



## Chapter Newsletter | March, 2024



### **PRESIDENT**

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

Happy March Everyone! This is your chapter President, Melissa G Bowers, PE, CPD (“Mel”), typing to you for March. The weather is starting to get a little warmer and it is the perfect time to get out of the house and join us for a meeting, join us for a golf outing, and do both. We have a lot of ways to get out, get some fresh air and meet with like-minded plumbing folk!

Personally, as I write this, I am days away from a major goal of mine personally. To be the associate principal for my company and be officially running the plumbing department. This is a goal that ASPE has largely helped me fulfill. I have been an ASPE member since March of 2008, I am coming up on my 16<sup>th</sup> year of being a member, and ASPE helped give me the tools to get to this point of my career where I will be full time mentoring and doing quality control for my company, which is the largest residential engineering design company in the United States now. I want to thank everyone here that is a member of ASPE Phoenix for always being there for me throughout these last 16 years. I bring this up because if I can do it, any one of you can too! ASPE and my professional engineering registration made that possible for me. I am not the most intelligent person in the room, but I work hard, and I stay humble and ASPE helped give me a lot of the tools that made it possible. If I can do it, any one of you can too! Reach for the stars!

Lots of exciting things 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. One great new person to call out – Mrs. Chelsae Squires with Renco Sales has decided to become our new Women of ASPE Liaison! When you see her at the meetings, tell her thank you and wish her luck! We are so blessed to have her on our team!

Great news everyone – our golf outing is completely SOLD OUT! We are taking over the ENTIRE course to kick off St. Patrick's Day on March 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are still looking to golf and have not got an invitation, please contact either Grady or David. My understanding is that there are still people who have foursomes to fill, looking for golfers to join their squad. We would also love to see you out there even if you do not golf. IF you want to join us for lunch only, that is a possibility as well. Contact Grady or David Turner for more details.

Our good friend Christoph Lohr is also helping to lead the Emerging Water Technology Symposium in the springtime in Scottsdale. If you want more information for right now, please head over to [www.ewts.org](http://www.ewts.org).

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

CARPE DIEM!

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## **VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL**

### **JIM DELONG - PIR SALES**

#### **WHAT IS UEF AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?**

There are new UEF minimum efficiency standards for residential water heating equipment coming in 2026. What is UEF? Uniform Energy Factor, or UEF, is the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) industry standard for measuring water heater efficiency. DOE replaced Energy Factor (EF), the previous measure, in 2017 with the adoption of revised testing procedures and metrics to help consumers and contractors easily and precisely compare the efficiency among water heaters for a given installation scenario. UEF provides a consistent standard, simplifies the selection process, and more accurately measures energy usage under real-world conditions compared to previous measurement models. UEF is the new bar by which we measure efficiency in water heating. I know we may be jumping the gun, but we do design projects well before breaking ground. More to come on the code changes.

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## **VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE** **JESSICA WOZNIAK - MPSW**



Greetings ASPE Friends and Family!

For this month's technical session on March 19th, we're thrilled to welcome Samantha Hanna, Regional Sales Manager for Watts Water's Applied Solutions Platform (AERCO, Lync & PVI), who will be presenting an Overview of Water Heater Types and Systems; detailing efficiencies and various technologies, storage vs. instantaneous, tank type, boiler/tank, etc. This will be a great presentation and a wonderful overview for both new and experienced designers.

On behalf of the Golf Committee and all of us at the Phoenix Chapter, we'd like to express our extreme gratitude to all participants in this year's Annual Golf Tournament at the Legacy in South Phoenix, which is now COMPLETELY sold out! David Turner and Grady Lance have put together a great day of fun. Can't wait to see you all there, and don't forget to wear your St. Patrick's Day Green - there will be prizes for the best "Irish" themed foursome and golfer, winning score, longest drive, closets to the pin, and more.

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**



Greetings ASPE Phoenix Chapter,  
Happy Spring-

First Just wanted to Thank each and every company- Rep Agency, Wholesaler, contractors, Engineering firm, Manufacturing company that stepped up and continued to support and has joined us for our annual Golf Tournament.

ASPE Phoenix Chapter Thanks you all. It is going to be a great day. We hope our family continues to grow and the networking plays a huge benefit for all of you.

Please note that you 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.

We have over a 155 members within our chapter in Phoenix. Please come out and join us for our meetings- bring a co worker- bring a contractor. Come see the benefits and the information that can grow your career.

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**

**March 19, 2024**

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

**11:30 - Lunch and Social**

**Noon - Meeting Start**



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