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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mike Haramia

Our regular meeting for November is Monday November 12th. Like October's meeting, it is going to be at our regular venue, the Holiday Inn on Shawnee Mission Parkway in Overland Park. The technical session begins at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner at 6:00 PM; and the presentation at 7:00 PM.

I encourage you to make reservations and attend the meeting. Bring a guest who would enjoy and benefit from networking with plumbing professionals in the Kansas City area. Please see Chris Sturges' article for more information about November's evening program. The price is \$20.00. Please make a point of visiting the table top in the tech session prior to the dinner. It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about some the products that are represented by the affiliates. They work hard at preparing for the meetings and this is their opportunity reach out to the plumbing engineering community.

The product show is scheduled for February of next year. Please see Jim Brune's article for more information.

I would like to thank each and everyone who attended last month's meeting concerning LEED and applicable water products. The presentation was informative, but I thought the questions from those in attendance is what made the meeting special. I learned about as much from the questions and the resulting discussion as from the presentation. It is nice to see so many individuals ask questions. It was also interesting to hear everyone's perspective, based on their background and area of expertise within the plumbing industry. I would encourage you when you attend the meetings, to feel free to ask your questions. Hopefully we can continue this type of dialogue in our upcoming meetings.

I had the honor of attending the Joint Engineering Council of Kansas City's President's Dinner on October 22nd. The event was attended by representatives from approximately 18 different engineering organizations in the Kansas City area. At one point in the meeting, a representative from each organization in attendance gives a brief description of what their organization does, how their meetings are structured and what challenges they face. I was struck by the number of different engineering organizations that face the same challenges as we do, regardless of their areas of expertise. Many have struggled with either meeting attendance or a drop in membership. Quite a few of them have been successful with going to all luncheon meetings, while a few have gone to holding their meetings on Saturday mornings. In addition, quite a few have scholarship programs. In the past, our ASPE chapter has had a representative attend the JEC meetings. Our last representative was Chris Sturges. If you would be interested in becoming our representative, let me know. You can go to <http://www.jec-kc.com/Default.asp> or contact Chris Sturges for more information.

NEXT MEETING

Date

Monday, November 12, 2007

Location

Holiday Inn

7240 Shawnee Mission Parkway
Overland Park, Kansas

Topic: **"Steam Traps and other Accessories
Used in Plumbing and HVAC Systems"**

Sponsored by: **Dworkin and Associates**

Time

5:30 p.m. Technical Session

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Presentation

Cost

\$20.00

Reservations:

Please contact Devon Todd at 816-842-3503 or
dtodd@mcqueeny-lock.com by Thursday, Nov.
8th, 2007.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont)

A reminder, if you change your e-mail addresses or know it is out of date, please send an update to Devin Todd at dtodd@mcqueenyl-lock.com or any one of the board members who can forward it to Devon. E-mail is the primary delivery method for Chapter newsletters. Without correct e-mail, the chapter cannot communicate to the membership with the newsletter information needed to participate. Complete contact information for the 2007/2008 ASPE K C Chapter Board of Directors is given below:

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Jim Brune

Thank you to all the Affiliate members who are supporting the Product Directory.

All ASPE members are encouraged visit our Manufacturer's Representatives advertising page located on our website at www.kc-aspe.com/productsreps.htm

Refer others to the web site. It is a terrific plumbing reference and provides helpful information to the professional plumbing community. Also, try the links on the Manufacturers Directory and on the Product Directory.

The directory was last updated on October 19, 2007. Revisions were made to the listings for the Hughes Machinery Company and for the Johnson & White Sales Company. If you have updates, please forward them to me by e-mail or just let me know. I'm eager to keep the information as accurate and up-to-date as possible. During this month of November, I plan to circulate invoices with requests for updated information for each of the listings where it has been 12 months or more since the last updates.

Technical inquiries can be directed to webmaster@kc-aspe.com or Bret at 913-281-6767. You can also contact me at bruneja@bv.com or 913-458-8078.

AFFILIATE LIAISON

Lilliard Richardson

Even though the calendar says it's November, it still feels like early fall. That is the time that we start the new ASPE year and enjoy the benefits of the Society. So, in this new year, already a quarter of the way through, remember that all of us together can and will make a difference. A little help from each of us can make a phenomenal difference in our Society, our industry and our own careers.

