



SOUTH FLORIDA NEWS

Chapter Announcements

- Our September, 2023 meeting will be held at Famous Dave on Thursday, September 14th at 6:00pm. You can register at [ASPE Miami Chapter - Meeting/Event Information](#).
- This year's premier professional development event for plumbing engineers and designers, the [2023 ASPE Tech Symposium](#), is being held September 28 – October 1 at the Hyatt Bellevue in Bellevue, Washington. This is an excellent opportunity for plumbing industry professionals at all career levels to engage in productive technical exchanges and networking, make new contacts, learn new skills, and discover the latest new plumbing design products and services.

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Presidents Report

David Erickson — President

Greetings Members,

As hot as this summer was, I trust everyone found something they could do with family or friends. My wife, and I were able to spend a week in the keys fishing and lobstering with her brother who retired earlier this year from the Navy. I think we may

have started an annual trip for us.

September marks the beginning of the Annual year for ASPE, I have truly missed the meetings on a double fold; I miss the networking with the ASPE family, and I miss the board meeting on how we are going to keep our chapter moving forward with technical information for our engineering family and how much fun we can have doing it.

The board met in July for half a day, we broke bread, had some beverages, and discussed short term and long-term plans for our members. If you have an idea on what you would like to see the chapter discuss during our technical meeting, events for members, or facility tours please contact any board member so we can evaluate on how to incorporate it into our annual plans.

We will be heading back to Famous Dave's in Doral for our September; our presentation will be by Nick Martinek from Guardian. Scroll down to Elvira's article for additional information. Our Chapter is constantly looking for individuals to help us to become bigger, better, and 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.

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.

- Humberto Farina at INPrediais
- Eric Negron at Victaulic
- Geiser Napoles at Alpadex Plumbing
- Pedro Del Pino at Online Building Plans

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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:

- VP Legislative,
- Corresponding Secretary,
- Chapter Website Administrator

September Technical Meeting

Our next Meeting will be at Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th Street Miami, FL. 33166 on Thursday Sept. 14 at 6 pm. For more information, please scroll down to Elvira's newsletter.

Annual Sponsorship

Vendors, we will be discussing the 2024 Annual Sponsorships at our next couple of board meeting, unlike years in the past we will be moving forward to set up the sponsorship to start in January so we can all be on the same schedule, be on the lookout for the announcement.

3rd Annual Sporting Clay Event

The 3rd annual Sporting Clay Shoot at Quail Creek in Okeechobee, FL; will be on Friday Nov. 17th. Check your emails and our social media pages in the coming weeks for more information.

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/>

Presidents Report

The New BOD for 2023-2024

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- VP-Technical—Elvira Pita-Mejia
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- Corresponding Secretary **OPEN**
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- Chapter Woman of ASPE Liaison—Elvira Pita-Mejia
- Chapter Newsletter Editor—Al Salas
- Chapter Fund Raising Chair—Scott Smith
- Chapter Historian—Henry Salvador
- Chapter Web Master—**Elvira Pita-Mejia (interim)**
- Chapter Ambassador—Freddy Hernandez

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 — Chapter VP-Technical

VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL REPORT



We're back! Every year the ASPE South Florida Chapter takes a small break during the summer from their monthly technical and general meetings. During this time the ASPE Board is busy planning for the upcoming ASPE Year. We are pleased to announce we have a lot of great things planned. We hold our monthly general and technical meetings the second Thursday of the month. Please make sure to mark your calendars!

September 14, 2023 – ASPE South Florida Chapter – September 2023, Technical Meeting

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming monthly and technical meeting.

Come on out and join us at Famous Dave's, Doral as Nick Martinek (Southeast Regional Sales Manager) from Guardian present on Safety by Design – Protecting Employees Through the Design of ANSI/OASHA Compliant Emergency Technology

The evening will start with a social hour from 6-7pm followed by dinner and technical presentation.

