



PRESIDENT

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Greetings ASPE Phoenix!

Ding, Ding, Ding!! It's time to get the 2026–2027 ASPE Phoenix program year underway, and we have a lot to look forward to this season.

We're kicking off the year on September 15 with an ASPE Title Match! Featuring representatives from across the construction and design process, we'll pit an Engineer, Plumbing Contractor, and BIM Coordinator against one another to discuss coordination, constructability, communication breakdowns, and all the little things which can cause disagreements and heartburn on a project. Consider it a title fight – hopefully, with no actual punches, and lunch

instead of a pay-per-view fee! It should be a fun and candid way to kick off the year, and I hope you'll join us.

I'm also excited to announce that a special technical session / tabletop has officially been scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2027, at the City of Phoenix Water Services Department. This program is being developed as something more substantial than our typical monthly meeting and will include technical education focused on water meter sizing, flow-rate analysis and right-sizing, a facility tour, and an opportunity to connect directly with industry partners in a tabletop product setting, with tables available for purchase soon. We haven't had an in-depth chapter seminar since 2023 so this is long overdue!

ASPE Phoenix will continue to offer complimentary attendance at our regular Chapter meetings for our engineering design members. It is our belief that we are a successful chapter when we focus on attracting and educating our Engineering partners through quality technical sessions. Offering a free lunch for our design partners is one way to demonstrate this belief and is possible only because of the TREMENDOUS financial support we receive from our Affiliate members, advertisers, sponsors, and manufacturer partners. Their support allows us to keep technical education accessible to the engineering community while continuing to host high-quality programs and events.

So, to our engineering friends, I have a request: pay attention to the companies supporting your Chapter. Notice who's exhibiting and attending our events. Support the Affiliate members who consistently show up and invest in ASPE. They're helping support the education and professional development of our local plumbing engineering community, and this year, we're going to return the favor. We're planning an Affiliate Appreciation Meeting where we'll flip the script and offer complimentary attendance to our Affiliate partners as a small thank-you for everything they do for ASPE Phoenix throughout the year. More information on that event will be coming soon.

Our monthly meeting raffle giveaways will continue this year, but we're adding something new. Beginning September and continuing through December, we'll be selling tickets for an ASPE Phoenix Grand Raffle, with a pretty outstanding prize lineup:

- Lower-bowl tickets to the Arizona Cardinals vs. Las Vegas Raiders in Glendale in January, 2027

- A \$1,000 Marriott Bonvoy gift card good toward a stay at any Marriott property
- A complimentary foursome in our March 2027 ASPE Phoenix Golf Tournament

All proceeds from this Grand Raffle will support the powerful programs of The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul of Phoenix(stvincentdepaul.net). We'll draw the winners in December. Keep an eye on upcoming Chapter communications for official ticket pricing and purchasing details, and yes – one can still win the regular monthly raffle while waiting for their shot at the big one!

Next month, ASPE members from across the country will gather in Oklahoma City for the 2026 ASPE Convention & Expo. This year is particularly exciting for our Chapter because our own Melissa Bowers, PE, CPD, GPD is running for Region 4 Director at the Society Board of Directors level. Melissa has been a tremendous representative of ASPE Phoenix for 18-1/2 years and I hope you'll join me in supporting her candidacy. Seeing one of our own step up to serve ASPE nationally is something our Chapter should be proud of, and hopefully it will inspire other Phoenix Chapter members to do the same.

Our annual ASPE Phoenix Golf Tournament returns in March 2027 (at a new location). Planning is already underway, and we'll be sharing registration and sponsorship opportunities in the months ahead. As always, this is one of our largest events of the year and an important source of support for the Chapter.

Between our monthly technical programs, February's City of Phoenix event, Affiliate Appreciation, the Grand Raffle, Convention, and the Golf Tournament, we have an ambitious year ahead. Thank you to our Board, volunteers, engineering design members, and especially our Affiliate partners for continuing to make this Chapter successful.

See you September 15!

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VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL

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WELCOME BACK ASPE PHX CHAPTER CREW!!!!

I hope everyone has been enjoying the heat and the dust storms. PHX Chapter membership is resilient and will move forward regardless of what Mother Nature throws at us.

Our September meeting topic is a great way to start the new season. We'll begin with a discussion featuring Matt Klemm of Energy System Design and Chuck Hink of Pueblo Mechanical. They will address coordination and communication between engineers and mechanical contractors—issues engineers face every day. We expect a large audience and many questions from attendees.

ASPE National Convention and Expo is October 8-14. Phoenix will have a strong contingency in attendance to review legislative discussions and vote for ASPE National and Regional positions. Committee groups with members from different parts of the states will be also meeting, and it is great to learn what is working for them nationally. I am excited to attend the 2-day Product Expo as well. It is well worth the trip to Oklahoma City for a great event. The board has helped to assemble a great list of speakers for this season. I expect to see a lot of faces in the crowd. Please embrace your chapter with questions and attendance. Any suggestions on topics will be grateful. Speak up and get out of the office - it is a win/win for you and your company, and for our chapter!

