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TO: ASPE Chapter Presidents
RE: Plumbing Option for the Mechanical Engineering Principles and Practice
of Engineering Examination

Dear ASPE Chapter President,

As you know, the Society established the Professional Engineering Working Group (WG) some time ago. This group of dedicated volunteers has been collaboratively working to develop a Plumbing Option within the framework of the Mechanical Engineering Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination. This examination is developed by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and is administered by the various State Boards of Examination/Registration across the country.

Earlier this year, you received a letter from me explaining the goals of the Working Group, which described that initiative in part as follows: "...this is **ONLY** for the inclusion of a plumbing option consistent with the procedures and policies employed by the NCEES and State Boards. The WG is **NOT** pursuing the development of Plumbing Engineering as a stand-alone discipline (such as Civil, Electrical, Fire Protection, or Mechanical Engineering). It also is not attempting to create a separate designation of "Plumbing Engineer;" all candidates who successfully complete the necessary steps to licensure are considered Professional Engineers. While some states employ discipline-specific titles, most states do not employ this type of designation."

I'm writing today as a reminder that for this initiative to become a reality, it is necessary to gain the support of a minimum of 10 states and for those states to inform the NCEES of their support. The more states that will support the initiative, the greater our chances are for success.

We've already contacted all ASPE members who are Registered Engineers, soliciting their support and asking them to contact the respective Boards of all states in which they are licensed to practice in, and this effort has begun to bear fruit. The Ohio and Arizona State Boards of Registration for Engineers and Surveyors have indicated their acceptance of our proposal and have already informed the NCEES of their approval. As well, our licensed ASPE members have already contacted the Georgia and California State License Boards to notify them of our intentions. ASPE is making great progress, and our efforts will continue moving forward thanks to the help and support of our dedicated members. I cannot stress enough, though, the importance of meeting with these State Licensing Boards in person. These face-to-face meetings have been very beneficial and are essential in achieving our goals. I urge you and your members to schedule an appointment with your respective State Licensing Board and sit down in person to discuss our proposal.

Today, I'm really interested in one thing, and that is to know if you are on board with this initiative and are willing to help. How are your respective Chapter efforts going in assisting the overall Society goal to help our members achieve this extremely valuable goal? If you need any additional information in helping move this initiative forward, please let me know. Most of all, I would like to thank those of you who are already deeply involved in these efforts and to strongly encourage those of you who haven't begun the process to step up and assist your fellow members. The overall goal is to bring about more value to our membership and this industry.

This is a process that will not be completed overnight, but with the assistance and support of the Chapters and membership, we can make professional licensure for those in our profession more valuable. Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely yours,



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