

# ASPE Pipeline



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**Date & Topic**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005**  
**"Fuel Gas Systems"**

**Speaker: Jim Brune**  
**Brought to you by: ASPE Education Committee**  
**Board Meeting: 2-07-05 5:30 @HEI**

**Location:**  
***Holiday Inn***  
7240 Shawnee Mission Parkway  
Overland Park, KS  
**Price: \$18.00**

**Lunch: Noon**

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**NOTE:** Please RSVP to: Janice Urban at: 913-307-5319 ([Janice.Urban@hendersonengineers.com](mailto:Janice.Urban@hendersonengineers.com))  
**BEFORE** Noon – Feb. 11th

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## **President's Message – Warren Rosenbrook**

Greetings KC ASPE Chapter & Friends!

The Kansas City Chapter will have our traditional February luncheon. Typically, the Kansas City Chapter has two luncheons per year, December, to avoid conflicts with the Holidays and February, to avoid conflicts with Valentines Day. However, this year, our regular scheduled meeting is on Valentines Day!

Our program speaker will be our Vice President Technical, Jim Brune. He will show us a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Fuel Gas Systems" written by the ASPE Education Committee, refer to his article below for more information.

Our Vice President Membership, Tim Helmer, is running his term with a membership drive. The Kansas City Chapter "New Member Drive Night" is going to be next month in March. For those of you engineers who have non-member engineers or designers in your office, this is your chance to invite them to a Kansas City Chapter ASPE meeting. First time, non-member engineer or designer attendees will eat for free! The Board is looking forward to the success of this endeavor, see Tim Helmer's article below for more information.

Our Golf Tournament Chair, John Bailey, has set the annual Kansas City Chapter Tournament for June 6, 2005 at Iron Horse Golf Club. If you are interested in participating, refer to his article below and future newsletters for more information.

Our new Affiliate Liaison has set up a monthly door prize and an Engineer Calling Tree to get the Engineers to come to the meetings. See his article below for more information.

The time to elect new Kansas City Chapter Officers is coming. Elections for the Board of Directors are done each year. If you wish to get involved in our Chapter, now is the time to step forward and serve. The benefits of being involved with the ASPE Chapter Board far outweigh the small amount of work required. You will build contacts and grow professionally! For more information about running for a Kansas City Chapter Board of Directors position, refer to our Election Chair, John Bard's article below.

Remember, the biggest problem chapters are facing is maintaining correct e-mails for their members. E-mail is now the primary delivery method for Chapter newsletters. Your Chapter Board contacted each chapter member to verify your e-mail this summer. Without correct e-mail, the chapter cannot communicate to the membership with the newsletter or mail the newsletter at great expense. So, if you change your e-mail address or know it is out of date, please provide your chapter an update.

Meal reservations are sent to you via e-mail by calling committee chair, Janice Urban. Please respond to this e-mail only if you intend to come. If you have a cancellation, please let Janice know. Also, please respond in a timely manner, we must have our reservations in by Thursday. Your chapter is counting on you.

There is now a Product Directory under the Products & Reps section of our website. This update will take place of the Kansas City Chapter "Little White Book". The cost of maintaining a paper Product Directory is prohibitive. Keeping the Directory online will allow the Chapter to easily keep it up to date and offer more features. The directory consists of two files, the Product Manufacturers Directory and Product Type Directory. The Product Manufacturers Directory is an alphabetized list of plumbing manufacturers, with the associated local representative name and contacts included. The Product Type Directory is an alphabetized list of plumbing products, with the associated representative name and contacts included. Currently, only the Affiliates who have put their linecards on our website are included in the directory. Renewals have been sent to the Affiliates that had their line cards on our website last year, are the Product Data in the files correct? Probably not for it is at least a year old now. We will be contacting you for an update.

For those of you that have purchased Option #2 or #3 listed below, renewal time is coming and we will be in touch with you soon. For those of you interested in advertising on our web page, please read on:

**Manufacturer's/Representatives Webpage**

Kansas City Chapter ASPE would like to introduce our Manufacturer's/Representatives advertising page located on our website at [www.kc-aspe.com/productsreps.htm](http://www.kc-aspe.com/productsreps.htm). Three options are available:

Option #1	Option #2	Option #3
Company name Address Phone number Email address	Company name Address Phone number Email address Link to your website <i>Or</i> Pop-up linecard	Company name Address Phone number Email address Link to your website Pop-up linecard List of manufacturers represented and their corresponding equipment (list generated by you)
Free for ASPE members	\$50 for ASPE members	\$75 for ASPE members

Your information (as purchased) will be on our website for the entire year, with September 1<sup>st</sup> being the transition date.

**Front Page Sponsorship**

Monthly Meeting Sponsor	This Month's Featured Sponsor
front page listing and link/linecard (if provided)	front page listing and link/linecard (if provided)
Free for Meeting Sponsor	\$50/month for ASPE members These are first come, first serve, for September through May.

More information is available at [www.kc-aspe.com/advertise.htm](http://www.kc-aspe.com/advertise.htm).

Technical inquiries can be directed to [webmaster@kc-aspe.com](mailto:webmaster@kc-aspe.com) or Bret at 816-410-8200.

**VP Technical Message – Jim Brune**

Even though the weather was a bit dicey, January's meeting was well attended. Elbert McKinlay, Watts Regulator Sales Manager in the Automatic Control Valve Division, provided a presentation on Automatic Control Valves. His slides, personal experiences, and insights regarding attention to detail for a variety of field applications for automatic control valves, kept everyone's attention.