For more information and to register, please click here:

<https://aspemiami.com/meetinginfo.php?id=50&ts=1687816469>

September 28 – October 1, 2023 - The 2023 ASPE Technical Symposium – REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The 2023 ASPE Technical Symposium will be held September 28 – October 1 at the Hyatt Bellevue, Bellevue, Washington. This two and one-half conference is a premier opportunity for plumbing engineers and designers at all career levels to engage in productive technical exchanges and networking while earning CEU credits.

Technical News

To find our more and register please click here:
[2023 Tech Symposium // Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 - ASPE](#)

“Stay in the know”

Don’t forget to follow us on “LinkedIn”!

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All the best,

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Chapter VP-Technical





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Membership Corner

Scott Smith — Chapter VP-Membership



Networking within the industry can bring numerous benefits. Firstly, it allows professionals to expand their knowledge and stay updated on the latest trends and advancements. By connecting with others in the field, individuals can gain insights into new technologies, best practices, and industry standards. This knowledge exchange can help professionals enhance their skills and stay competitive in the ever-evolving industry.

Networking also opens doors to new opportunities. Through connections, professionals can learn about job openings, collaborations, and potential partnerships. Building a strong network can lead to referrals and recommendations, increasing the chances of career growth and advancement. Additionally, networking events, conferences, and industry gatherings provide platforms for professionals to showcase their expertise, which can lead to recognition and new business prospects.

Furthermore, networking fosters collaboration and innovation. By connecting with like-minded individuals, professionals can find potential collaborators for projects, research, or business ventures. Collaborative efforts often result in the generation of new ideas, problem-solving, and the development of innovative solutions. Networking also allows professionals to tap into a diverse range of perspectives and experiences, which can lead to more creative and well-rounded outcomes.

Lastly, networking helps build relationships and a sense of community within the industry. By connecting with peers, mentors, and industry leaders, professionals can establish meaningful relationships that provide support, guidance, and mentorship. These relationships can be invaluable in navigating challenges, seeking advice, and finding mentorship opportunities.

Networking within the industry offers numerous benefits, including knowledge expansion, career opportunities, collaboration, innovation, and relationship building. It is a valuable tool for professionals to stay connected, grow their careers, and contribute to the overall advancement of their industry.

Membership Corner

Make it a point to come to the monthly ASPE meeting being held at Famous Dave's, 8210 NW 36th St. Miami, FL 33166, on September 14th at 6:00pm. Enjoy some great BBQ, network with people in your industry, and have a fun time. We look forward to seeing you.

All the best,

Scott Smith
Chapter VP-Membership



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2023-2024 Chapter Meeting Dates

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION
Thursday, September 14, 2023	Safety by Design - Protecting Employees Through the Design of ANSI/OSHA-Compliant Emergency Technology Presenter: Troy Monteith—Guardian	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St. Miami, FL 33166
Thursday, October 12, 2023	Flow Based Sensor Technology Water Leak Detection Systems for Commercial Applications Presenter: Alexa Porter - Watts	TBD
Thursday, November 09, 2023	How to Control Legionella in DHW Recirculation Systems using thermal disinfection Presenter: Kevin J Freidt—Caleffi	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St. Miami, FL 33166
Thursday, December 14, 2023	ASPE Holiday Party	TBD
Thursday, January 11, 2024	TBD	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St. Miami, FL 33166
Thursday, February 8, 2024	TBD	TBD
Thursday, March 14, 2024	TBD	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St. Miami, FL 33166
Thursday, April 11, 2024	TBD	TBD
Thursday, May 9, 2024	TBD	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St. Miami, FL 33166
Thursday, June 13, 2024	TBD	TBD



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Admin. Secretary Report

Jorge Megias—Administrative Secretary



Our year is ready to begin... with our membership meetings starting up again on Thursday September 14th. More information can be found in this newsletter.

