



SOUTH FLORIDA NEWS

Chapter Announcements

- Registration for the 2023 CPD Exam is now open. Check with ASPE Connect or the [ASPE Web Site](#) for additional information.
- Our February, 2023 meeting will be held at Geronimo's Grill on Thursday, February 9th, 2023. You can register at [ASPE Miami Chapter - Meeting/Event Information](#).
- We are very excited to welcome Alfredo "Freddy" Hernandez to our board as our Administrative Secretary. We believe Freddy will bring immense value to the chapter helping us achieve our goals on 2023.

ASPE Pipeline

Keep up to date with everything ASPE on the [ASPE Pipeline](#).

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 trial for nonmembers, so what are you waiting for...Click below





Presidents Report

David Erickson — President

Greetings Members,

As we head into February, we can all enjoy the low humidity and average temperatures in the mid to upper 70's, no one can complain about that.

Special Acknowledgements:

- I would like to thank **Phil Tyree** for his presentation on "Value Engineering Considerations for Cast Iron Pipe" and recognize Phil's dedication to ASPE as he navigated through 2 rental cars that day and showed up on time to present. Please reach out to Phil and thank him as it's well deserved.
- I would like to thank **Billy Smith**, CEO ASPE National, **Jim Zebrowski**, President ASPE National, and **Curtis Ray**, Regional 3 Director, for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend the South Florida Chapter meeting in January and sharing advice and words of encouragement to the BOD.
- When is the last time you spoke with one of the South Florida Board of Directors? When you do, please thank them for what they do daily! In the words of Henry Salvador "This the hardest working board I have ever been on" and I can attest to this. To join ASPE is joining a family and to serve on the Board of Directors is an honor to work on behalf of the members of the chapter. Our fiduciary responsibilities are to help the chapter grow the membership which allows the chapter members to participate at more events, local and National.
- **Freddy Hernandez** with Marsh & Moore. I am pleased to announce that our Chapter BOD has appointed Freddy Hernandez as the Administrative Secretary. Freddy has accepted the position and is looking forward to serving our members.

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 BOD for additional information: *Corresponding Secretary, Chapter Website Administrator, Chapter Historian.*

February Technical Meeting

- Our next Meeting will be at Geronimo's Grill in Davie, FL on Thursday Feb. 9th at 6 pm. For more information please scroll down to Elvira's newsletter.

Annual Sponsorships

- Hot off the press and are rolling out in January; there are great benefits to becoming a chapter sponsor so contact Scott Smith scott@ssafla.com as he will be heading this up with the help of Josh Barnhart jbarnhart@carrcompany.com.

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50th Anniversary Party

Save the Date—Friday June 9th More details will be provided as they are confirmed.

Scott, Henry, Elvira, Kyle and I are working hard to make sure we all have a great experience as this should be an event that we can talk about for years. I hope you will be there to celebrate as well.

3rd Annual Sporting Clay Event

The 3rd annual Sporting Clay Shoot at Quail Ridge in Okeechobee, FL. Stay tuned for future updates as we secure the date, venue, and time.

ASPE Pipeline

If you missed the latest e-blast on the ASPE Pipeline here is the hyper-link, there is great information on here for: AHR Expo / ASPE Tech Symposium / March Workshops on Domestic Hot Water Design and Basic Fire Suppression / Membership Matters by Jason McDonald / and other Industry News.

Elections

The chapter will be holding an election in May which will allow any member that is in good standing the ability to run for a position on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in a position and would like information on the responsibilities, please feel free to reach out to any of the current board members with your questions.

