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Chapter Announcements

- Only 2 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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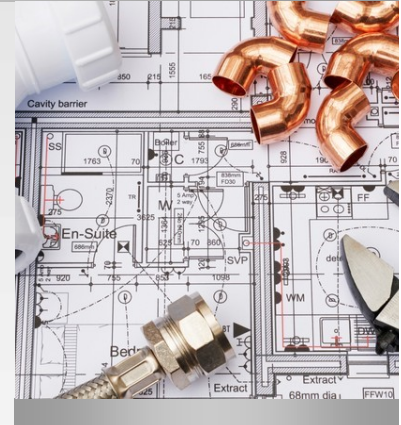
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Presidents Report

David Erickson — President

Greetings Members,

I trust you have been enjoying the summer as much as me, I have had the opportunity to spend time with my family/friends, do some fishing, and take a cruise to Alaska.

September marks the beginning of the Annual year for ASPE, your board of directors have been working hard over this summer to develop another year of fantastic technical dinner meeting which include a different presentation at every meeting. I am looking forward to starting our meetings again, looking forward to the networking with the ASPE family, looking forward to new venues for our meetings, looking forward to seeing our S FL chapter continued growth with new members of all ages. This is the call for the young professionals that need to come check us out and gain professional insight from their peers. And of course, how much fun we can have achieving these goals.

The board met a couple of weeks ago at Kyle Stottlemeyer's house for a half a day, we need to thank Kyle and his wife for allowing the BOD to take up a Saturday afternoon out of their busy life. We had discussions on 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 12th meeting for a presentation on Industrial Pipe Solutions-The Science Behind Making the right choice. If you haven't signed up yet please do so: <https://aspemiami.com/meetinginfo.php>

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.

Special Acknowledgements

- I am acknowledging Kyle Stottlemeyer for his willingness to open his home to the ASPE Board for the Summer Planning Meeting. He is a great human being and has a great family as well. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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Presidents Report

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.

- Josh Burdine-Burd Construction Corp.
- Javier Pino P.E.-WRPC Engineering, LLC
- Alejandro Aloma Barcelo P.E.-MEP 360 Engineering
- Jason Remington-Victaulic
- John Barile-Diligent Plumbing

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.

September Technical Meeting

- Our next Meeting will be at Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th Street Miami, FL. 33166 on Thursday Sept. 12 at 6 pm. For more information, please scroll down to Elvira's newsletter.

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

Elvira Pita-Mejia — Chapter VP-Technical

Happy Fall everyone! We are excited to kick-off of our 2024 – 2025 ASPE year at our September General and Technical Meeting!

This month Sam Bolt (Southeast Regional Sales Manager) from Blucher – A Watts Brand will be presenting on Industrial Pipe Solutions. This presentation will cover the risks associated with improperly specified drainage materials, analysis of their performance, advantages of various materials and cost ramifications of each.

Please join us as we return to “THE 305”! The meeting will be held at Famous Dave’s Doral, Florida on Thursday, September 12, 2024.

To register please click on link below:

<https://aspeiami.com/meetinginfo.php?id=65&ts=1724093993>

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

Did you know that the ASPE South Florida Chapter Board members will be attending and representing our Chapter as delegate at the 2024 ASPE Convention and Expo in Columbus, Ohio?

David Erickson, Elvira Pita-Mejia, Scott Smith, Christopher Robulok, Kyle Stottlemeyer, Freddy Hernandez and Jorge Megias will be there in full force!

We encourage our members to attend. Please click on link below for more details:

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

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Stay well,
Elvira Pita-Mejia



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Membership Corner

Scott Smith — Chapter VP-Membership

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- Tech Symposium – Held biennially (odd-numbered years); in-depth technical education seminars; networking; social events
- MedGas Workshop – Held quarterly to prepare plumbing engineers to take the ASSE 6060: Medical Gas Systems Design exam
- Webinars – One-hour webinars on various topics that will expand the skills of plumbing system designers
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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
Thursday, November 14th, 2024	TBD	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St, Doral, FL 33166
Thursday, December 12th, 2024	ASPE Holiday Party	TBD
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 Watts Brand	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



Jorge Megias—Administrative Secretary

Secretary's Note—September 2024

Our long hot summer break is ending. Please make note of our next general and technical meeting:

Thursday September 12 @ 6PM

Famous Dave's - 8210 NW 36th St.- Miami, FL 33166

\$25 members - \$35 non-members

Topic: The presentation promotes discussions and education around well-known yet commonly discarded drainage solutions

Our chapter officers met in August for our yearly planning meeting. Be on the look out for information about upcoming events during the 2024-25 year!