We are grateful to Joe McClain for coordinating the arrangements for this program, and wish to thank **Mack McClain Associates** for sponsoring the evening and providing for the bar.

February's meeting will be a noontime luncheon. One of the assets for these luncheon meetings is the fresh mix of designers and engineers who attend. This month's presentation is entitled:

### **"Fuel Gas Systems"**

A power point presentation on "Fuel Gas Systems" was developed by the ASPE Education Committee last year and will form the basis of the presentation. The information includes the basic engineering approach for designing the natural gas or propane service for use in buildings.

The speaker will be Jim Brune, your VP Technical. Jim is Professional Engineer, registered in the states of Missouri and Kansas. He has a BSME from the University of Missouri at Rolla, and has worked for Black & Veatch for more than 30 years.

I look forward to visiting with you at February's meeting and encourage you to invite your associates to join with us.

### **VP Membership – Tim Helmer**

Please make it a priority this month to mention the **"Special ASPE Membership Night"** to all of your colleagues that may be interested in joining our KC Chapter! The date of the "Membership Night" will be March 14th. Don't forget all the great benefits of participation:

- \*Free dinner for each new non-member who attends the meeting on March 14th!**
- \*Free gift if you sign a new member!**
- \*Grand Prize winner for the person that signs the most new members!**

This night will be successful if everyone in our chapter works together to communicate the details and information. Our membership committee will be making an effort to let others know (Joe McCoy, Rusty Johnson, Becky Kellhoffer, and Jim Vestal). Lilliard Richardson is planning to mention the "Membership Night" as part of his calling tree. Please let me know if you have any helpful ideas.

Also, I would like to report our membership count is at **140**.

Hope to see you in February and March!

### **VP Legislative – Mike Haramia**

IAPMO is in the process of updating the Uniform Plumbing Code. If you are interested to see what some of the proposed changes are, go to: <http://www.iapmo.org/iapmo/codes-upc04rop.html> . Some of the more interesting items that were rejected were the acceptance of air admittance valves, a definition of both hot water and tempered water, language concerning the use of waterless urinals, and the outlawing of using fittings or connections that cause a pressure drop in the water distribution system. I'd be a millionaire if I could invent something that meets the last criteria.

A class concerning the changes between the 2000 UPC and the 2003 UPC was recently held in Kansas City. Chris Sturges from the chapter was in attendance. Some of the major differences are a new water sizing method, and that both the fuel gas and medical gas sections are the same as NFPA 54 and NFPA 99 respectively.

### **Affiliate Liaison – Lilliard Richardson**

*Monthly Door Prize:* Tim Helmer of Ferguson Enterprises, Inc –Lenexa, Kansas branch, provided the monthly Door Prize for our January meeting. An Applebee's gift certificate was awarded to John Ostmeyer of The Dworkin Company. Thank you Tim Helmer and congratulations John Ostmeyer!

Stay tuned to see who the next lucky winner will be.

If you would like to donate a Door Prize, see your Affiliate Liaison, Lilliard Richardson. There are still a couple of open months for the remainder of the calendar year.

*The Calling Tree Committee:* is reaching more of the Engineers and reminding them of the next monthly meeting. If you are an Affiliate and have a few minutes to spare each month, then sign up for one of the open spots on our calling committee. It only takes a few minutes each month and gives you the opportunity to get to know the Engineers on your calling list. See your Affiliate Liaison, Lilliard Richardson if you can help.

### **Education Committee – John Bard**

The Plumbing Systems II class at Johnson County Community College began January 19,2005, and will continue until May. The class has 10 students, with Bruce Hawkins as the instructor.

The Fluids Mechanical Class began January 20, 2005 with 7 students. This class will be held on Monday and Wednesdays from 11:30am- 12:45pm, Until May 19,2005.

Thanks to the chapter for working to keep these classes continuing.

### **Election Committee – John Bard**

The Kansas City Chapter is looking for full members who are highly motivated, to serve on the board of directors for the 2005-2006 season.

If you want to meet the challenges, make a bright future for the chapter. Then we are looking for you. The positions are chapter President, Vice President Technical, Vice President Legislative, Vice President Membership, Treasurer, Correspondence Secretary and Administrative Secretary. Please have your entry to the chapter nomination committee by Tuesday March 15, 2005. The election will be held on Monday April 11, 2005. The swearing in ceremony will be Monday May 9,2005. The business of the office begins June1, 2005. If you have any questions please contact any of the current board members, or the nomination committee.

Election Committee Members:

John Bard Director 816-997-2947  
Jim Klamm 913-381-4551  
Jerry Roller 816-524-6123

**ASPE "2005" Golf Tournament:**

Well, ladies and gentlemen, it is that time to start scheduling and preparing for this years "ASPE KC Chapter's Golf Tournament.

**DATE: June 6, 2005 (12:30pm tee time)**  
**Place: Ironhorse Golf Club**  
**15400 Mission Road**  
**Overland Park, Kansas**

The committee has met and will be calling those of you that so graciously provided hole sponsorships support last year to confirm your place for this years outing. Either Steve Reed, Pat Enderson or myself will be calling within the next couple of weeks to confirm the hole sponsors for this year. Please return our calls as soon as possible.

We will be providing the team entry forms and sign-up sheets on the KC ASPE Chapter website for your convenience in the near future.

If any one wishes to assist or be a member of the committee, please call or email me. I could use 3 more members' assistance in this endeavor.

**John Bailey**

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