



## Chapter Newsletter | January 2026



### **PRESIDENT**

### **JESSICA WOZNIAK - MPSW**

Happy New Year, ASPE Phoenix!

As we begin another year, I want to extend my gratitude to each of our members for their ongoing involvement and support of our chapter in 2025. The renewed engineering presence and engaging discussions at our monthly meetings has been nothing short of inspiring. Our shared commitment to our chosen profession makes us an extremely strong and vibrant chapter, and I couldn't be prouder!

Looking ahead, we are excited about 2026. The Board has been working diligently to bring an enhanced chapter experience, and we are committed to offering more networking opportunities beyond the familiar formats, as well as continuing to provide more in-depth and improved technical session experiences. Our goal is to provide a greater professional and social value to all our members, Full, Affiliate, Student, or otherwise.

I would also like to share an important update – due to rising facility costs, our chapter lunch meeting rate will increase to **\$35.00** beginning this month. We have worked hard to keep this increase as modest as possible while maintaining the quality you've come to expect from our meetings. Engineers will continue to attend lunch meetings free of charge, as part of our ongoing commitment to provide value to the core of our community.

We are hard at work planning the annual golf tournament, so mark your calendars for March 20<sup>th</sup> and be on the lookout for invites and sponsorship opportunities!

As always, your Board of Directors are here to ensure you receive value from your membership, so please do not hesitate to reach out with suggestions, critiques, or compliments. Thank you again for being a part of ASPE Phoenix. Your participation and enthusiasm are appreciated, and we look forward to another successful year!

Best wishes!  
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## **VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL**

### **JIM DELONG - PIR SALES**

As I reflect on 2025 and the year that was, we have much to be thankful for at the end of last year, beginning of 2026! The new lunch promotion was a hit. We enjoyed seeing some new faces and making some new business relationships. As a chapter we strive to provide stimulating topics, and you dazzle us with inquisitive questions. I want to thank everyone for a strong showing in 2025. Thank you to all the

people that have suggested speakers and topics. This is your organization, ASPE Phoenix Chapter, so come join in the learning and social activities. Besides the annual Golf Tournament, we are planning other events outside of the chapter meetings for everyone. Lets keep up with suggestions for 2026, as I am already looking forward to booking for the Fall.

Let us know if you have any questions or are looking for information on the New Water Calculator. City of Phoenix has adopted a new Water Usage Calculator and it is being updated. See the [www.watercalculator.org](http://www.watercalculator.org) for more information.

The 2026 CPD is coming up in April. ASPE has an entire webpage devoted to all matters regarding the Certified in Plumbing Design examination that can be referenced here: <https://aspe.org/education-credentialing/cpd/>. This page is your one-stop shop for all questions and answers for the CPD Examination, including the Eligibility Form, that every prospective candidate has to fill out to see if he can take the upcoming examination.



Happy New Year!

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## VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE

### MICHAEL ROGERS, CPD - HENDERSON

#### ENGINEERS

Here in the metro Phoenix area, additional jurisdictions will be adopting newer building codes and implementing programs. The 2024 UPC and 2024 IPC will be the codes governing design and construction in 2026. This is true for not only those in the Valley of the Sun but all over the state. This does affect both new construction and retrofit projects moving forward. For new builds, designers must integrate water-efficient fixtures, WaterSense products, There are also a few more jurisdictions adopting the use of right-sized piping using the Water Demand Calculator. The WDC reduces material costs and improves hot-water delivery. Retrofits face unique challenges: older systems often require reconfiguration to meet lower flow rates and insulation standards, especially in high-rise or multifamily properties. Upgrading to compliant fixtures and adding pipe insulation can improve energy efficiency and water conservation without a full system replacement. While initial retrofit costs may rise, the long-term savings in water and energy costs make compliance beneficial. These changes position Arizona for sustainable growth and align ourselves with statewide conservation goals. These new codes are also getting help in providing high efficient designs with Water Sustainability Programs. These new water use programs are being enacted at several of the Phoenix metro jurisdictions and are now reviewing drawings when submitting for a construction permit. These programs are setup to help owners and water purveyors, post construction, on water use and site water reduction for developed projects/sites. It is always a good idea whenever you start a new project to check the local codes and amendments. However, I suggest not only reaching out to your code official but use some time during the holidays to read up on the new 2024 codes as well as any the local amendments your AHJ has adopted.

Best regards!

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## **VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP**

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

The 2025 Year has come and gone - and again the turnout at our Chapter Meetings have continued to be incredible. As 2026 comes upon us we want to thank everyone for this past great year. Our growth has put us right back to where we were before COVID. As I said before, we want to thank everyone that has participated and has reached out to join our Chapter in 2025. We hope that growth continues in 2026, that is only possible if you all continue to come and tell your coworkers and fellow designers to join us. ASPE exists to serve the entire plumbing community, we are super glad that ASPE Phoenix is flourishing.

We so appreciate the continued support from our local Rep Agencies, with all of us out hitting the streets and building our program as well as our Chapter. The positive outcome is noticed. Let's Make 2026 just as amazing – starting right now in January.

