



## Chapter Newsletter | May, 2024



### **PRESIDENT**

#### **MELISSA BOWERS, P.E., CPD - ARCXIS**

May is here! Crazy that one-third of the year has already gone. Personally, things are booming. I am now signing and sealing plumbing plans for my company as a part of my new role (in Arizona), and just completed my record with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) to start getting my engineer registration reciprocity in several states. Very exciting to see my seal on drawings now, for projects in AZ, something I have been working for since I started in this field. Come September, this will be 20 years in the plumbing design field. 16 of those years with ASPE. I also got my Certified in Plumbing Design credential nine years ago around this time. Both have been instrumental in me becoming who I am professionally. A big thank you to ASPE and all of you for being such a great support system. I feel like we are one big giant family, and every meeting is a family reunion of sorts.

May 21<sup>st</sup> is our final chapter meeting of the 2023-2024 season. This will be on mixing valves, manual versus digital. I am sure this will be a great presentation. With all the codes requiring thermostatic valves on either the master building/zone level or the point of use level, this will be a "must attend" meeting. I know there will be discussions regarding ASSE standards as well. I know of at least one person who is a member elsewhere for ASPE that has told me he is coming to a meeting because he is in town for a site visit and remembered the Phoenix Chapter from the 2022 Convention in Indianapolis. I think we do a great job of promoting

when our chapter meetings are, and I hope everyone traveling throughout Arizona on the third Tuesday of the month will come out and join us. If you are an ASPE member and around when our chapter meetings are held, come on down and check us out!

Phoenix Chapter is a playing host to the rest of ASPE Region 4 (our ASPE Region for the West Coast of ASPE, including British Columbia) for the President's Meeting come June (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) at the Resort at the Peak (which is right across the street from Aunt Chilada's). There are sponsorship opportunities available to help our chapter be able to put on this meeting for the entire region. If you are interested in sponsoring that initiative, please reach out to either myself or Grady Lance for more details. We have a flyer regarding Region 4 meeting sponsorships as well (I will show a snippet of that attached to this article). We love our affiliates and cannot do what we do on a local chapter level or a society national level without our sponsors. I will forever be grateful to each one of our sponsors because none of this is possible without your support!

Our good friend (and a past president) Christoph Lohr is also helping to lead the Emerging Water Technology Symposium this month in Scottsdale, May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. ASPE Phoenix Chapter will be there soaking up all the information and supporting ASPE and EWTS as a Patron Sponsor. It is a fantastic opportunity that both me and Michael Rogers (our chapter Historian) will be attending. With all the trends in water, including scarcity and the technologies that are coming out lately for conservation, I am really looking forward to learning more about what can be used in buildings now and in the future. And hearing about what the future holds regarding our most precious natural resource.

During the summertime (June thru August), the chapter will not be meeting. However, your board of directors does continue to meet during the summertime that same third Tuesday of every month (in the evening) to plan and strategize for the coming season. This is where your voice comes into play. We would love to know what you want to hear about so we can fill next season's agenda with meetings, events, and seminars. Or if you know someone who is a presenter and wants to contribute, please reach out to Jim DeLong with those ideas. I believe we already have some of the slots for next season full already. We always want your voice to be heard.

Toward the end of the year, in October, we will be sending delegates to the ASPE Bi-Annual Convention and Exposition in Columbus, Ohio. The website for the Convention and Exp is already open and preliminary information is posted here: <https://expo.aspe.org/>. If you have never attended a Convention or Expo and you are a member, you are in for a treat! Be sure to wear some good walking shoes and prepare for a rollercoaster ride of fun and learning rolled into a few hectic but awesome days. Mark your calendars now.

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**HELP PHOENIX HOST THE ASPE  
 REGION 4 MEETING IN JUNE**

Calling all Region 4 Affiliates and Chapters!  
 The Phoenix Chapter is asking for your help getting sponsors to offset the cost for our event.