Even though there was a summer break for our chapter's monthly meetings, the Board of Directors have been working to prepare for the 2023-2024 year. Our all-day yearly planning meeting was held on July 22nd. The following are a few of the subjects addressed during the meeting:

- Planning events in celebration and support of Engineers Week in February and World Water/World Plumbing in March.
- Discussed presenting to educational facilities to familiarize students on possible careers in the plumbing design industry and our industry in general.
- Discussed new meeting venues in Broward County and closer to Palm Beach.
- Special Meetings/Social Events: Clay Shoot Nov 17 ***Information will be coming soon***, Promote and participate in Plumbing Contractors Association Expo in Nov 30, Golf Tournament/Top Golf event being considered, Axe Throwing Event as networking event, Facility Tours – scouting for possible sites.

I encourage all our members to feel free in making suggestions and/or sharing ideas with the board... we need to keep our chapter events pertinent to the needs of the general membership, while allowing us to enjoy some fellowship. You can reach out to me, and I will be sure to present thoughts to the board.

ASPE's reason for being is to support and educate all of us...

See you at our September meeting and let's all look forward to a great year!

God Bless!

Jorge Megias
Administrative Secretary

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Affiliate Report

Josh Barnhart—Affiliate Liaison



The ASPE South Florida Chapter, has been active with incredible energy in 2023 through August. The month of August was planning time, and reaching out to manufacturers for future chapter events remaining in 2023.

The chapter has been fortunate to have industry talent throughout State of Florida, that recognizes, the value in participating at events with members of ASPE South Florida chapter.

The chapter encourages having new members to join with inspiring ideals, vision, and creativity that is positive for all that attend ASPE South Florida.

Please contact Scott Smith scott@ssafla.com and Josh Barnhart jbarnhart@carrcompany.com, regarding questions with membership changes. We are here to make your experience with ASPE South Florida Chapter a first class experience.

Thank you,

Josh Barnhart
Affiliate Liaison





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ASPE CONNECT BY THE NUMBERS



WAYS TO LEVERAGE ASPE CONNECT

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2. Build relationships with fellow professionals
3. Offer your advice and knowledge to other members

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- Revit use for engineers
- Flow in sewer lines
- Medical gas sizing
- CPVC piping



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- STEP 6** ➤ Go to the Open Forum and start connecting!

Women of ASPE

Elvira Pita-Mejia — WOA Liaison



Ever heard the “Strong Women of ASPE” podcast? If you haven’t you are missing out on hearing from some really interesting women discussing a variety of industry related topics.

The latest episode is an interview with Lynn Adair, President of ASPE Arkansas and Pamela Dunlap Past President of ASPE Oklahoma Chapter discussing the founding of the ASPE Arkansas Chapter

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Kyle Stottlemeyer—Education Chairman



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Our chapter continues to grow, please keep spreading the good word and inviting fellow colleagues and friends to our technical meetings which will start back up this September. We have some exciting things on the horizon, please stay tuned for upcoming events. We will be looking to fill our open spots for our monthly technical meetings. So if you or your company might be interested in presenting, or might know anyone that is, please feel free to reach out to Elvira or myself and we can get you registered.

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.

Kind regards,

Kyle Stottlemeyer
Education Chairman



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AYP Report

Alcides Salas — AYP Liaison



Hey Young Professionals!

Summer is over and our batteries are fully recharged to take on the rest of the year! As previously mentioned, we are beyond grateful for the support we have received from all our sponsors and would like to remind you that we are always open for more members to come evolve with us.

ASPE Young Professionals will be holding its biennial AYP Leadership Academy prior to the 2023 ASPE Tech Symposium on September 28 at the Hyatt Bellevue in Bellevue, Washington (outside of Seattle). This invaluable learning and networking experience provides an opportunity for you to meet new peers, gain knowledge, and walk away with actionable insights that can be applied toward your career development.

The registration rate is \$250 for ASPE members. If you also sign up for a full 2023 Tech Symposium registration, the rate is \$205 for ASPE members.

