



Chapter Newsletter | April, 2024



PRESIDENT **MELISSA BOWERS, P.E., CPD - ARCXIS**

Happy April Everyone! This is your chapter President, Melissa G Bowers, PE, CPD (“Mel”). My birthday falls on April 3rd, and April is also the birthday month for my siblings. I do look forward to April every year. It is also when things really start to settle in for the year, we are past 1/3 of the year already. Time sure flies by when you are doing what you love. March 31st is Easter Sunday, but it is a special anniversary for me. 16 years ago on that date, I became an ASPE member for the first time. Time sure flies. I owe ASPE and all the people of our chapter a debt of gratitude. Knowing you and learning from our chapter and its members and speakers has made me who I am. IF you could cut me open, you will probably see that I bleed ASPE by now. Another cool thing I discovered when I renewed this year – you can renew for multiple years, and you can get savings doing that. You can pay for one year, two years or three years at one time. Lots of ways to stay involved and save money on membership at the same time.

Lots of exciting things are happening locally with our chapter and on the society level. Our board of directors is one of the best in our Region, if not nationally for our Society. I am nothing but a mouthpiece for them and for society at large during our meetings. What we all take for granted will happen monthly during our meetings only happens because of the efforts of every one of our BOD members. Please thank all our board when you see them at meetings. I cannot possibly begin to thank them each for all they do. We are also very blessed to have Aunt Chilada’s as our chapter meeting home. We have been coming to Aunt Chilada’s for over 20 years, and their catering staff do a great job of taking care

of us every month. If you see Steve and his crew during our monthly meetings, please thank them for all they do for us. And every once in a while, they bring out the take home boxes – I look for those to bring home lunch to my husband when that happens, but we also go to Aunt Chilada's on our own time!

We had a fantastic ASPE Golf Tournament on March 15th. Yes – we did get some rain toward the end of the golfing outing. At least it held out for the most part. We basically sold out the entire course with foursomes. I wanted to thank anyone who participated and those who sponsored the event including different golf holes, food, and beverages. This is our big fundraiser for the entire year, and everyone in our chapter ends of benefitting in so many ways thanks to the generosity and efforts of people who participated and sponsored. I wanted to give a big shout out to our golf committee: David Turner and Jim DeLong who did most of the heavy lifting. And a shout out to Grady Lance for managing all the monies. But everyone on our board of directors deserves kudos for their commitment to this event. We cannot do things without great people like Holly, Jess and Chelsae who also worked themselves hard that day to help make the day a huge success.

We have two more meetings set for this season before we go “dark” for the summertime. There are some exciting things we are looking into for the following ASPE season though. Phoenix Chapter is a playing host to the rest of Region 4 (our ASPE Region for the West Coast of ASPE, including British Columbia) for the President's Meeting come June at the Resort at the Peak (which is right across the street from Aunt Chilada's). There are sponsorship opportunities available to help our chapter be able to put on this meeting for the entire region. If you are interested in sponsoring that initiative, please reach out to either myself or Grady Lance for more details. We have a flyer regarding Region 4 meeting sponsorships as well. We love our affiliates and cannot do what we do on a local chapter level or a society national level without our sponsors. I will forever be grateful to each one of our sponsors because none of this is possible without your support!

Our good friend Christoph Lohr is also helping to lead the Emerging Water Technology Symposium in the springtime in Scottsdale, May 14th and 15th. If you want more information for

right now, please head over to www.ewts.org. Lots of sponsorships available and with current trends, it will be exciting to attend this in our own backyard!

IF you have an inkling to write an article that just might help our chapter out, you are more than welcome to do so. Send that document in Word to Jessica Wozniak by the 1st of the month. She will edit as needed and publish it to our pdf newsletter for that month. Please keep that in mind.

