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## PRESIDENT

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

March 2025 Newsletter Article: Chapter President

Top of the Mornin' to you! March is the month of St. Patrick's Day, and I am 1/8 Irish, so I embrace it. I think most of the world though is Irish at least for March 17<sup>th</sup> every year. I hope whatever fun you might have that day; you stay safe and well and make the right decisions.

Our meeting in February was very interesting, although we would have loved to have had more attendees. Antonio Salazar with Arkema spoke about corrosion piping and plenum considerations, harking back to the MGM Grand Fire of 1980 that changed the way we think about air circulation for HVAC as well as piping materials in fire rated spaces. It was a great refresher on the way ASTM does their testing to calculate smoke and flame spread ratings. We cannot afford to specify the wrong material in a plenum or other fire rated space and have another catastrophe occur.

This month has a lot of great events for our chapter. The golf tournament will be March 21<sup>st</sup> (that Friday) at Legacy Golf Resort, 7:30 shotgun start. Everyone on our Board of Directors participates in helping prepare for this tournament as well. This year, we have a neat treat in store for all golfers as far as a "swag" giveaway – a custom ASPE Phoenix Chapter club cover alongside our traditional goody bag! Please thank Mr. David Turner for all his help putting this together as our golf committee chairman. Please check out the flyer posted on our chapter website at [www.aspephx.com](http://www.aspephx.com) for more information. As of right now, I believe we have three more foursomes that are currently open. Mr. Grady Lance is currently taking sponsorship reservations currently. **Please reach out to him directly at [glance@swsraz.net](mailto:glance@swsraz.net) or 480-599-4924 for more information and to register and purchase your sponsorship/foursome.**

Check out our chapter website for more details (always): [www.aspephx.com](http://www.aspephx.com). Jim DeLong (our VP Technical) is looking at booking the first few months of meetings for the next season as well (September

through December 2025). If you are interested in presenting as a chapter member next season, you are more than welcome to do so. Reach out to Jim to set you up and get your specifics on talking with our group.

Just have our ASPE Phoenix Chapter General meeting come up as a recurring meeting on your work calendar to remind you all of our meetings. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month, September thru May at Aunt Chiladas. From 11:30-1pm and our board of directors meeting starts following this chapter meeting. If every member did this, we would have a much better turnout during our chapter meetings.

**I have spoken to all the board of directors' affiliate members that serve our chapter – all of them have agreed that they will sponsor a designer or engineer for the cost of a lunch meeting to get more people to our meetings. All it takes to get that opportunity to have that member pay for your lunch is to reach out to them prior to the meeting. Please reach out to any of those members – Jessica Wozniak, Dana Jones, Holly Bruns, Jim DeLong and Grady Lance via email (all those emails are on our website) if you are interested in attending a chapter meeting in 2025 and have the cost of a meeting be sponsored.**

Our meeting this month will be a great one. Mr. Jon Bird with Equipment Controls will speak to us all regarding gas regulators. That meeting will be at Aunt Chilada's on March 18<sup>th</sup>. I am always interested in learning more about these devices and the best way to show them and specify them on plans. I will be taking plenty of notes on this presentation for sure! We look forward to seeing many people there. It is a great chance to get out and learn something you will need to know as a designer, engineer or affiliate in this industry. I hope to see every seat taken at this meeting. Lately, Aunt Chiladas has been even giving us take-home containers. Not only do you have the opportunity to get this precious knowledge and get your fill of the best Mexican food in town (hello - flour tortilla chips) while attending the meeting, you can bring a box home with you. To me, that's more than worth more than the price of admission!

We have a slate of candidates who have voiced interest in helping our chapter out as Board of Directors members for the May 2025 - May 2027 terms.

**Candidate Slate:**

Elected Positions:

Jessica Wozniak - President.

Jim DeLong - VP Technical

Holly Bruns - VP Membership

Michael Rogers, CPD - VP Legislative

Eric Gagnon, CPD – Corresponding Secretary

Appointed Positions: (not subject to a vote)

Historian – Richard Grossman (new to the board, please thank him for stepping up with your interest)

AYP Liaison – Vacant (we are eyeing a few great members who are under 35 to ask their interest)

Women of ASPE Liaison – Chelsae Squires

Past President – Melissa Bowers, PE, CPD, GPD (that's me). I will also be serving as Sargeant at Arms while waiting for the Region 4 elections for Society in Oklahoma City in 2026.

When you see any of these people listed above at meetings, thank them for agreeing to help lead our Phoenix Chapter into the future. Everything we do as a chapter is on a volunteer basis. No one in ASPE (outside of the society staff in Illionis) gets paid to participate. We do it because we have a heart of service and know that you get much more out of ASPE than you put into it with your participation.

**Exciting CPD News:** The Baltimore and Washington DC chapters of ASPE are putting on a CPD review course for the exam taking place in April of this year. They will also have the sessions virtually held. I will

attach the flyer we were given at the very end of my newsletter article. Check that out for more information.  
Seems like a winning proposition to me!