**Sponsorship Levels**

- Titanium Dinner Sponsor: \$2,000 (one available)
- >> For opening night dinner attendees and guests
- Platinum Event Sponsor: \$1,000 (three available)
- Gold Event Sponsor: \$500 (four available)
- Silver Event Sponsor: \$250 (two available)
- Bronze Event Sponsor: \$100 (two available)
- >> Cost of the meeting room/food/drinks



**Benefits**

- >> Banner in meeting rooms with company names
- >> Logo on Chapter website
- >> Logo on any promotional emails

**Contact**

Credit card: Grady Lance (Phoenix Chapter Treasurer), 480-599-4924  
 Check: American Society of Plumbing Engineers Phoenix Chapter, PO Box 56367, Phoenix, AZ 85079

**Together, we can make this meeting the best one yet for Region 4!**



**2024 REGION 4 MEETING  
 JUNE 7-8**

**VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL**



## JIM DELONG - PIR SALES

ASPE Phoenix, we have one meeting before we recess for the summer. Bask in the triple digits and pray to the air conditioning gods for strength and vitality. I am open to topics for the second half of the year. If you have an idea for a speaker, please email me at [jimd@pirsales.com](mailto:jimd@pirsales.com). I have started to book speakers already. Please briefly explain why this might be a good topic and give some direction on the speaker. The meetings are meant for the betterment of the group, so please let me know what you are thinking.

The May speaker will be Joe Walsh of Leonard Valve, and the topic is TMV vs DMV. This is an area that is changing with water demands, so have questions ready. I look forward to seeing a packed house for May.

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## VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE

### JESSICA WOZNIAK - MPSW

Greetings ASPE Friends and Family! As we look forward to our annual summer recess, I want to personally thank everyone who attended the meetings this year - we recognize the value of time, and truly appreciate the effort extended to join us for lunch once a month. Turnout has been impressive throughout the year, and I always look forward to the opportunity to chat with all of our wonderful members.

Another heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our fabulous board members - This year's Board is one to remember. Melissa's dedication to this Organization is unrivaled, and her commitment shines through. We couldn't do it without her!

Jim stepped up this year and took over as VPT - arguably the most time-intensive role within our Chapter - and did it with aplomb! He put together some great topics and made sure our reporting was up to snuff. Thanks Jim!

Holly simply makes us ALL look good. In addition to running Membership. She's consistently the first to volunteer, and always

does her job with grace and a smile. Love you, Girl!  
 Grady - thank you for keeping a laser eye on those numbers, and for making me laugh every month! Dana - your good attitude is inimitable and your dedication is superb!  
 David absolutely killed it once again with the Golf Tournament - record turnout, and so much fun!  
 Chelsae - cannot thank you enough for volunteering to step up at WOA Liaison! We are all so excited to have you on Board.  
 To Michael and Eric - you two took over the tedious task of running the website, and did it flawlessly... we all appreciate your efforts more than you'll ever know.

Last but certainly not least - to our two Past Presidents - Matt Klem and Christoph Lohr - thank you so much for your guidance, your professionalism, and for always making time to answer procedural questions or offer up a new perspective. None of us would be here without you.

Look for communication over the summer - we have some fun things planned. Looking forward to seeing everyone out and about, and to starting our lunch meetings once again in September.

Happy Summer!

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## **VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP**

### **HOLLY BRUNS - MAINLINE SALES**

Happy Spring to All! Arizona is in full bloom and allergies are in full effect. We are on our last month before summer break. ASPE Phoenix Chapter will continue to meet to discuss upcoming events and meeting topics.

Again, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact us. We would like to hear from you. Any speaker/topic connections are a HUGE help. We are looking forward to seeing you all!

For Membership, we are holding strong at 151 members. Would like to see what we can do to get everyone to a meeting. We know everyone is busy. If you are out and about speaking to co-workers and engineers, please bring them to the next meeting. We want to make sure everyone is getting full benefits of membership.

Don't forget the ASPE Convention this year in OHIO! Would love to hear from anyone who is going. Our Chapter will be there to represent, but if you are going, please connect with us.

Have a great May -

Holly Bruns-VP Membership, ASPE Phoenix Chapter

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## **NEXT CHAPTER MEETING**

**May 21, 2024**

Aunt Chilada's Restaurant  
7330 North Dreamy Draw Drive  
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**11:30 - Lunch and Social**

**Noon - Meeting Start**



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