Thanks,

Al Salas
AYP Liaison

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Administrative Secretary Report

Alfredo Hernandez — Administrative Secretary



Greetings members!

We have made it through the summer and now getting into the fall season. It was a great summer and the board had a planning meeting to discuss future events for the South Florida chapter. Our next meeting will be September 14 at 6 o'clock at famous Dave's in Doral.

The subject is safety by design – protecting employees through the design of a NSI/OSHA Dash compliant emergency technology. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Thank you, Freddy Hernandez, your chapter ambassador at large
Thanks,

Freddy Hernandez
Administrative Secretary



Happy Birthday

Timothy Feagans	Sep 6th
Jose Fernandez	Sep 13th
Michael Granata, P.E.	Sep 14th
Daton Andrew Ulett G.E.	Sep 15th
Alfredo Hernandez	Sep 22nd
Felix Rodriguez	Sep 22nd
Avil Avlan Groden	Sep 24th
Elvira Pita-Mejia G.E.	Sep 25th
Alcides Salas	Sep 26th

~HAPPY~ Anniversary

Feroz Bhamani	41 Years
Jose A. Perez	32 years
Timothy Feagans	29 Years
Gregory Quintana	15 Years
Corey Prunesky	5 Years
Jodh Barnhart	1 Year
Nathan John Buss	1 Year

ASPE South Florida Past-Presidents

2020 – 2022	Vincent J. Scriboni, FASPE, CPD
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Feroz Bhamani Award of Excellence

This award is given to an outstanding member for their devotion to the betterment of the South Florida Chapter and ASPE. It was named after Feroz for all of the years he gave in keeping the chapter alive.

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Schedule of Events

September 2023	
26 th to October 2 nd	ASPE Symposium – Bellevue, WA
November 2023	
17 th	3 rd Annual South Florida Chapter Clay Shooting Tournament
December 2023	
14 th	ASPE South Florida Chapter Holiday Party
June 2023	
13 th	ASPE South Florida Chapter End of ASPE Year Event
June 2024	
7 th – 9 th	ASPE Region 3 Presidents Meeting – Orlando, FL
October 2024	
18 th – 23 rd	ASPE Convention & Expo – Columbus, OH
September 2025	
TBD	ASPE Symposium – Orlando, FL



2023 Chapter Sponsorship Program

Platinum Level – Contribution: \$1,700 (\$2,500 value)

- ◆ Your company will be included in all ASPE advertisements for a 12-month period beginning from January 1st to December 31st.
- ◆ Full page advertisement in the South Florida Chapter newsletter for a 12-month period.
- ◆ A complimentary full page insert in the South Florida Chapter newsletter – twice per 12-month period.
- ◆ Two (2) pre-paid ASPE Memberships for one-year. (Chapter VP-Membership will contact you with the information)
- ◆ Primary individual & group advertising for the 50th Anniversary and all other events.
- ◆ 4 people to attend the 50th Anniversary event.

Gold Level – Contribution: \$1,400 (\$1,800 value)

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- ◆ Full page advertisement in the South Florida Chapter newsletter for a 12-month period.
- ◆ One (1) pre-paid ASPE Membership for one-year. (Chapter VP-Membership will contact you with the information)
- ◆ Primary individual & group advertising for the 50th Anniversary and all other events.
- ◆ 3 people to attend the 50th Anniversary event.

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- ◆ Your company will be included in all ASPE advertisements for a 12-month period beginning from January 1st to December 31st.
- ◆ Full page advertisement in the South Florida Chapter newsletter for a 12-month period.
- ◆ Primary individual & group advertising for the 50th Anniversary and all other events.
- ◆ 2 people to attend the 50th Anniversary event.

Bronze Level – Contribution: \$600 (\$750 value)

- ◆ Your company will be included in all ASPE advertisements for a 12-month period beginning from January 1st to December 31st.
- ◆ 1/2 page advertisement in the South Florida Chapter newsletter for a 12-month period. .