sustainability. This not only enhances your reputation but also aligns your brand with the values of our profession.
 5. ****Return on Investment****: Ultimately, sponsorship is an investment in your business's future. The relationships you build and the visibility you gain can translate into increased business opportunities and long-term growth.
- In conclusion, becoming a sponsor for our South Florida chapter is more than just a financial commitment; it's a partnership that fosters growth, innovation, and community. Together, we can elevate the plumbing engineering profession and make a lasting impact.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support our chapter and the vital work we do.



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VP-Legislative Report

Christopher M. Robulock VP-Legislative

Greetings Members,

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I want to speak on the fact of the energy code requires two controls to be installed on the recirculation line. The controls will stop circulating the hot water when there is no demand and when a temperature of 104 has been reached. The thought is to conserve energy, for example in an office building you won't have anybody in the office over the weekend and you don't want energy being used to move that hot water around. After attending an ASPE South Florida meeting with the Caleffi team, they spoke about legionnaires disease. *Legionella* grows best within a certain temperature range (77°F-108°F). To keep water outside the range for *Legionella* growth, it is important to keep cold water cold and keep hot water hot. In other words, the energy conservation is creating health issue for the user with the hot water not constantly circulating. Being a code official, that raises the question in the mind. Is the hot water that is sitting there a potable source of water?

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



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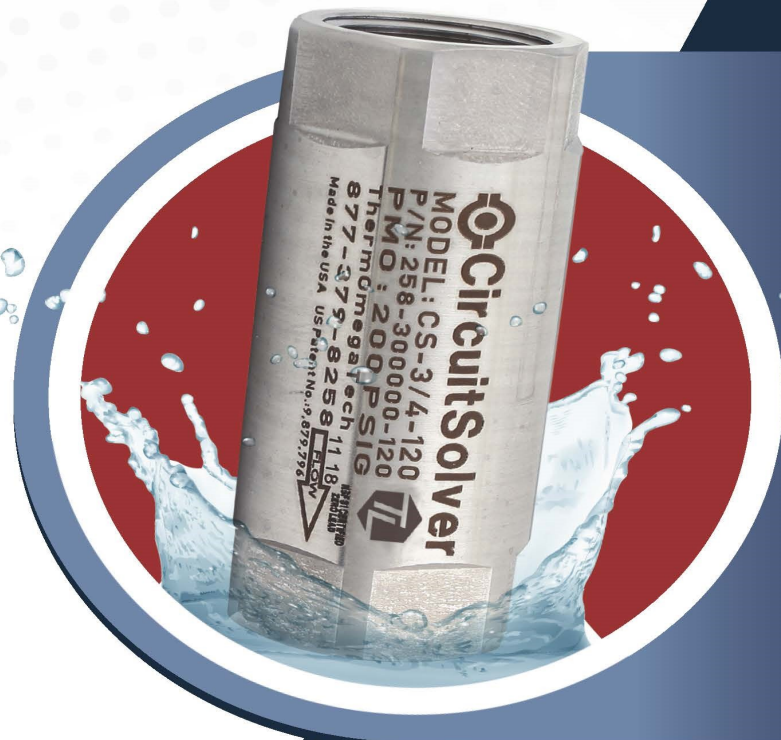
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2024-2025 Chapter Meeting Dates

Date	Topic	Location
Thursday, September 12th, 2024	Industrial Pipe Solutions - The Science Behind Making The Right Choice Presenter: Sam Bolt—Sam Blucher—A Watts Brand	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St, Doral, FL 33166
Thursday, October 10th, 2024	Presenter: Joel Taylor—Rehau	TBD
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Thursday, December 12th, 2024	ASPE Holiday Party	TAP 42
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Thursday, April 10th, 2025	TBD	TBD
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Thursday, Jun 12th, 2025	ASPE South Florida Chapter End of ASPE Year event	TBD

Schedule of Events 2024/2025

October 2024

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

November 2024

22nd | 4th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot

December 2024

12th | ASPE South Florida Chapter Holiday Party

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