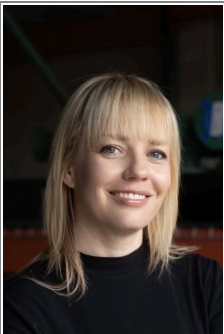




## Chapter Newsletter | April 2026



### **PRESIDENT**

### **JESSICA WOZNIAK - MPSW**

Happy Spring, ASPE Phoenix!

Last month we hosted another successful golf tournament at the Legacy Golf Club. I'd like to extend a massive "thank you" to Grady Lance, Jim DeLong, Holly Bruns and everyone on the Board who helped contribute to another flawless day on the links! Running these events in conjunction with one's day-to-day responsibilities is no easy feat, and, too frequently, comes with more complaints than kudos. It's a great reminder to ensure we're vocal with our praise and contributing to positive discourse whenever possible! So, without further ado....**THANK YOU, GRADY**, for spearheading this effort! The annual golf tournament serves as our primary fundraiser, and proceeds are used to further Chapter outreach efforts and support

Society meetings. We are so grateful for all of those who sponsored the event. Your contributions are very much appreciated!

Photos are available on our website at <https://aspephx.com/gallery.php?id=4>

A quick update from our friends at IAPMO, it looks as though the City of Goodyear is set to adopt the Water Demand Calculator for residential and multi-family projects! This is a big win in IAPMO and ASPE's continuing efforts to impact positive, real-world change. For our friends involved in plumbing design / engineering, we could always use more voices. Please let me know if you're willing to offer up your support for future AHJ outreach efforts.

Visit <https://iapmo.org/we-stand/water-demand-calculator> for more information about this revolutionary tool.

This month on April 21, we'll welcome Benjamin Irwin from Watts Water, who serves as the Technical Sales Director for Commercial Products across the Water Quality group at Watts. Benjamin holds an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla, and a Master's in Business Administration from Valparaiso University School of Business. Benjamin is a true expert in all things Water Quality, and will provide a deep-dive into why failures occur, and will provide a holistic overview of the methods which can be done to fight them – covering ion methodologies from exchange water softening, template assisted crystallization, anti-scale chemicals, to magnetic scale reducers, reverse osmosis and more. During last summer's planning meetings, we discussed as a Board the importance to engage speakers and present technical topics which feel like more than just a lunch and learn, to ensure our attendees are receiving true educational and topical content. Ben is the perfect speaker for this task! If you are an engineer / Full Member taking advantage of our free lunch program, please remember to pre-register prior to Monday, April 20 so we can finalize meals with Aunt Chilada's.

As a reminder, our chapter breaks for the summer months, June, July, and August. In June, Jim and I are excited to attend the annual ASPE President's Meeting in early June, hosted this year by the San Diego Chapter. This event offers an opportunity for regional chapters to connect, swap successes (and failures), and receive society updates from our Regional Director. We will bring this productivity back to our local chapter summer planning sessions, where the

Board meets to discuss the upcoming calendar year. Moving into 2027 and beyond, we'll have a few spots to fill on the Board, and we could use some support – if you're interested in becoming more involved with our Chapter, PLEASE let me know. I would be happy to sit down and discuss what volunteering looks like from a time-commitment standpoint, and how ASPE has helped to further my career and professional development.

Stay cool – figuratively and literally, 😊

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## VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL

### JIM DELONG - PIR SALES

Happy April Fools Day!

No joking here in this newsletter however (I promise). I hope everyone had the best time ever at our annual Golf Tournament on March 20<sup>th</sup> at Legacy Golf Resort. I really wanted to say THANK YOU all for attending and participating in golf, camaraderie and a really great time. Yes, I know I won Men's Longest Drive! That is why I held Mel announce that one to the group. Sorry about the weather conditions, it is one of the few things we here at ASPE Phoenix cannot control. Who would have thought we would hit 107 degrees that day! Record breaking temperatures!

We had an awesome turnout, and we will try very hard to coordinate better with ASHRAE and their tournament. We usually book for next year with Legacy during this month (believe it or not). As soon as we do, we will let ASHRAE know so that we can try not to have tournaments at the same time. Eric always does a fantastic job as photographer for our chapter, check these ones out here:

<https://aspephx.com/gallery.php?id=4>.

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, Benjamin Irwin with Watts Water will be speaking to us regarding Water Quality of Hot Water Systems and Treatment



Solutions. Watts as an affiliate has done a great job at providing learning opportunities for our chapter and our society! We are most fortunate to have him as a speaker for our chapter.

We have a lot of awesome events to look forward to for the rest of this season and beyond. I will be attending the Region 4 Meeting with Jessica in San Diego on behalf of ASPE Phoenix. It will be my first time attending an ASPE Region meeting. I am looking forward to attending and hearing from other chapters in Region 4. We will gain some more insights to make ASPE Phoenix stronger and better! Our board of directors will be meeting over the summer to plan and strategize for next season over the summertime. As such, we want to hear from you to make sure your ideas for speakers are implemented.