We appreciate the continued Support from our local AZ Engineering firms – the knowledge and networking that happens at these meetings are for life, safety and welfare concerns, and hopefully assists in education and knowledge for projects.

If you don't follow us on LinkedIn- Please connect on Phoenix Chapter ASPE Page there as well. We post meeting dates and times with speaker information. It is another resource that ASPE Phoenix Chapter uses to reach out to you!

Happy New Year to You all,

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## Professional Engineering Prospective

Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had a relaxing and refreshing holiday season. As you are reading this, I am in the middle of my “mini sabbatical”. I always take two or even three weeks off at the end of the year, and I have for the last 6 or 7 years. This starts for me at 5pm December 23rd and goes till January 11<sup>th</sup> this year. My first day back this year is January 12, 2026. I don’t take much time off during the year, so I am eager for this recharge time and I start counting down the working days starting the first of December! I hope everyone at least took some extra time off as well in addition to the traditional federal holidays. We can all start 2026 fresh.

2026 is an even year, and ASPE always goes all out for even years with the Convention and Exposition. It is never too early to start thinking about attending. ASPE has created a website for this event: [expo.aspe.org](http://expo.aspe.org). On the website currently, there is information on signing up for updates, requesting booths and the open call for presentations. This year, the Convention/Exposition will be held in Oklahoma City. The dates for the 2026 Convention/Exposition are October 8<sup>th</sup> – October 14<sup>th</sup>. If you sign up for updates, ASPE will keep you posted electronically. I highly recommend doing so. I believe every member of ASPE should attend a Convention/Exposition at least once in a career. You will be amazed how much fun and education can be fit into 6 days. ASPE also has a whole section on the expo website regarding how to justify your attendance to your employer – including a template form letter that you can fill out as you ask permission to take the time off to your supervisor. There is even a template you can use upon your return to the office to help give your employer a debrief on your time spent out of the office. If you want more information on going to the Convention from people here in our chapter, feel free to reach out to our Board of Directors. Most of us have attended at least one convention, if not more. More information will still follow from all of us regarding the Convention as it becomes available as we get closer to that time.

Our great friend and former Past President of our chapter, Christoph Lohr, PE, CPD, LEEP AP, ASSE 12080 has been busy in his role as the IAPMO Vice President of Technical Services and Research with coming up with a variety of educational opportunities locally and

nationally. One of these has been teaming up with Arizona State University to develop a course in Building Water Quality and Management, which will offer a certificate for completion that will be helpful with helping CPDs and professional engineers obtain continuing education units. This will be coming your way in the summertime this year. The Building Water Quality and Management Certificate equips professionals who design, operate or manage plumbing and mechanical systems with the knowledge and skills to maintain safe, sustainable and high-quality water in buildings. Right now, this program is just getting off the ground. As soon as IAPMO kicks this off officially, we will be sure to keep you in the loop. Any questions – please reach out to Christoph directly at [Christoph.Lohr@iapmo.org](mailto:Christoph.Lohr@iapmo.org).

Remember that we are offering free lunch opportunities to designers and engineers in the plumbing design consulting field at our monthly chapter meetings. You can pre-register at [www.aspephx.com](http://www.aspephx.com). Some people are saying that they are having difficulty pre-registering. **You can pre-register without paying as one of the options during electronic registration online.** Keeping in mind that you will not have to pay at the meeting if you do design once you check in at the front and are involved in design. Any questions on this, please reach out to any board member and we can help.

Here's hoping 2026 is the best year ever for you and your family and friends. If there is ever anything that we as the leaders of ASPE Phoenix Chapter can do for you, please reach out. Your opinion matters to each of us, and we are stronger together as a result.

Be blessed, be safe and be well. CARPE DIEM.

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## **Building Water Quality and Management Certificate**

### **Safe water, smart buildings.**

*Equip yourself with the knowledge to protect water quality as building design, materials, and sustainability goals evolve.*

### **Instructors**

Treavor Boyer (ASU), Kerry Hamilton (ASU), Christoph Lohr (IAMPO)

### **Overview**

The **Building Water Quality and Management Certificate** equips professionals who design, operate, or manage plumbing and mechanical systems with the knowledge and skills to maintain safe, sustainable, and high-quality water in buildings. Participants learn how water chemistry, microbiology, and system design interact to influence corrosion, scaling, and microbial growth—and how building operations, materials, and energy systems affect these processes. The program bridges engineering, environmental science, and facility management to address emerging challenges in modern, efficient, and resilient buildings.

### **Who Should Enroll**

Mechanical and civil engineers, plumbing design professionals, construction and commissioning professionals, facility managers, environmental health specialists, and others responsible for water safety and performance in building systems.

### **Program Structure**

The certificate consists of four courses that span fundamental principles to real-world applications:

1. Water Chemistry for Corrosion and Disinfection Control
2. Microbiology of Building Water Systems
3. Building Water Systems: Design and Construction
4. Building Water Systems: Integration and Management

### **For More Information**

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## **NEXT CHAPTER MEETING**

**January 20th, 2026**

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

**Noon - Meeting Start**



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