The Clay Shoot on Thursday November 22nd is almost sold out... Please watch out for all the latest updates via email and on our chapter website.

Our board delegates are already busy planning attendance to the ASPE Convention coming up in October. We hope to see many of our chapter members attend what promises to be a great event in Columbus, OH.

On that note, we will soon be announcing the name of a lucky chapter member being awarded a trip to the ASPE Convention. The winner will be chosen from one of our active members.

As always, I would remind all our members to share the benefits of ASPE membership with your industry partners, colleagues and anyone who would benefit from our chapter's opportunities for education and fellowship.

See you all in September...God bless!

Jorge

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Elvira Pita-Mejia — WOA Liaison



WOMEN OF ASPE (WOA) REPORT

Greetings to all from your ASPE South Florida Chapter WOA Liaison!

After a much-needed summer break we are back, re-energized and ready for our 2024-25 ASPE year.

This month we are highlighting the recipient of the 2024 ASPE Convention & Expo Scholarship.

Boston Chapter member Sabrina Randall, CPD, has been awarded a scholarship to attend the 2024 ASPE Convention and Expo.

Sabrina is a Plumbing/Fire Protection Designer with Smith Group in Boston. She became involved in the plumbing design industry through necessity when the firm she worked at after college needed production support in the P/FP discipline. Her mentor and fellow coworker introduced her to the codes and standards and guided her until she began taking on jobs on her own and discovered a love for designing. What keeps her in the industry is the never-ceasing opportunity to problem solve and improve sanitary conditions for society.

The 2024 ASPE Convention & Expo will be held on October 18–23 in Columbus, Ohio. By attending, Sabrina is looking forward to learning more about the pathways available for designers and engineers. "I find that I especially enjoy field investigatory work, and I'm curious what avenues are available," she says. "In terms of technologies, I am interested in seeing what new technologies related to sustainability and energy efficiency are available."

Congratulations to Sabrina!

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

Sincerely,

Elvira Pita-Mejia

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Education Update

Kyle Stottlemeyer – Education Chairperson



I hope everyone is healthy and doing great, Summer is here!! Stay Hydrated and wear plenty of sunblock, it's a hot one out there. Lots going on the rest of this year. We are Looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual Clay Shoot. See below for upcoming events.

Important Dates:

- **September Technical Meeting – Famous Dave's:**
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Famous Dave's
8210 NW 36th St.
Miami, FL 33166
- **Convention & Expo.**
October 18 – October 23:
- **ASPE South Florida Chapter Annual Clay Shoot**
November 22, 2024 - 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Affiliate Liaison Report

Alfredo Hernandez — Affiliate Liaison



"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." – Albert Schweitzer

In the spirit of this profound insight, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to the sponsors from the ASPE chapters of 2023 and 2024. Your generous support has been instrumental in fostering a vibrant community dedicated to the advancement of our industry.

As we look ahead to 2024 and 2025, we are excited about the upcoming sponsorship opportunities and events we have planned. We believe that collaboration and shared passion lead to incredible outcomes, and we are eager to continue this journey with you.

One exciting opportunity on the horizon is the November 2024 Clay Shoot event. We still have available gold sponsorships, and your support would be invaluable in making this event a success. By sponsoring, you not only promote your brand but also contribute to the growth and education of our industry.

Why should you consider sponsoring South Florida ASPE? As Bob Mycoff president of Harry Warren Inc. aptly states:

"ASPE at the local chapter level and with our association at the National level has been a focus of Harry Warren Inc. since the late 90s in Florida. We are currently associate members in four Florida chapters: South Florida, West Coast, Central Florida, and North Florida. All these chapters are well supported and add an additional level of relationships and professionalism that we can enjoy and support. ASPE brings together and educates all of us involved in the commercial markets in a way that is good for our industry, our customers, and our manufacturers. Supporting ASPE will continue to be a priority for Harry Warren Inc. and our associates."

Join us in this journey of growth and success. Your involvement not only enhances your brand's visibility but also strengthens our community. Together, we can ensure that happiness and success flourish within our industry.

For more information about the gold sponsorship for the Clay Shoot event or any other sponsorship opportunities, please do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to partnering with you to create memorable experiences and advance our shared goals.

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VP-Legislative Report

Christopher Robulock— VP-Legislative



Greetings Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful and amazing Independence 4th of July Day and summer time with friends and family.