Speaking of those who help, I am pleased to announce that Tim Helmer of Ferguson Enterprises, Inc (Lenexa, KS branch) has graciously agreed to become another member of the Calling Tree Committee. He is on other committees, and most recently was Vice-President, Membership. He has spent many hours helping our Society and now has agreed to help with the Calling Tree Committee along with Steven Reed of Roy F. Johnson Company; Jerry Matthews, PVI Industries, Inc; Chris Rathmann, Victaulic and myself. I appreciate the help from these fine ASPE Affiliates.

VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE

Anindya Nandy, PE

We all know that there are IPC (International Plumbing Code) and UPC (Uniform Plumbing Code) sharing the most of the plumbing market. But there is also another code making its round named the National Standard Plumbing Code (NSPC). As explained by Mr. Julius Ballanco (current ASPE society President and Editorial Director of PM Engineer) in the PM Engineer, though the use of NSPC is the smallest of all three, it is very much active.

The NSPC has the fastest code change cycle and unlike the IPC and UPC, there is only one hearing and the vote of the committee is final. The proposed changes to NSPC are numerous. The major item is air admittance valves (AAV). The NSPC currently allows AAV's designed by a professional engineer only. The proposed change would allow individual and branch-type AAV's to be installed without a professional engineer designing the system. Stack-type AAV's would still need to be designed by a professional engineer. The logic is that other than one or two-family dwellings, plumbing system will be designed by a professional engineer.

In response to the import of Chinese cast-iron soil pipe, a change is proposed to the marking requirements for the cast-iron soil pipe.

Grease interceptors are also one of the big items for the NSPC. There are proposals for rewriting the grease interceptor requirements. New names of grease interceptors will also be added. A Type-I hydro-mechanical interceptor would be typical in-place grease interceptor and a Type-II gravity interceptors would be the large vaults installed outside. Dishwashers and food waste grinders would be permitted to discharge to a grease interceptor. A solid interceptor would be required upstream of grease interceptor.

The NSPC committee also proposed changes to eliminate gutters and downspouts. The reasoning being that gutters and downspouts are installed by the sheet metal trade and not by the plumbing trade.

The NSPC committee also has proposed to allow storm water reuse for non-potable water applications. However, the system must be labeled "non-potable water" throughout.

VP Membership

Robert Franklin

I would once again like to thank all of our members for your help in building the chapter membership. With all of your help and encouragement, we are now sitting at an incredible milestone, 150 members strong!!! I would like to welcome our newest members, George Engle with Larson Binkley, Timothy Powell with Hughes Machinery, Benjamin Cosyleon with Viega, and Tom Casebolt with CRB (pending). Welcome aboard gentlemen!

As previously mentioned, we are having a membership drive again this year. Sign up the most new members and win the grand prize. The prizes are to be announced later in the year. If you would like any literature on society membership benefits to hand out please feel free to contact me.

Again, I thank each of you for your continued support.

VP TECHNICAL

Chris Sturges

I am sorry that I missed last months meeting covering goals, definitions, required actions and actual results of LEED. I have been told it was a fabulous program and our thanks go to Dan White and Rusty Johnson for bringing Pat McQuillan to our meeting for such a fine presentation.

The topic for the November meeting is

“Steam Traps and Other Accessories Used in Plumbing and HVAC Systems ”

This presentation will be by Joe Serjac, Regional Sales Manager for Watson McDaniels. Mr. Serjac has a 20 year background in the steam industry and his presentation will cover the proper application of steam products (traps, strainers, regulators, their sizing plus the importance of condensate recovery.

The sponsor for the November meeting is Dworkin and Associates represented by Sam Dworkin and John Ostermeyer.

Please participate in the technical session beginning at 5:30 PM

The meetings will still be held at our usual location at the Holiday Inn on Shawnee Mission Parkway. You are encouraged to bring a potential new member, a business associate or an old member that has not been in a while with you to the meeting. I look forward to visiting with you. If you have never been to one of our meeting please see Kansas City ASPE web page <http://www.kc-aspe.com> for more information.

PRODUCT SHOW FEBRUARY 13, 2008

Becky Kellhofer

It is time for the Affiliate members to register for 2008 product show booths. Registration forms, information on booth prices, and the showroom layout are now available.

The process to invite Plumbing Engineers, Designers, Plumbing Contractors, Codes Officials, Architects, Plumbers, and everyone interested in the Plumbing Profession is progressing forward at full force.

Please register for your booths as early as possible. That is very helpful to make the show beneficial for all participants.

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