



Chapter Newsletter | October 2026



PRESIDENT

JESSICA WOZNIAK - MPSW

Greetings ASPE Phoenix!

Happy Spooky Season – and thank you to everyone who joined us for our kickoff meeting last month! We were thrilled to welcome 68 attendees, and it was exciting to see such strong participation from our local plumbing engineering community. We had fun with the “Title Fight” format, but I think everyone came away with a better understanding of common challenges between disciplines and a better appreciation for the role each of us plays in building successful projects. Both Chuck and Matt came out winners! As well as all meeting attendees for listening. The continued growth and energy at our meetings would not be possible without the support of our board, members, speakers, sponsors, and affiliate partners- I am beyond

grateful for each of you! I know I speak for the rest of the board as well by saying so. Let's keep this momentum going!

Looking ahead, don't forget about our Mega Raffle drawing in December! Prizes include lower-bowl tickets to the Arizona Cardinals vs. Las Vegas Raiders, a \$1,000 Marriott Bonvoy gift card, and a complimentary foursome for our March 2027 golf tournament. Be sure to purchase your tickets before the drawing for your chance to win – each entry is \$100, and 100% of the proceeds will benefit the work of St Vincent de Paul of Phoenix.

As a reminder, we would love to see more engineers get involved at the Board level. Serving on the Board is a great opportunity to help shape technical programs, strengthen connections within the engineering community, and influence the future direction of the Phoenix Chapter. Getting involved is as easy as telling anyone on the board "I would like to contribute". Whether you are ready to take on a formal role or simply want to learn more about getting involved, we would love to hear from you. One thing to say about being involved – many people currently serving has served in many other positions before. You are not alone. There is a ton of guidance available to you in any roles. Do not let a lack of experience deter you – the board is here to help each board member be successful. Each board of directors member started off as the new person in the group at one point.

Finally, many of us are headed to the ASPE Convention & Expo in Oklahoma City next week (October 8th-14th). We are excited to represent the Phoenix Chapter as delegates, chapter members in general, and chapter board of directors, to connect with plumbing industry professionals from across the country, and bring home new ideas and resources to share with our membership. Let us know if you'll be in OKC, we'd love to connect with you on the show floor or at a technical session or manufacturer party. Reach out to me or any other board member if you will be attending for sure. We want to see the strongest Phoenician presence possible at THE industry event of the year!

Thank you again for your continued involvement and support. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on October 20th!

Jessica Wozniak

Chapter President



VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL

JIM DELONG - PIR SALES

Fall is here and you can feel it at night, less than 90 degrees for a low. My air conditioner is happy. I have planted a garden, so let's see if I can grow anything? Sure beats the Wisconsin weather I grew up with around this time of year. I don't even turn the heating on in my home, I don't need it.

ASPE PHX came out swinging with a great discussion of Engineer Vs Contractor for September . A huge thank you to Matt Klem and Chuck Hink for giving us a view of their working relationship. We all should seek to have a similar relationship between designers and engineers and contractors. We share a mutual client after all in the long run - the owner and users of the buildings. As engineering designers and engineers of record, the health, safety and welfare of the public is what this entire process is all about.

October is a busy Month. ASPE Convention is next week and your ASPE Phoenix delegates are ready to show Arizona desert pride. We will be voting on points of discussion during the business meetings. We will be electing new Region leaders. As a PHX Chapter we are fortunate enough to have Melissa Bowers running for Region 4 Director. Melissa is a strong supporter of ASPE. She has held multiple positions within the PHX Chapter, and has been a voice on ASPE national topics and committees. Please offer your support to her at our next meeting and think of her next week (the 10th and 11th of October) as she runs for election. I look forward to return from the convention with fresh ideas from our many meetings in Oklahoma.

October meeting will be Ryan Nightenheiser from Southwest Gas. Presentation is titled - "Inside Southwest Gas: From Concept to Connection". He will be discussing fundamentals of Natural Gas, design workflows and pipeline installations, meter selection and applications, and ways for project teams to navigate natural gas needs with confidence. He will also offer an overview of a case study.

We had a great showing in September and look forward to another great turnout in October. Let's keep this energy rolling forward. So we will see you October 20, at Aunt Chilada's for another great meeting.

D-Backs were so close!

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**MICHAEL ROGERS, CPD - HENDERSON
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Here we are already at the first of October, 75% of the year done in the blink of an eye. Now more than ever, step back and look at all the world around you - what have you done this year professionally that has made a difference? At home, at work, at play? I think everyone should take at least a few minutes every day to check in with themselves, exhale and just relax. Decompress - Just observe. It helps clear the mind, and provides us with a chance to count our continued blessings which still manage to abound daily. It is also essential if you are a leader in your company to be successful and get things done.

I firmly believe that good team leaders must all have one main characteristic - integrity. Are you a person of your word? Do you make things happen and help others do the same? Can your team trust you and know you will do what you say and by the time you have promised? What makes integrity possible - a clear team vision. Open, honest and consistent feedback and communication to all members of the team at all times. No one in your team should ever wonder what role he plays, he should know exactly what he contributes to the team objectives. We also have to promote and encourage brainstorming of ideas, concerns, challenges, and advantages. All prospective has value, all members of the team have

a place at the table. When people truly feel valued, they will go above and beyond for themselves and the team in general. The sum is truly greater than the parts - the blending of work styles and methods strengthens the overall team mission. Innovation is fostered, and ideas on paper, in CAD and Revit come to life. The teams that make all members feel valued also last much longer than the teams where it is every one for themselves. Leaders can analyze the best talents of all the team members and help the team leverage those talents for a truly great end product. As the process repeats, hopefully all elements become more streamlined and each future project becomes that much better than the one delivered before. We should all be one project better, one day wiser than we were the day before. In all walks of life.