The current positions that we will be voting on are as follows:

- President—David Erickson
- VP-Technical—Elvira Pita-Mejia
- VP-Legislative—Henry Salvador
- VP Membership—Scott Smith
- Treasurer—Feroz Bhamani & Kyle Stottlemeyer
- Administrative Secretary—Freddy Hernandez
- Corresponding Secretary ***OPEN***
- Chapter Affiliate Liaison—Josh Barnhart
- Chapter Education Chair—Kyle Stottlemeyer
- Chapter AYP Liaison—Al Salas
- Chapter Woman of ASPE Liaison—Elvira Pita-Mejia
- Chapter Newsletter Editor—Al Salas
- Chapter Fund Raising Chair—Scott Smith
- Chapter Historian ***OPEN***
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Personal Growth

Here are a couple of bullet points to investigate for your personal growth:

- GPD Certificate Program ASPE Member \$500 / Nonmember \$600
https://education.aspe.org/products/green-plumbing-design?zs=VxVXa&zl=e62p2#tab-product_tab_contents_74
- CPD Exam is April 10-21, 2023, Are you eligible? Check out the hyper-link below
<https://www.aspe.org/education-credentialing/eligibility-form/>
- CPDT: Discover the four primary objectives by checking out the hyper-link below
<https://www.aspe.org/education-credentialing/cpdt/>

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

Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress in every society, in every family

— Kofi Annan



Mr. Annan who was a 2001 Nobel Peace Prize Winner and secretary-general of the UN, offered these words of wisdom as the first lesson in leadership. We here at the ASPE South Florida Chapter strive to follow these lessons by providing informative technical sessions for our industry professionals. Last month was a perfect example of this. McWane Plumbing's **Phil Tyree** presented on "Value Engineering Considerations to a room filled with engineers, contractors, building officials and manufacturer's representatives. We would like to thank Phil and McWane plumbing for not only presenting but sponsoring our meeting.

February 09, 2023, ASPE South Florida Chapter – February 2023, Monthly Technical Meeting

This month we are happy to announce that **Mallory Epstein** of Centrotherm Eco Systems will be presenting on "Polypropylene vs PVC/CPVC for special gas venting". This presentation will cover the proper materials that should be used for venting high efficiency appliances, venting standards and where the loopholes are in the codes concerning venting material, UL1738 venting standard and alternate materials for venting appliances.

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

Registration is easy and is available on our ASPE South Florida chapter website:

[ASPE Miami Chapter - Meeting/Event Information](#)

Technical News

April 10-21, 2023, CPD Exam

Did you know The Certified in Plumbing Design (CPD) program is an international certification program for engineers and designers of plumbing systems. Completion of the CPD program and examination confers upon the successful candidate the designation Certified in Plumbing Design (CPD). The certification program provides the profession, the plumbing industry, and the general public with a single, comprehensive qualification of professional competence for engineers and designers of plumbing systems.

If you are interested in registering or finding out more, make sure to click on the link below:

[Certified in Plumbing Design \(CPD\) - ASPE](#)

“Stay in the know”

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All the best,
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Membership Corner

Scott Smith — Chapter VP-Membership



Happy 2023 Everyone!! Have you started the year off with fervor and resolve to achieve the goals you have set for yourself? Have you written them down and keep them in a place where they can be reviewed regularly? What do your goals look like? Are you going to expand your professional network outside of your office? Do you want to learn more product details to help you work more effectively and

 Professional Growth & Development

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 Industry Publications

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broaden your knowledge base? An ASPE South Florida membership will help you achieve both.

When you join ASPE, you become part of a worldwide family of engineering and design professionals and gain immediate access to their combined technical knowledge and industry support.

The ASPE Young Professionals (AYP) 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.

Visit www.ASPEMIAMI.com for more information.

All the best,
Scott Smith

On January 12, 2023 the
ASPE South Florida Chap-
ter held its 1st meeting of
the year.

Check out some of the high-
lights of the evening!



