



From the President's Pen

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ASPE—The 2019 Tech Symposium and Intellectual Property

Pittsburgh, here we come!! Forgive my excitement, but I love Symposium time. It is one of the most rewarding experiences of the ASPE life—the time when we get to see other leaders in the field and LEARN. When I was a young designer in this field, I found the ability to attend the ASPE Tech Symposium absolutely one of the best experiences to learn and improve my skill set. I always learned something that would help me do my job better. Back in the day, it was my vacation time; it was time away from work and family. I was lucky! Attending the Symposium was when I really found out we are one big family. Attending the Symposium was when I figured out this was an important step in my career. Those few days every other year were invaluable to my development; the Symposium was one of the most important items in my career. The value of some of the courses over the years has improved my work performance and my intellectual property value.

If I had to state the primary reason why you should go to the ASPE Tech Symposium as an engineer or designer, it is that one item: it is critical to be the best you can be in your position. To be capable of doing your job well is the cornerstone of your career. Two critical items in an engineer's work performance are the never-ending time management and the acuity with which you perform your job. If you can do your work well, reduce the time for design, and reduce errors, you have added another widget to your time management.

If you're an inspector, manufacturer representative, or ASPE Affiliate, to LEARN is a key reason for you to be in Pittsburgh. It is critical for you to understand how your specifying engineers make their decisions for designing and to understand the differences in design decisions. Just like an engineer or designer, your work performance will be improved. Your intellectual property value will be increased.

Another spectacular reason to attend the 2019 Tech Symposium is the great city of Pittsburgh. While planning this Symposium, I learned that the city of Pittsburgh and the location of our Symposium will be fun and friendly for after-hours entertainment. The Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown hotel is scenic and will be accommodating for easy travel. These statements do not do this area justice. Officially, Pittsburgh is a great city with huge history. You can find entertainment and a brilliant, scenic city to explore within walking distance of the hotel. You will be minutes away from Fort Pitt Museum, Fort Pitt Block House, and Market Square. Take some extra time and enjoy the downtown area. For more information or for specifics on downtown Pittsburgh, check out this link: downtownpittsburgh.com.

I hope you continue to build your skill set and learn your craft in Pittsburgh with all of us. As well, the 2019 ASPE Tech Symposium will give members time to meet with our committees and learn what they are doing. The expansion of our committees and the development of new/future materials for our members will be the focus of the discussions. Please check out the schedule and join a committee meeting. We are working hard, and we are an excited group.

The city of Pittsburgh will be a great host, and this will be a good event to easily get to classes and afternoon fun! Please, everyone, go to the ASPE website (aspe.org/2019Tech) to learn about the courses and our activities. This year's technical tracks are some of the most impressive we have ever had, with many industry leaders speaking, including both Dr. Janet Stout on the topic of Legionella and Mark Allen on the topic of medical gases. There are five tracks: Codes & Stan- *continued...*

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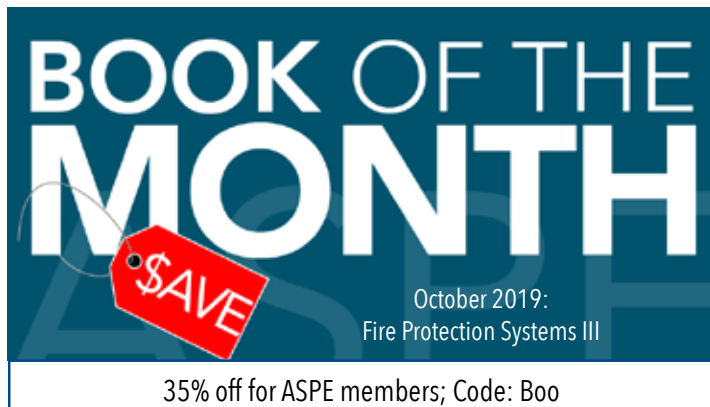
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Everyone's passion is amazing! Let's encourage each other in our growth. Everyone, let's go to the 2019 ASPE Tech Symposium in Pittsburgh. Let's continue to build our profession, and let's build our Society. This is your time! Grow your skill set. Grow your value for your employer. This is your ASPE family. Let's grow ASPE together.

The dates are October 24–27, 2019. The Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown hotel is scenic and located in a central, beautiful area. If you haven't registered yet, you can still do so on our website: aspe.org/2019Tech.

Please contact me any time as we grow this Society and our profession. Please contact me with your ideas and comments. You can reach me at aspepres@aspe.org.



