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President's Report

It was great see a good crowd at our lunch-time meeting at the BSA space. Tim Kean gave us a great presentation on Legionella. Tim touched on several causes of Legionella and offered a few ideas on how to reduce the spread of Legionella. As Tim mentioned Legionella is not transmitted from person to person, it is airborne and can infect a person's lungs. Common causes could be plumbing fixtures that are not used often giving Legionella time to grow in the faucet shower or piping system and poor maintenance because water is not hot enough to control Legionella or chemical additives to mechanical equipment are not checked tested and maintained. Tim gave us his card with his contact info and said if we have any question on the presentation to contact him. His email is timke@verizon.net

Current and past newsletters through 2011 can be found on our website go to our web site http://www.aspebostonchapter.org/ and click on the "Past Events" tab

One benefit to our online newsletter is the newsletter is now in color. Check your ad and see if the colors are correct. If it is not please contact Dawn Pokorny. The ads should be in the color (s) you submitted them.

Did anyone notice the newsletter layout change December 2015 to January 2016? It changed again December 2016 to January 2017. The mailing label is gone now that we are emailing our newsletters. I hope we can bring some color into the newsletter now that we are on line. I hope you enjoyed the color Boston skyline picture on the front cover courtesy of yours truly.

We held the first of many product show meetings February 9th. The Chapter needs your help to make the product show a success. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6th 5:30 at Emerson Swan. If you are interested in helping with the product show and want to attend the meeting please email Ethan Grossman at Ethan.Grossman@arup.com and Kevin Lally at klally@ecospecifiedproducts.com

I hope you had a chance to review our slate of candidates for the election in May. If you are interested in joining the board or help the chapter in any way please let us know. Thank you for supporting ASPE.

ASPE members from the North here we are; we have an easy commute for you.

I look forward to see you at the Chateau in Andover March 14th along with speaker Gerry Archsmbult who will be presenting on RO/DI.

Laurence D. Johnston CPD ASPE Boston Chapter, President

New England Fire Protection Systems Designers Product Show

The New England Association of Fire Protection Systems Designers announces their 13th New England Fire Systems Product Show. The show will feature over fifty spectacular product booths exhibiting the latest in cutting edge technology and providing information to over 2,000 invited guests!! The show will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2015 at Lantana's in Randolph, Massachusetts. In addition, the show will feature concurrent fire protection seminars free of charge. For information on booth space or other information contact the New England Association of Fire Protection Systems Designers (NEAFPSD), P.O. 149, Wrentham, MA 02093-0149 or visit our web site at www.neafpsd.com

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Technical Report



February Meeting Wrap up

The February Technical meeting was very well attended. The attendance was close to 50 people. Our keynote speaker was Mr. Tim Keane and his presentation was an in depth discussion of ASHRAE 188 Standard on Legionella Risk Management. Despite the title of the standard Legionella control is a topic that is effecting Plumbing Engineers design in many plumbing systems. Below are a few of the key points covered in the presentation:

- It is estimated that there are 25,000 Legionella case yearly.
 - * Out of these 25,000 case only 80% are identified as Legionella.
 - * Out of the 25,000 case 10 % die.
- Hospitals have the most Legionella outbreaks because most patients shower and bathrooms do not get used enough.
- When designing new hospital patient rooms, Tim suggest dropping hot water at shower first and then running to lavatory.
- The ideal growth range for Legionella is from 85 105 F.
- Having properly sized recirculation line can help keep the water moving.
- Dead legs are an ideal area that Legionella bacteria can grow in.
- Legionella outbreaks have been sourced to aerosols from:
 - * Showers
 - * Faucets/ aerators
 - * Ice machines
 - * Decorative fountains
 - * Whirlpools
 - * Room- air humidifiers
 - * Cooling towers
- Tim suggest that the plumbing system in a new building should be disinfected no earlier than two weeks before the opening
 of the building.