2022-2023 Chapter Meeting Dates

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION
Thursday, 09/08/2022	Siphonic Rainwater Systems Presenter: Ryan Moore—Mifab	Kraft Bistro Deli, 2701 East Oakland Park Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33306
Thursday, 10/13/2022	Smart Water Management for Improving Safety and Efficiency in Premise Plumbing Presenter: Edwin Gonzalez - George Fischer	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St. Miami, FL 33166
Thursday, 11/10/2022	Cast Iron Coatings for Aggressive Applications Presenter: Tom Sharp—Charlotte Pipe	Kraft Bistro Deli, 2701 East Oakland Park Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33306
Thursday 12/08/2022	Compressed Air System Design Presenter: Greg Ashe - Kaeser	Kraft Bistro Deli, 2701 East Oakland Park Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33306
Thursday, 01/12/ 2023	Cast Iron—Value Engineering Considerations Presenter: Phil Tyree—McWane Group	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St. Miami, FL 33166
Thursday, 02/09/2023	Polypropylene vs PVC/CPVC for Special Gas Venting Presenter: Mallory Epstein - Centrotherm	Geronimo's Grill 5810 S University Dr #121 Davie, FL 33328
Thursday, 03/09/2023	Medical Gas Design Considerations and NFPA 99 Code Changes Presenter: Stevie Billek - Powerex Medical	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St. Miami, FL 33166
Thursday, 04/13/2023	Wastewater Pumps, Control Panels and Systems Presenter: Cary Caldwell - Liberty Pumps	TBD
Thursday, 05/11/2023	Design and Sizing Considerations for Oil Separators, Solid Interceptors, and Acid Neutralization Tanks Presenter: Trent Sorensen - Striem	Famous Dave's 8210 NW 36th St. Miami, FL 33166
Friday, 06/09/2023	ASPE South Florida 50th Anniversary Party	TBD



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Legislative News

Enrique (Henry) Salvador—VP-Legislative



Hello and welcome back. We are putting together and preparing everything for a wonderful 50th anniversary dinner party. Everything is coming along, and the new Board is working very hard getting all the preparations together and deciding on a venue.

It has been reported and finalized that our New Florida Building Code has completed all of the supplemental reviews and should start printing copies in May.

The New 2023 8th Edition Code will go into effect on December 31st 2023.

Thank You
Henry Salvador



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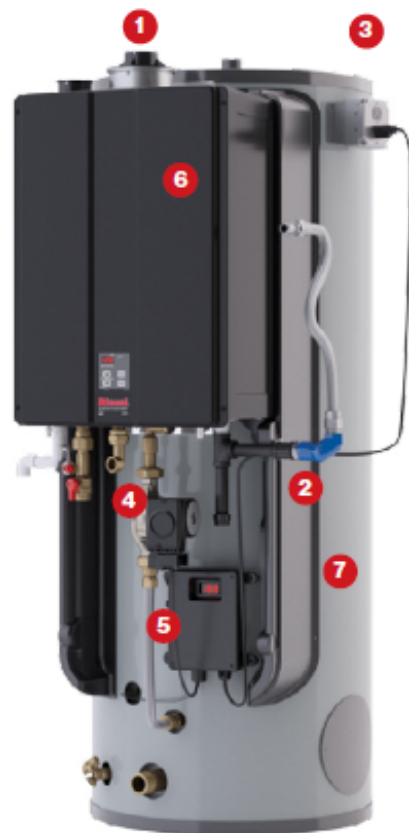
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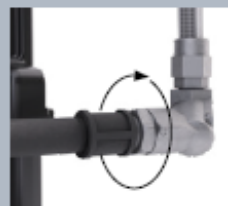
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Affiliate Report

Josh Barnhart—Affiliate Liaison



Last month we kicked off a great January meeting at Famous Dave's located Miami, FL. It was inspiring to see a mix of Engineers, Manufactures, Inspectors, and ASPE leadership all together to start 2023 year meeting. We truly appreciate seeing everyone attending, and participating in the chapter each month. SF Miami chapter is anticipating to increasing new members in 2023. In places throughout our building industry, to be the ASPE place for everyone to expand their partnerships.

Like to give a thank you on behalf of board, to both Spirit Group & Viega LLC, they have signed up as sponsors for 2023. We definitely, are looking forward to our current sponsors to renew membership, and open to new sponsors to join . This Chapter is loaded with professionals with energy, experience, and a place to add value to your professional career.

One last update everyone. It's February, make sure you plan early for that special someone in your life. I know, it maybe even one of your pets at home. Again, we appreciate everyone, please feel free to contact us with any questions regarding our sponsorships in 2023.