Please also remember to put a checkmark next to your name on our roster when you sign the roster, so that we know you need your CEU for the meeting. If you ever forget, reach out to us after the meeting to make sure you are on that list.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 21<sup>st</sup>!

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## **VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE**

### **MICHAEL ROGERS, CPD - HENDERSON**

### **ENGINEERS**

As I gain years of experience within our field of plumbing engineering, I find myself more and more in a role where I am mentoring others. Mentoring young engineers and designers is essential for strengthening the future of the profession. This means to me, the task has some immediate objectives but ultimately the goal is measured beyond a construction schedule. I believe mentorship includes providing guidance in technical skills, industry



standards, and practical problem-solving. This will not only empower them with the wording of the codes and develop a sharp technical prowess but it helps develop confidence and good professional judgment. Then by sharing past real-world experiences or bringing them on a site visit, you can accelerate a young engineer's growth and their understanding of sound engineering practices. Mentoring will also foster collaborations, increase communication skills, and ethical awareness. These qualities will assist them throughout their careers just as much as any technical skillset.

Best regards!


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## **VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP**

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

A portrait of Holly Bruns, a woman with long reddish-brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a blue polo shirt with the ASPE Phoenix logo on the left chest. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a wooden fence.

Arizona skipped Spring and went right into the Summer heat. Of course this happens the day of the golf tournament. 107 degrees record heat.

We want to thank Mr. Mike Olson from Pearson Engineering for speaking last month. So appreciative of you sharing your knowledge and information to our chapter.

March of course was our ASPE Annual golf outing- Record March Heat hit us that week but we all made it through the day. So many thanks to all of our sponsors that made this year as great as ever. Wholesalers, Contractors, Engineering firms, and Representatives.

For the first time in a long time, I did not golf, but was at Hole 4 as a sponsor. Definitely a different perspective on the day. It was great meeting and seeing everyone that came out. Chatting, catching up and thanking everyone that participated as well as showing a few new products that we have to offer.

And a big thank you to all of our board members. Without all of you and the teamwork we have these meetings, and events would not be as successful.

We could not do it without all of you. So thank you to my ASPE Phoenix Chapter Family.

We make this chapter strong and engaging each year.

If you don't follow us on LinkedIn- Please connect on Phoenix ASPE Page. We post meeting dates and times with speaker information and big news.

We are also moving forward with covering lunches for designers and engineers. We are hoping this is going to help contribute to our membership numbers.

Thank you all again for a great March.

Holly Brunns

VP Membership

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### **Professional Engineering Prospective**

It is April Fools Day. I am an April baby myself, as my birthday is April 3<sup>rd</sup>. How time flies! When I joined ASPE, it was in March of 2008. Fast forward 18 years and so much has happened. I truly believe ASPE was the best decision I have ever made for my career. It is in the top three of my entire life overall. Three big events are on that list:

- 1) My wedding day. Many of you know I am married to a registered architect who has also helped me reach for the stars with my career and getting registered as a professional engineer and becoming certified in plumbing design and also gaining a Green Plumbing Design certification.
- 2) Joining ASPE and becoming involved in the chapter level after Brian Lerkins invited me to the Phoenix Chapter Golf Tournament in 2008 is the second-best choice I ever made.



3) The third is my choice to go to the University of Portland ([www.up.edu](http://www.up.edu)), Notre Dame's sister school in Oregon.

ASPE has truly become a second family to me, and I am truly blessed for that. I hope my passion for ASPE is evident. If you are ever on the fence about joining ASPE or participating in a volunteer position for our chapter, please get with me. I would love the chance to talk with you and explore how ASPE can do the same thing for you. At this point in my career and helping ASPE, I get more joy in seeing junior level people find the same love for the profession and for ASPE as I have.

This is the year of the Oklahoma City ASPE Convention and Exposition from October 8<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. ASPE has created a website for this event: [expo.aspe.org](http://expo.aspe.org). This will be my 5<sup>th</sup> Convention (2012, 2016, 2022, 2024, and then 2026) hopefully my 4<sup>th</sup> as a delegate. I will be there regardless. You can attend the business meetings as a spectator even if you are not attending as a delegate. The exposition starts the Monday after the business meetings and the Monday night manufacturer rep parties are something to see. I think every member should attend at least one Convention/Exposition in a career. Any questions about attending? Please reach out to any board member. We would love to see as many Phoenix Chapter members join us in Oklahoma come October. I am also going to run for Region 4 director this year. Stay tuned for more news on that right here in future newsletters.

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). **You can pre-register without paying as one of the options during electronic registration online.**

We have 2 more meetings this season before summer break, and we hope to see you there. The first one coming up on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Our final meeting of the season will be May 19<sup>th</sup>. And then the board of directors will be meeting over the summertime to plan for the 2026-2027 season. We want to hear from you!

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

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## **NEXT CHAPTER MEETIING**

**April 21st, 2026**

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