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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Mike Haramia**

Greetings KC ASPE Chapter & Friends!

Our annual affiliate meeting is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at Cinzetti's in Overland Park. The meeting is an opportunity for the board to show our appreciation for all their hard work as well as gather input for the upcoming year. We look forward to seeing the affiliates in August

As your newly elected President, I attended the Region V meeting in Chicago, Illinois with all the other Region V Presidents and other officers in attendance. Our host, Jason McDonald, of the Chicago Chapter showed us a very fine time. Timothy Smith, Region V Director, ran the meeting with Society President Julius A. Ballanco, and Vice President Legislative Ray W. Moore as the attending ASPE Board members.

The chapter presidents each gave a report on the status of their chapter and the issues confronting them. All of the chapters have their own websites loaded with valuable local information, message boards and links, including local factory representative line cards. The Chapters are using their websites for communicating with their membership. The Chapters are sending virtually no hard copies of their newsletter each month; this saves the Chapters money.

Most of the Chapters in Region V maintained about the same number of members. The national board of directors is very concerned about member retention and if you have any comments or ideas on ways to retain members please let us know. The society has also instituted a "Member get a member" campaign. Please contact our chapter's Vice President Membership, Robert Franklin for more details.

One of the biggest problems the Society is still facing is maintaining correct e-mails for their members. Currently, the Society is missing approximately 4,500 e-mail addresses. E-mail is the primary delivery method for Society news as well as Chapter newsletters. Keep in mind that ASPE does not sell or give out your e-mail address and without correct e-mail addresses, the society and the chapter cannot communicate to the membership. So, if you change your e-mail address or know it is out of date, please provide an update to Devon Todd, [dtodd@mcqueenyl-lock.com](mailto:dtodd@mcqueenyl-lock.com).

## NEXT MEETING

Date (Joint meeting with ASHRAE)

**Monday, September 10, 2007**

Location

**Holiday Inn**

**8787 Reeder, OP, KS 66214**

**913-888-8440**

Topic

**"Reasoned Responses to Natural, Accidental and Intentional Threats"**

Time **\*LUNCHEON MEETING\***

**11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Cost

**\$20.00 (if reserved by 9/6/07; \$25.00 at the door)**

Reservations:

**RSVP: Jerri Brewer @ [Jerri.Brewer@hei-eng.com](mailto:Jerri.Brewer@hei-eng.com) by noon, Thurs. 9/6/07 with ASPE Member Luncheon Reservation in the subject line. If you make a reservation but cannot attend you still owe \$20.00. You will receive instructions where to send the check.**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont)**

Data Book #3 will be issued this fall. A tabled book loaded with information is slated to be issued as well. The society will be offering several on-line and power point classes which will be another avenue to earn CEU's Contact your Board for more information. Three practice exams for the CPD will also be offered.

We had a very enjoyable golf outing in June, This year's event was held at Sunflower Hills golf course in Wyandotte County. The golf outing was followed by a catered barbecue dinner from Arthur Bryant's. I wish to thank Joe McCoy of McCoy Sales and Steve Reed with Roy F. Johnson for all their hard work in organizing and pulling off this wonderful event.

The ASPE 2007 Technical Symposium will be held in Atlanta, Georgia November 2-4. I encourage anyone engaged in the plumbing profession to consider attending. It can help your career as well as your company; for more information go to [www.aspe.org](http://www.aspe.org).

Thanks to all the members who participated in the chapter's elections. Contact information for the 2007/2008 ASPE K C Chapter Board of Directors is given below:

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The Golf Outing was a big success as far as I could tell. I know that I enjoyed the day, even if there are a lot of my golf balls hidden in the rough and the woods!

*Affiliates mark your calendars for August 6.* That is the next Affiliates Meeting. If you are new to ASPE, the Affiliates Meeting is the time that all of us affiliates meet with our chapter's Board of Directors to discuss our common interests in ASPE. This is the time to voice your concerns over the ASPE events of the past year, learn about upcoming events and generally to learn more about our Society's functions, needs and aspirations.

Please join us! Your input is important and we need to hear what is good about our society or where we need to improve. We have an exciting venue that is different from recent monthly meetings (See Mike Haramia's article), and the Board is prepared to have both an information session as well as an open forum type discussion and need your input.

Don't forget!! August 6<sup>th</sup> – Affiliates Meeting. See you there.

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**VP TECHNICAL  
Chris Sturges**

Greetings,

I know this year seems to be packed with too much business and hope you are able to spend some time away from work and enjoying our summer. We have our September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting planned as a joint meeting with ASHRAE. It will be a luncheon with the topic "Reasoned Responses to Natural, Accidental and Intentional Threats." In preparation for the balance of the upcoming season, I would welcome any suggestions of topics that you would like to see covered as part of our technical sessions. I have received some suggestions already, but I would welcome more ideas. In addition, if any affiliates have a topic that they would to present or are interested in sponsoring a meeting, let me know that as well. I will also be contacting individuals to serve on the upcoming technical committee for the chapter.

I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at the affiliates meetings.

**VP MEMBERSHIP****Robert Franklin**

I would like to personally thank all of you members for your continued support and for entrusting me to serve the chapter as the new VPM. I look forward to an exciting year and hope I can live up to the expectations set forth by my predecessors.

We currently have 148 members with the newest being Matt Kassaye with Jay Consulting Engineers. Welcome aboard Matt!!!

I am fortunate to have been able to recruit a few members in forming a membership committee. Some of whom have been actively involved with the membership committee in the past. The new committee will consist of me, past President Warren Rosenbrook, former VPM Tim Helmer, Jim Vestal and Rusty Johnson

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VP Membership (cont.)

We will meet monthly to discuss initiatives to improve membership retention and develop new membership recruitment programs. I am confident that with the dedication and insight of these individuals our chapter membership can reach an all time high.

I would welcome and certainly encourage any input, suggestions or participation from any chapter members during the course of my term. I am looking forward to the opportunity to contribute to the continued growth of the chapter.

**PRODUCT DIRECTORY CHAIR**

**Jim Brune**

Congratulations to Warren Rosenbrook for having nurtured the product directory into the great tool that is now available on the Chapter's website. Following Warren's lead, I look forward to continued expansion and improvements for the directory. I welcome your comments and suggestions and plan make a special effort to stay in touch with each of our affiliate members to make the directory as helpful and accurate as possible for everyone. The more the directory is used by plumbing engineers and designers, the greater the potential for improvement and satisfaction.

The directory consists of two files, the Product Manufacturers Directory and Product Type Directory. The Product Manufactures 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.

**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 Or Pop-up line card	Company name Address Phone number Email address Link to your website Pop-up line card 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.

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