Thank you,
Josh Barnhart



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ASPE CONNECT BY THE NUMBERS



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3. Offer your advice and knowledge to other members

MOST POPULAR DISCUSSIONS

ASPE members are actively talking about:

- High-rise domestic hot water design
- Grease interceptor sizing
- Revit use for engineers
- Flow in sewer lines
- Medical gas sizing
- CPVC piping



HOW TO GET STARTED

- STEP 1 ➤ Go to connect.aspe.org
- STEP 2 ➤ Click the blue "Sign In" button
- STEP 3 ➤ Select "Confirm your email" and enter your email
- STEP 4 ➤ After receiving the email, set your password and log in to the community
- STEP 5 ➤ Fill out your profile
- STEP 6 ➤ Go to the Open Forum and start connecting!



Women of ASPE

Elvira Pita-Mejia — WOA Liaison

Want to hear firsthand from some of our existing WOA members? Check out the “Strong Women of ASPE” podcast at one of these streaming services

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**ASPE Announces
The Women of ASPE** The mission of the new Women of ASPE (WOA) special-interest group is to **engage, retain, and advance** women in the plumbing design industry through education, leadership development, and networking opportunities. It is open to women who have an active membership with the American Society of Plumbing Engineers. Some of the activities include:

- Mentoring programs
- Membership growth outreach efforts
- Fostering partnerships with industry-related associations
- Various educational offerings

To join the South Florida Chapter WOA, or for more information, contact
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Education Update

Kyle Stottlemeyer—Education Chairman



Happy February! We are just cruising along, hope everyone is healthy and busy. Lots coming up, we are finalizing our location for the upcoming 50th year anniversary of our South Florida ASPE chapter, more info to follow. Our chapter is growing, we have 93 members in our Chapter, This is amazing, please keep spreading the good word and inviting fellow colleagues and friends to our technical meetings. This month's meeting will be at Geronimo's Grill in Davie, Florida. As always this will be the second Thursday of the month February 9, 2023 from 6:00-8:00, we ask that you please reserve your spot as soon as you can by signing up on the web site <https://aspemiami.com/meetinginfo.php>. This month's topic is on Polypropylene vs PVC/CPVC for Special Gas Venting. Our presenter is **Mallory Epstein** of **Centrotherm Eco Systems**. Hope to see everyone there.

CPD test is fast approaching. There are practice test's and CPD review Webinars available. 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.

Thank you,

Kyle Stottlemeyer



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AYP Report

Alcides Salas — AYP Liaison



Very excited to start a new year as part of our ASPE South Florida chapter. As always, we strive to involve and attract young talent to our meetings and events as we believe this will add tremendous value to all our MEP professional in our local markets.

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.

If you want to know more about AYP please visit the link below or contact us at aypliaison@aspemiami.com

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Administrative Secretary Report

Alfredo Hernandez — Administrative Secretary



Alfredo “Freddy” Hernandez, Outside Sales in Southeast Florida for Marsh & Moore, Inc. began his career in the plumbing industry in 2014. I began my career working for a prominent wholesaler, and then went to the manufacturer’s rep side of the business in 2019. I truly enjoy sales and being challenged to help my customers grow their business. I have learned so much from this incredible industry and really look forward to serving in my new position as the Administrative Secretary for the South Florida ASPE Chapter. A local to Miami, I enjoy vacations with my family and spending weekends on the beach.

Thanks,

Alfredo “Freddy” Hernandez

Happy Birthday

William Cagle	Feb 1st
Joshua Barnhart	Feb 20th
Tom Langford	Feb 20th
Martin Karch	Feb 9th
David Dears	Feb 15th

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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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February 2023	
5 th , 6 th & 26 th 23 rd - 26 th	CPD Virtual Review Class MedGas Workshop – Irvine, CA
April 2023	
10 th – 21 st	CPD Exam
June 2023	
9 th 23 rd - 26 th	ASPE South Florida 50 th Anniversary Celebration ASPE Summit Meeting – Chicago, IL
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
October 2024	
18 th – 23 rd	ASPE Convention & Expo – Columbus, OH
September 2025	
TBD	ASPE Symposium – Orlando, FL



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- ◆ A complimentary full page insert in the South Florida Chapter newsletter – twice per 12-month period.
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- ◆ 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.

Silver Level – Contribution: \$1000 (\$1,200 value)

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- ◆ 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.

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