

## PRESIDENT

### JESSICA WOZNIAK - MPSW

Greeting ASPE Phoenix Chapter Members!

It's hard to believe we're already closing the books on another season. As we head into summer, I'd like to take a moment to ask for your sincere feedback on our year's progress. Personally, I'm a strong advocate for interactive formats, and I believe our best sessions were those built around roundtable discussion. The open exchange that format encourages leads to genuine participation and deeper learning. I'd love to hear whether you agree, or whether you saw things differently.

I also want to extend my deepest gratitude to our Board. Volunteerism at any level is admirable, and the time, energy, and resources our board members invest to ensure successful events deserve to be recognized and never taken for granted.

I'm proud to report a truly successful year. With the generous support of our Affiliate sponsors through the Golf Tournament and Monthly Tabletops, we success fully launched complimentary lunches for our engineering members - an initiative which brought record attendance and an increasingly diverse group to our lunch meetings. This is a program I'm committed to continuing in the year ahead.

I'm thrilled to announce two new appointments to our board:

Juliana Leal, of Kennelly Engineering, who will serve as AYP Liaison and

Jimmy Phillips, of PAC West Sales, who will serve as Affiliate Liaison & Historian

We extend sincere thanks to Richard Grossman, who is stepping down after his service as Affiliate Liaison and Historian. A diverse and evolving board is essential to our chapter's future, and with an election year on the horizon and our bi-annual ASPE Delegate Meeting and Expo coming this October in Oklahoma City, the timing couldn't be better. Please join me in welcoming Juliana and Jimmy, thanking them for their service, and thanking their employers for recognizing the value in our organization. I can't wait to see the energy they bring!

Finally, I'd like to congratulate our very own Melissa Bowers as she embarks on her journey in running for the Region IV Director position at the Society level. Melissa's commitment to this chapter and to society are unrivaled, and her decision represents a natural progression in her dedication to ASPE. I can't wait to support her in Oklahoma City, and I hope you'll take a moment to wish her well.

Wishing everyone an exciting and restful summer. See you back in September!

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## VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL

### JIM DELONG - PIR SALES

Spring is Coming to An End!

As I write this, we have 1 meeting remaining before the summer break. I am starting to fill in speakers starting in September. I encourage members to suggest ideas for presentations. This is your group, so let me hear your ideas. We did see a drop in attendance in April, so we are hoping for a strong finish on the 19<sup>th</sup>. This is your last chance to meet with our group prior to our summer hiatus.

May 19 is our last meeting of the season, and we will have the pleasure of Mr. Christoph Lohr. Topic will be [IAPMO Water Demand Calculator: An Arizona Update and look to the Future](#). He will be discussing cities that have adopted the new water calculator and some of the recent Water Restrictions by cities. Should be some good banter, so don't miss it.

Jessica and I will be attending the Region 4 meetings June 5-7. Should be great to speak with other chapters on what is working for them. I will be asking what topics are working and maybe shake it up a bit in the fall. This will be my first Presidents Meetings, so I am excited to learn from other seasoned ASPE Members. ASPE Oklahoma registration is open. Several Board Members will be attending, but if you are interested in attending, reach out to a board member.

Summer is coming, so crank up the A/C and we will see you in September.

As always CEU's are on your ASPE account under Transcripts. Please remember to check the box if you are a member, and also if you want a CEU credit. Get with me if for some reason your CEUs are not being processed shortly after the meeting concludes.

See you on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

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## VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE

**MICHAEL ROGERS, CPD - HENDERSON**

**ENGINEERS**


As we head into the summer word has come down that the US government will hold off on enforcing the new thermal efficiency regulations on domestic water heaters for a year. They were intended to be in effect in October however now that will be October 2027. This will give manufacturers time to continue to continue developing higher efficiency models. However the majority of us are already specifying and utilizing high efficiency water heaters and boilers in our designs. The benefits of a high efficiency condensing water heaters are plenty but begins with the basic fact the equipment will use less energy to make hot water. This will mean our clients/owners will be operating the building at a cheaper monthly cost. These units also tend to provide a quieter operation with a more consistent temperature delivery. Another benefit to the use of a high efficiency water heater is that depending on the make and model it may qualify for a rebate from a government agency or a local utility company. The last benefit we will discuss today is the overall environmental impact the use of a high efficiency water heater provides. This benefit goes beyond our clients and the occupants of our buildings. The fewer the carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>2</sub>) that we discharge into the environment the better the air quality will be in that area including to help reduce smog. There are plenty of reasons to be selecting a high efficiency water heater that goes beyond meeting a code minimum. The standard atmospheric water heater will still be available this winter but so will be a lot of other choices that will provide more overall benefits to your owner and the area around your project.