Aunt Chilida's is Waiting for You.
See you there September 15.

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The US government will hold off on enforcing the new thermal efficiency regulations on domestic water heaters for a year - October 2027. This will give manufacturers time to continue to continue developing higher efficiency models. 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 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 (CO2) and nitrogen oxides (NO2) that we discharge into the environment the better the air quality will be in that area including to help reduce air pollution. 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 15th! Looking forward to seeing everyone then, we have missed you all.

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VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP

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Welcome Back ASPE PHOENIX CHAPTER Family -

I hope everyone had a great and safe summer with our extended heat. Hopefully by the end of this month, the temperatures will be coming down. Every year, we wait eagerly for those high temps to be less than triple digits!

Very excited on our Chapter membership Stats with Society. Your board of Directors have been working building our chapter back up on members, since before COVID started. We are excited to let everyone know that we are above 160 members. We have lots of retired members that we miss immensely but new and upcoming engineers are starting to engage and take part in our chapter activities. It is great to see a passing of the torch. Also, many of our retired and lifetime members know this, but you are always welcome to attend a meeting with us no matter your work status.

As a reminder, we would still love to hear from you and what topics may interest you or your firm. We continued to meet over the summer months laying out the rest of the years meetings and planning for our Annual Golf Tournament in March and a Special Water Seminar in February.

This October is the ASPE Convention and Conference located in Oklahoma City, from the 8-14th of October (expo.aspe.org). If you are attending please note that there are many events that are sponsored by companies, usually on Monday night but also other times. Keep in contact with the Phoenix Chapter delegates if you are going to Oklahoma City, often they will be the first to know about special events in the works. We will also do our part with notifying our members on LinkedIn when we can about those events during the Expo.

Looking forward to seeing our September format on stage – please join us for the "Championship Bout - Design versus Construction" on September 15th. This is one you will not want to miss!

Thank you all! .

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	Professional Engineering Prospective Melissa G Bowers, PE, CPD, GPD - Immediate Chapter Past President and WOA Liaison September is probably my favorite month of the year (other than Christmas) – Why? It is the start of the local chapter ASPE season. It is like having a mini-family reunion come the 3rd Tuesday of every month from September through May. I see all my ASPE friends more than I see my family now and I consider you all as much family as my own flesh and blood. Your local board of directors has been working strong all summer on planning this season. We have a lot of great speakers booked already and since the panels were such a success last season, we are bringing them back. Starting on September 15th, we are kicking off this season strongly with our “Design Versus Construction Title Match”. A former past president of our chapter, Matt Klem, CPD will be taking on Chuck Hink from Pueblo Mechanical regarding plumbing systems design, coordination, constructability, and what happens in the real world when design comes to life. It should be an awesome kick off to a great season. We also have most of our speakers booked but still have some openings. If you would like to present and speak to our group, please contact Mr. Jim DeLong and he can get you booked. Like last year, we will also be having a joint meeting with the ASHRAE Central AZ Chapter in November. More information will be available soon for all the upcoming events as they happen. We will also be having our annual golf tournament (in a new location) in March of 2027. And we also have an exciting event coming your way February 11th regarding a tour of the City of Phoenix water treatment plant and an entire seminar regarding water to follow. This will be a Thursday morning event and it will be jam packed with a tour of the treatment plants, a presentation on water meter sizing and the Water Demand Calculator as well as lunch. That is slated for Feb 11th. As you can see, this is only a fraction of what is in store for you
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all as ASPE members and meeting attendees. You will not want to miss Tuesday September 15th!

The Oklahoma City ASPE Convention and Exposition will be from October 8th to the 14th. ASPE has created a website for this event: expo.aspe.org. The exposition starts the Monday after the business meetings. 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 next month. Yes, I have news to announce that I am a formal candidate for Region 4 Director (as of the middle of last month - that is when the message went out to the membership regarding vetted candidates). I will know more about whether I win the election come Sunday evening on the 11th of October. Think of me fondly during the beginning of October. I know I have the vote of the Phoenix delegates, I am hoping I will have the vote for the rest of Region 4 as well. We shall see how things play out. I intend to keep running for board until I win some position though on the national board. People will either need to vote for me or keep seeing me run for a position until they do.....

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. You can pre-register without paying as one of the options during electronic registration online. Also, with all the money you are saving on lunches, why not become an ASPE member? It takes 5 to 10 minutes online and is money well spent. With saving over \$300 per season per person for lunches, you have the money to spend on a membership that will pay itself over on return on investment for years and years to come.

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. They work with us every year for pricing and meal options and have never failed to disappoint. A few awesome words of kindness and gratitude to them will go a long way next time you attend a chapter meeting.

Looking forward to kicking this season off right on September 15th!

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

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September 15th, 2026

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