Find out what motivates people to do their best, and harness that positive energy on your team's behalf- and you cannot help but go far - often far beyond what you found possible.

And then at the end of the day, go back to my first piece of advice - step back, unwind, clear your mind and recharge and refocus. And keep in mind, there are always lots of sets of eyes watching you - keeping that in mind might help you make wiser decisions in the long term. Which only makes your team better as well.

We had a fantastic start to our meeting season - what a treat September was. October will continue strong - and we want to see you there. Sign up for our lunch on October 20th online, and bring a friend and make sure that person is signed up as well before the meeting. Let's keep ASPE Phoenix moving in the right direction as the temperature cools down and we wind 2026 down as well.

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HOLLY BRUNS - MAINLINE SALES

ASPE Phoenix Family- what a great turnout for our September meeting. I want to thank everyone that came out to and joined us. Big shout out to Matt Klem at ESD Engineering and Chuck Hink from Pueblo Mechanical. Great Discussion on Design VS Construction – and I know everyone got a lot out of it. A great way to usher in a new meeting season!

The format was a very nice change of pace, and we hope all of you enjoyed it as well. We are trying to do more of these panel presentations, they seem much more interesting than the standard PowerPoint presentation, even though we will take the speakers where we can find them - to bring you the best programming possible.

October is here and we have so much going on. The ASPE EXPO and Convention is taking place In OKC next week (October 8-14).



So many great ASPE partners and manufacturers will be attending several events that will take place during the week. ASPE Phx will have a strong delegation going and voting in the interest of its members. Believe me, the chapter's voice in our convention will be as strong as ever before, and we will make our chapter recognized nationally!

If you have any questions and are traveling to Oklahoma for the exposition - get with one of our Board members who will be attending – there are great breakout session discussions as well as meetings and events. Most of these events are covered in your registration

costs to attend. Often, you can find out what is going on for an awesome party or event on the floor on Monday just by asking a manufacturer “what is going on tonight with your company?” Many manufacturers have large parties on Monday night of the Expo, and they are not to be missed. Networking is amazing. You will meet far more many people in a few short days than the number of people you will meet on the road for calls for the next two years combined. The chance to connect with industry leaders for best practices and compliance is unmatched. You walk away being the most current on industry trends, and toward the end of the expo, you will have a chance to go to technical sessions and acquire those all-important continuing education units (CEUs). I think every member of ASPE should try to attend at least one Expo. If you want to attend a convention as a delegate in the future (every even year), even better. Best way to do that, get involved on our chapter board of directors. All it takes is to ask one board member how to become involved. It really is that simple. Believe it or not, you can still decide to attend the exposition or be an audience member during the convention and go to Oklahoma City. It is not too late. Details are all included here (registrations for all events, hotel accommodations). <https://expo.aspe.org/>. Remember you still have to sign up to attend prior to departing. Reach out to our board with any questions.

Please continue to help us grow - bring a colleague and join us for lunch – please come introduce them to the board members and we will be happy to discuss the benefits of being a member. We are saving each designer/engineer over \$300 a year in lunches, why not use some of that savings to fund an ASPE membership (\$200 annually) that will last the test of time? Seems like a great return-on-investment to me. We provide the lunch and you register as a member, which you can do online even at Aunt Chiladas (free Wi-Fi). Takes 5 minutes now to join, what a great way to grow the Phoenix Chapter!

Happy Fall, Y’All!

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Professional Engineering Prospective

Melissa G Bowers, PE, CPD, GPD - Immediate Chapter Past President and WOA Liaison

September was such a great month for ASPE Phoenix. We had around 68 attendees at the September meeting, many people were first timers or brand-new ASPE members. This is always refreshing to see. I helped give tickets to first time attendees and brand-new members and I gave tickets to over 13 new meeting attendees. This is FANTASTIC. We would like people to remember this September meeting feeling, and keep attending all season long. This is entirely possible, especially for designers and engineers – we pick up the bill. If you came in September, bring a friend from work with you for October. Let's fill up that back patio while the weather cools down for us!

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.** With all the money you are saving on lunches, why not become an ASPE member? (<https://aspe.org/membership-global-community/join/>). It takes 5 to 10 minutes online. This is money well spent.

The Oklahoma City ASPE Convention and Exposition will be from October 8th to the 14th. NEXT WEEK!!!! 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 August). 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. People will either need to vote for me or keep seeing me running until they do. So the true winner will be everyone in Region 4 – no matter the victor. I firmly believe that. I think too if I go in with that mindset, that I will not

be disappointed as badly if I lose, and not be too prideful if I win. The goal with participating regionally and serving on the National Board of Directors is to BE REGION 4's VOICE! Just as I want to be that advocate for all you at the chapter meetings locally, I want to take all that passion for our profession and do the same on the national level! The sky is truly the limit!

We also have an exciting event coming your way February 11th regarding a tour of the City of Phoenix water treatment plant. This will be a Thursday morning event during this time, 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. As you can see, this is only a fraction of what is in store for you all as ASPE members and meeting attendees. You will not want to miss Tuesday the 20th! Details will follow on other events as they occur throughout our meeting season.

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 to provide the best meal options and have never failed to disappoint. A few awesome words of kindness will go a long way next time you attend a chapter meeting. I have been to a few ASPE meetings around the country, and I think our venue and our food is the best around. I know I am biased, I even go to Aunt Chiladas as a customer at least once a month outside of the meeting. If Steve sees you there during the month, he might just take 20% of your bill - it has worked for Daniel and I a few times in the past!

Looking forward to continuing our meeting season strong on October 20th!

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

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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

October 20, 2026

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

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