Toward the end of the year, in October, we will be sending delegates to the ASPE Bi-Annual Convention and Exposition in Columbus, Ohio. The website for the Convention and Exp is already open and preliminary information is posted here: <https://expo.aspe.org/>. If you have never attended a Convention or Expo and you are a member, you are in for a treat! Be sure to wear some good walking shoes and prepare for a rollercoaster ride of fun and learning rolled into a few hectic but awesome days. Mark your calendars now.

CARPE DIEM!

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VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL **JIM DELONG - PIR SALES**

WHAT IS LEAK DETECTION AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

What is leak detection and why should you want it? Products are now out there that can detect water at a physical location as well as irregular water usage. In conjunction with BAS and company hardware, we can actually turn off the water, after a leak is detected. How much water is wasted on a water leak? Hundreds if not thousands of gallons of water. So why should an engineer care? This is another way to conserve water, but also protect the building structure. Buildings are 70% more likely to be damaged by a plumbing leak, than by fire. Engineers are asked daily to design for efficiency and safety, so would leak detection aid in that process? Hope this gives you something to think about.

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VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE JESSICA WOZNIAK - MPSW

Greetings ASPE Friends and Family!

Thanks so much for all who showed up to support our March meeting where we heard from Colin Laisure-Pool, PE, BOG and Government Activities Chair for the ASHRAE Central Arizona Chapter, about the looming expiration of the AZ State Board of Technical Review, which is set to terminate July 1, 2024. The AZBTR was established in 1921 and is a regulatory agency for Architects, Engineers, Home Inspectors and more, and provides for the safety, health and welfare of the public. While there is a proposed Bill to allow the Board to continue for two years, there is some troubling language proposed in the bill which could greatly affect the Agency's ability to open and conduct investigations. Anyone interested in assisting to protect the Board (and, EVERYONE in our industry should be!) may wish to reach out to your Arizona State Senator, the Government Committee Chairman, Jake Hoffman (JAKE.HOFFMAN@azleg.gov), the Government Committee Vice Chairman, Wendy Rogers (WROGERS@azleg.gov), Senate President Warren Petersen (WPETERSEN@azleg.gov), and/or the Governor's Office to show your support for the Board's continuation.

For example: Dear Senator xxx, My name is XXXX and I am a professional XXXX. I am writing to you in support of the Arizona Board of Technical Registration's continuation bill HB2253.

In any correspondence, you may wish to explain the importance and the value of the work you perform as a registered professional XXX in Arizona as it relates to public health, safety, and welfare. As professionals who understand the intricacies of your field, you are uniquely positioned to communicate these essential contributions effectively. Therefore, in any correspondence, you may want to highlight these key points to demonstrate the tangible benefits your profession(s) brings to Arizona communities.

All of us on the Board are committed to providing the best ASPE experience possible. Please reach out and let us know how we can

improve your experience with our Chapter.

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VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP

HOLLY BRUNS - MAINLINE SALES

First- a HUGE shout out to our entire team for making our 2024 Annual ASPE Golf tournament such a successful event. Our entire team stepped up from getting the tournament sold out – bringing in contractors, Rep agencies, manufacturers, to play and sponsor.

Also of course a Huge thank you to all that were involved in sponsoring this tournament.

I have posted and tagged most on social media for a shout out. Again, this would not have been successful without everyone. It was so great to see the connections made from Engineers to plumbing contractors and wholesalers. This just really shows how we are all connected from start to finish on jobs/projects here in Arizona.

As for membership, we stand at 155 – we have pulled into second place in our Region 4

We continue to try to grow and get more people involved in ASPE.

I wanted to give everyone a task, bring someone from your office, jobsite whatever

To one of our meetings. Buy them lunch -

If you have any topics that you would like to have a session on, please reach out to one of our board members. If you have contacts or leads in that field of discussion- EVEN BETTER.

We do this all for our ASPE community and want to make sure it is a value to all.

Bring on the Spring weather-

See you next month!

Holly-VP Membership, ASPE Phoenix Chapter

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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

April 16, 2024

Aunt Chilada's Restaurant
7330 North Dreamy Draw Drive
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11:30 - Lunch and Social
Noon - Meeting Start



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