See you on the 19th!

Michael Rogers, CPD - Henderson Engineers

## VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP

### HOLLY BRUNS - MAINLINE SALES



May is here and so far the weather has been fantastic. We are in our last month before summer break. The ASPE PHOENIX CHAPTER BOARD will continue to meet during the next 3 months after May to plan the rest of the year when we gather again for our Monthly Lunch meetings in September. Planning sessions take place and discussions about future topics and events are the norm for our summertime.

If anyone has topics that you would like to hear and learn about – please contact one of us for discussion and if you have any connections to assist in setting up the topic. We would love and appreciate your input and assistance.

ASPE Phoenix chapter membership has been great - we appreciate everyone that is an active member. We are pushing to get all designers and engineers that show up for our free lunch to become an ASPE member. With all that extra money we are saving you per season (over \$300) , you have the funds to do so, and it would mean so much for our chapter and our ability to do events for you.

We know everyone is busy, but we really need to show up for the monthly lunch sessions. We make a lot of effort to get speakers in and topics that peak interest for all attendees. Remember lunch is free for Engineers and Designers. Make this a recurring meeting in your personal office calendar from September thru May, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 11:30 to 1pm. If everyone did this, we would have that back patio full every month, that is the goal.

If everyone could try to make it to the last meeting and bring a co-worker, we would greatly appreciate it. Our great chapter member and former president of ASPE Phoenix Chapter, Christoph will be speaking. You don't want to miss this one and miss out until September!

We hope to see you there! Bring a friend from your office as well, and pre-register. We need to fill that back patio location, we have done it before and aim to do it again.

Please feel free to reach out to anyone on the board with any suggestions/comments/concerns. Please forward this newsletter around your company when you get it. And be sure to check us out on LinkedIn as well.

Thank you all! .

Holly Bruns

VP Membership

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### **Professional Engineering Prospective**

Today is May 1<sup>st</sup>, and therefore our final ASPE season meeting is right around the corner. Our May meeting is our final chance to meet before the hot summer months where we go dark. Our great friend, and a former Chapter President, Christoph Lohr, PE, CPD, GPD, LEED AP, ASSE 12080, will be speaking to our chapter. Christoph has been with IAPMO as a Vice President for a few years now, and his work regarding the Water Demand Calculator and as well as being our national advocate for plumbing code work and plumbing technological innovations has been remarkable. We are fortunate that he has decided to stay in his hometown for May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to present to his home chapter for our final meeting of the season. You are all in for a treat.

During the summer, the Phoenix Chapter ASPE Board of Directors will still be hard at work helping plan for the 2026-2027 season, which will begin in September. Jim (our VP Technical) is already starting to book speakers for our chapter meetings. If you have ideas or suggestions, please reach out to Jim directly during the summer and we can get those speakers set up for next season. We will also be planning our golf tournaments and other events during this time. We really want to hear from you about what you wish to see. We have seen a drop off in attendance even with free lunch opportunities in April, and we want to make sure all the topics offered are intriguing in nature to entice all members to attend.

The Oklahoma City ASPE Convention and Exposition will be 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). Registration and hotel booking is open now officially for the convention (As of End of April 2026). The exposition starts the Monday after the business meetings. I think every member should attend at least one Convention/Exposition in a career, it is a treat to attend, and you make so many connections and acquaintances in a short time frame. 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.

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 still would love all attendees to pre-register to help us give Aunt Chiladas the most accurate head count for food preparation. Please remember to thank all the kind people from Aunt Chiladas, like our banquet manager Steve, for all their work on our behalf. We have been attending meetings there for over 20 years and they still go above and beyond and work with us on pricing and food options. I have been to a few other chapter meetings across the country, and I still think we have the best food in the region, if not the nation, compared to other chapters. That is only possible because of what Aunt Chilada's offers our chapter in terms of food and ambiance.

See you May 19<sup>th</sup>!

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

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**NEXT CHAPTER MEETING**

**May 19th, 2026**

Aunt Chilada's Restaurant  
7330 North Dreamy Draw Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85020

**11:30 - Lunch and Social**

**Noon - Meeting Start**