On June 13th 2024, We had a great time at our 2024 ASPE South Florida Chapter Bowling Tournament and Trade Show at Bowlero Dania Beach. This event was exciting to see everyone come together for a great networking experience, good times and bragging rights to the Kohler Team for being the best team with the highest score!! If you missed it, check out the photos from the event that have been posted and get ready for next year. Next year, I will try to do better.

Registration is currently open for our 4th annual Sporting Clay Tournament. Will we see you there?

Department of Energy is finalizing the standards for water heaters!! The US Department of Energy (DOE) has finalized Congressionally-mandated energy-efficiency standards for a range of residential water heaters. The new standards are projected to save American households approximately \$7.6 billion per year on their energy and water bills, while significantly cutting energy waste and harmful carbon pollution. DOE last updated residential water heater efficiency standards, which are required by Congress, in 2010. Compliance will be required starting in 2029 for the new standards, which would result in over 50% of the newly manufactured electric storage water heaters to utilize heat pump technology, compared to 3% today. Replacing common-sized traditional electric resistance storage water heaters with electric heat pump water heaters meeting the new standards would save consumers approximately \$1,800 on their utility bills, on average, over the life of the appliance, with total savings helping low-income households, who spend a higher percentage of their income on utility bills in particular. Water heating is responsible for roughly 13% of both annual residential energy use and consumer utility costs, and these new standards will provide a savings of 10% of this usage relative to products currently on the market. The energy savings from this final rule over 30 years of shipments is 17.6 quadrillion British thermal units—the largest savings ever from a single DOE efficiency standard, representing more than the energy use of the entire US residential building sector in a single year. *(ref Contractor Mag June 2024)*

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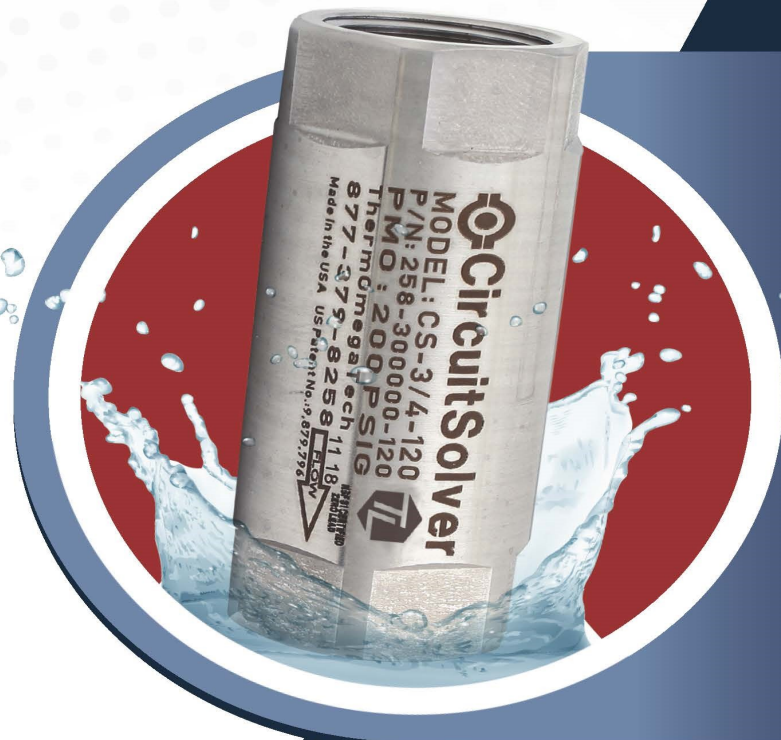
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This award is given to an outstanding member for their devotion to the betterment of the South Florida Chapter and ASPE. It was named after Feroz for all of the years he gave in keeping the chapter alive.

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Schedule of Events 2024/2025

October 2024

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

November 2024

22nd | 4th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot

December 2024

6th | ASPE South Florida Chapter Holiday Party

June 2025

12th | ASPE South Florida Chapter End of ASPE Year event

September 2025

24-28 | ASPE Tech Symposium, Orlando, Fl.



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- Two (2) pre-paid ASPE Memberships for one-year. (See Sponsorship form for more information)
- Two (2) tables for the display of products at the Bowling Tournament & Product Show
- Two (2) 5-person teams in the Bowling Tournament

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- Your company will be included in all ASPE advertisements for the entire year, Including web site banner.
- Full page advertisement in the South Florida 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) 5-person team in the Bowling Tournament

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- One-Half (1/2) page advertisement in the South Florida Chapter newsletter for a full year.
- One (1) tables for the display of products at the Bowling Tournament & Product Show
- One (1) 5-person team in the Bowling Tournament

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