Lastly, I want to thank you all as members and meeting and event attendees for your support of our chapter. The board of directors – you are all fantastic, I cannot overstate my love for each one of you. All of us serve this chapter on a volunteer basis. You truly get out of ASPE what you put into it. All chapter members and meeting attendees though - we cannot do what we do without every member, and you are all valued.

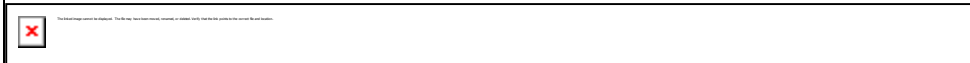
I look forward to seeing you in person soon.

CARPE DIEM and God Bless!

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**CPD Review Course Specifics:**



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**VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL**

**JIM DELONG - PIR SALES**

## Did you hear the crack of the bat?

Hello PHX ASPE Engineers, and welcome to the best time of year in Arizona—Spring Training, Spring Break, and manufacturer visits. As a manufacturer's rep, I see firsthand why so many factory reps choose to visit AZ this time of year. While these visits may feel like an interruption to your day, I encourage you to view them as valuable opportunities to expand your knowledge.

These factory representatives bring a wealth of product expertise and are here to share insights that can directly impact your work. More importantly, this is your chance to provide feedback—what works, what doesn't, and what improvements are needed. Your input helps shape better products for the industry. Time is valuable, but so is knowledge. So, open your calendars, engage with these experts, and make their visits worthwhile. Welcome them, ask questions, and ensure they deliver the information you need to succeed.

On March 18, we'll have John Bird from Equipment Controls presenting an **Intro to Gas Regulators**. This ASPE-certified class will cover:

- **Gas regulator construction and operation**
- **Relevant standards and codes (ANSI and CSA)**
- **Proper sizing and selection for different applications**
- **Over-Pressure Protection considerations**
- **Best practices for installation**
- **Troubleshooting field issues**

By the end of this session, attendees will have a solid understanding of key considerations when designing and specifying gas systems, along with the applicable standards.

Looking forward to seeing many of you there—only three meetings left before our summer break!

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## VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE

### JESSICA WOZNIAK - MPSW

Greetings ASPE Phoenix,

In October, 2023, the Department of Energy (DOE) published a final ruling updating the energy standards for commercial gas water heaters which will require commercial gas storage water heaters to meet or exceed 95% thermal efficiency, and tankless commercial and hot water supply boilers to meet or exceed 96% thermal efficiency. The DOE has not made any changes to the minimum energy conservation standards for commercial electric storage in this rule.

The enforcement date for compliance with the new DOE ruling is October 6, 2026 and is based on the date of manufacture. For engineers and designers, consideration should be given to these new standards immediately, as many equipment manufacturers have already begun planned obsolescence of older, lower efficiency units. For units in the field, this ruling presents challenges for replacements and typically means the existing vent stack must also be replaced, along with ensuring sufficient makeup air is available for higher efficiency condensing appliances.

The complete ruling can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/10/06/2023-20392/energy-conservation-program-energy-conservation-standards-for-commercial-water-heating-equipment>

Looking forward to our March chapter meeting, and very much looking forward to seeing everyone on the Links for our annual golf tournament on March 21!

**Jessica Wozniak**

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## VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP

### HOLLY BRUNS - MAINLINE SALES

Hello to our ASPE Phoenix Chapter- Looks like the warm weather is right around the corner here in Arizona for us. Spring Training is in full swing, and we are looking forward to our next meeting on the patio.

Please come out and join us as we host

John Bird:

Western Regional Manager for Equipment Controls Company

Intro to Gas Regulators:

This ASPE certified class provides an overview of most features and functions of gas regulators in commercial, industrial and residential applications.

- \*Introduction to gas regulator construction and operation
- \*Review of relevant standards and codes relevant to gas regulators (ANSI and CSA)
- \*Proper sizing and selection of regulators for specific needs
- \*Over-Pressure Protection considerations
- \*Installation best practices
- \*Troubleshooting field issues

Upon completion, attendees should be versed on general topics and considerations when designing and specifying gas systems including the relevant standards in play.

A Resource Guide will be electronically provided to all participants along with the appropriate CEU Credit Certificate

See you on Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> - and looking forward to seeing everyone out on the Golf Course

For our ASPE Phoenix Chapter Golf Event on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

We have two sponsorship left - contact one of us if you are interested. It is going to be a great tournament as always

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**From our Golf Committee Chair - David Turner**

The 2025 ASPE Phoenix Chapter Spring Golf Tournament is almost here! Friday March 21 is going to be a really fun day for all of us! We only have 2 sponsorships left, so it's time to jump on these so that we can sell out ASPE's largest fundraiser of the year. We have 2 Bronze sponsorships still available. For just \$1600.00, your sponsorship will include a foursome, sponsor recognition throughout, recognition as a contest hole sponsor, tee box sign, and lots of company visibility throughout the event. Let's sell this out, we can't do it without you! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the event!

**NG**

**March 18, 2024**

Aunt Chilada's Restaurant  
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**11:30 - Lunch and Social**

**Noon - Meeting Start**



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