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Check Out Our New Speakers Directory

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new Speakers Directory, where members and Chapter Officers can search and locate experts for monthly Chapter meetings. Expert speakers who want to be added to our directory can also do so. You can find it at connect.aspe.org/network/speakersearch.

Two ASPE Affiliate Sponsors Renew Their Commitment to the Industry

Navien, a leading manufacturer of tankless water heaters and combination space heaters, and Watts Water, a global manufacturer of a broad portfolio of plumbing, heating, and water quality products, have renewed their ASPE Affiliate Sponsorships.

AYP Presents a Leadership Development Series

Free for ASPE members, these on-demand webinars are catered to the young professional, but any engineer or designer at any stage in their career can benefit. Each webinar will increase the participant's knowledge and confidence in how to resolve conflict and seek opportunities within the situation. You can access the webinars and view them at your leisure at bit.ly/2kg9dbD.



From the Executive's Desk

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Let me begin by asking each of you a simple question: Do you enjoy water? Not the salty kind we see on our coastlines—I'm talking specifically about river water. More importantly, the "Three Rivers" kind of water. You may ask, what is "Three Rivers" kind of water? Well, I'll just suggest to each of you to make sure your plans are in place to join us this month in Pittsburgh, which is located at the confluence of the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers. That's the kind of water of which I'm speaking. With that being said, our Staff is finalizing everything related to ASPE's 2019 Tech Symposium, which is being held in Pittsburgh. Yes, the Tech Symposium will be right on top of us by the time you read this column, as the Symposium's dates are October 24–27. Come join us.

By the way, let me go ahead and make sure you've already registered. You have registered, correct? For those of you who are fortunate enough to take advantage of the opportunity to attend this year's ASPE Tech Symposium, I'm sure you will be able to enjoy and reap the many benefits of not just being in attendance, but also of being an ASPE member and enjoying networking with the other ASPE members who are participating and continuing to grow your knowledge base.

The overall benefits garnered by being and remaining an ASPE member, having the opportunity to attend and participate in ASPE's Tech Symposium as well as the Convention & Expo, are extremely important to you from the perspective of gaining further education via our technical sessions provided at our annual events. By your registering, attending, and choosing to be involved, exciting opportunities may come your way and assist you in your career. So, let me express a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who will be making your respective way from parts unknown to join us in the beautiful city of Pittsburgh. The opportunity to interact with your industry peers and to connect face-to-face with many of the industry's top plumbing engineering and design professionals, as well as to ask questions directly to technical education session presenters and manufacturing experts exhibiting at the Product Show, will be too hard to pass up. Our hope is that your experience in Pittsburgh will increase your interest in ASPE and bring about a new level of excitement in your professional work life to the degree that you feel compelled

to make the necessary and professional choices needed to become one of the Society's next bright leaders.

We would love to hear from those of you who are attending as to which of the technical education sessions from the 2019 Tech Symposium were the most beneficial to your knowledge growth. Let us know what made them so valuable to you. We realize that all of the technical education session tracks are important, but it's an individual thing relative to each attendee as to their importance. Our goal is to continue assisting our members, both current and future, via our offerings to have a distinct impact on our Society and the industry relating to ensuring that proper guidelines are in place to continue protecting the health and safety of the public. Hearing from our members helps us maintain the understanding that we are never too secure in our provisions to not listen to quality feedback and consider your requests. So, let us hear from you.

ASPE is so thankful to the many companies that continue to participate and support our annual events by exhibiting in our Expos and Product Shows. Pittsburgh will be no different as the show floor is sold out, and we are sure you will find all you need from the product displays and networking discussions among our industry affiliates. The beneficial time provided for our attendees and exhibitors to collaborate on new products and technical design and application needs is crucial to ASPE's continued growth and success. Speaking of being thankful, additionally to our exhibitors filling the show floor space, ASPE appreciates the fantastic support we continue to receive each and every year from our long list of great sponsors. With our four sponsorship categories that include Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze, we are thankful for your support of ASPE. Our annual events would not be the same without your participation.

As we take a quick look into our rear view mirrors and then change our focus toward the 2020 Convention & Expo, keep in mind that it will be held in New Orleans on September 11–16, 2020. As you can see, these dates are a little earlier than usual, so start planning now as we want everyone to enjoy the Big Easy.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you in Pittsburgh! Don't forget about that river water I mentioned earlier—yes, the "Three Rivers" water.