



## Chapter Newsletter | February 2024

### **PRESIDENT**

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

Happy February Everyone! This is your chapter president, Melissa G. Bowers, PE, CPD (“Mel”) typing to you for the first time in a long time. We are going to re-start a newsletter tradition, but things are going to be a little bit different this time. We are going to have our VP Legislative, Jessica Wozniak, act as our Newsletter Editor, and she is going to compile the newsletters into a pdf format that we will have published into our website at [www.aspephx.com](http://www.aspephx.com). That way, if you missed an article from the previous month, we would have a newsletter library at your disposal. This is typical of what a lot of chapters in our region also do. And it will help us keep more of a living history to the news of the chapter on our website.

Lots of exciting things happening locally with our chapter and on the society level. I cannot say enough about how much the Phoenix Chapter Board of Directors has already done during my tenure as President (since elected in May).

Every one of our board members and committee chairs has dedicated their time and talents to our chapter, and for that, we are truly blessed here in AZ. The sum is truly greater than each of the parts. I have too many people to thank but I put Jim DeLong, Holly Bruns, Dana Jones, Jessica Wozniak, Michael Rogers, Eric Gagnon, Grady Lance and David Turner at the top of the list right no. Rest assured; I consider all members of our Phoenix Chapter special to me. Come March of this year, I will be celebrating my 16<sup>th</sup> year as a member of ASPE. I cannot begin to tell you everything ASPE has done for me personally and



professionally. I feel like I have found another family. And getting involved in ASPE in any way in which you wish is so easy to do, it is literally just one conversation or email away from happening. If you want to help, we will make it happen for you! STRONGER TOGETHER!

We also have one of the best locations and menus in our Region of ASPE in Aunt Chilada's here in Phoenix. A lot of other region chapters have meetings at hotels and the like, and the food and atmosphere just do not compare to what we have. I can attest to this; I have been around the region in the past. Aunt Chilada's has been hosting us for over 20 years now. Next time you see our servers helping at the meeting, Steve and his bunch, be sure to tell them thank you!

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Greetings ASPE Friends and Family!



Welcome to our new and improved newsletter format - we truly hope this provides a more approachable connection to our Board members while providing some regular behind-the-scenes activity to those who may not be able to attend our monthly meetings.

Next month we host our Annual Golf Tournament at the Legacy in South Phoenix, which absolutely promises to be the best ever thanks to the hard work, commitment and dedication of our Golf Committee. You asked and we listened - this year we'll have more food, better prizes, and of course, a weather guarantee from former Board member Dorothy Thrasher ;)

All of us on the Board are committed to providing the best ASPE experience possible. Please, please, please reach out and let us know how we can improve your experience with our Chapter.

Happy February - looking forward to seeing everyone on the 20th!

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## VICE PRESIDENT - MEMBERSHIP

### HOLLY BRUNS - MAINLINE SALES



Greetings ASPE Phoenix Chapter. First I would like to say Happy New Year to you all. Our first meeting of 2024 occurred this week and was a great turnout. We want to thank you for continuing to support the local chapter. We stand at 155 current up to date members and of course we always want to grow. Over the past two years, we have had quite a few members retire. If you have anyone in your firm that is not a member, or is interested in coming to a meeting, please reach out or pass the information along. We typically see about 35-55 people at our lunch meetings but there is so much more that can be offered within the ASPE society to assist with careers. We would love the opportunity to get a lead from any of our members and support the engineering community.

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Please note that they can go to [www.aspe.org](http://www.aspe.org) to sign up as a member as well as look into all the information that we have going such as CPD

testing coming up and the national Convention.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you need assistance in updating  
you contact information for society.

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## **NEXT CHAPTER MEETING**

February 20, 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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