March Technical Topic and Meeting

The March technical topic will be on Facility Water Management. This meeting will be held on March 14, 2017 in Andover MA at the Chateau; located at 131 River Rd. The session will focus on:

- Purified (RODI) Water System & Distribution Design
- Rain/ Gray & RO Reject Water System Design
- Acid Waste pH Neutralization System Design

This session will be presented by Mr. Gerry Archambault from Process and Water. Mr. Archambault has been in the Water and Wastewater treatment industry since 1997. Over the years, he has worked in multiple companies like 3M Purification, Shelco filters and Hydranautics.

Best Regards, Ed Nadeau, VP Technical, ASPE Boston Chapter



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Membership Report

New Boston Chapter Members

The Boston Chapter ASPE would like to welcome the following 4 new members:

Scott Rieder Affiliate Member Culligan Water Co.

Shawn McCurdy Affiliate Member Nibco

Jonathan Hillman, P.E. Full Member BW Design Group
Joseph Castellone Full Member Taco Comfort

As of 2/6/17 The Boston Chapter has officially surpassed the 300 member level with 301 members. We should have reached 300+ a long time ago but we keep losing members each month because they don't renew their membership in time and are dropped from the Chapter roster. Don't let that happen to you. Renew early when you get that first invoice and you won't miss out on everything that is going on in the Chapter.

Here is a membership category breakdown in case you are interested:

Full Members: 180 Associate Member: 23 Affiliate Members: 70 Government Members: 2 Special Members: 13 Student Members: 3 Life Members: 1 Retired Members: 9

> P.E: 66 CPD: 53 CPD & PE: 14

ASPE Plumbing Engineering Design Handbook

Just as a reminder, every year when you renew your membership there is a place on the invoice to select which format (hard bound or CD) you want your Plumbing Engineering Design Handbook. If you don't check the box for hard cover, you will receive the CD format by default instead. If you don't have a use for yours and would like to donate yours, I will gladly make arrangements to get it from you. The Boston Chapter will donate them to the local trade schools. Just contact me directly if you want to donate your P.E.D.H (book or CD) and I will take care of the rest.

Congratulations 20 Year Boston Chapter ASPE Members

The Boston Chapter will be awarding 20-Year Member lapel pins to any of the following 20+ year members attending the March 9th meeting at the Lantana in Randolph

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And Speaking of Pins...

If you haven't received your 2017-2018 ASPE Membership pin yet you can pick one up at the sign-in table at the March meeting at The Lantana.



By John Callahan, CPD, V. P. Membership, Boston Chapter ASPE

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NEXT MEETING

The Chateau, Andover, MA

TUESDAY, March 14th, 2017

MAIN PROGRAM **FACILITY WATER MANAGEMENT**

SPEAKER

Mr. Gerry Archambault from Process and Water

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Social Hour	5:00 - 6:00
Dinner	6:00 - 6:45
Chapter Business	6:45 – 7:00
Speaker / Technical Session	7:00 - 8:30

MENU

Apps - Meatballs, Mushroom Caps & Wings Choice of Broiled Chicken, Scrod or Steak Tips with Potato and Vegetable, Ice Cream Cake Roll w Sauce

MEETING RESERVATIONS

\$25.00 ONLINE Reservation (Please use the electronic invitation sent to you)

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Legislative Report

The Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters has updated the Rules and Regulations Governing Plumbers and Gas Fitters for 248 CMR 10.00.

Some of the changes to the code are:

- Removed the requirement that Plumbing and Gas fitting products accepted for installation in Massachusetts must be renewed every three years
- Clarified that the Board may eliminate the need for a product to need acceptance without the need of a future regulation change
- · Specific rules for dormitory laundries have been created
- The use of unisex bathrooms have been expanded as well as a new allowance to alternatively label such bathrooms "gender neutral"
- Definitions of dedicated systems and plumbing were reformatted to make clear certain types of installations are not considered plumbing (these changes were not substantive in nature). The definition of plumbing, in particular has been amended to have clear exemptions applying to some, but not all, piping located outside of building

The updated regulation can be found in the link below: http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/licensee/dpl-boards/pl/regulations/rules-and-regs/

If you have any questions, please check Frequently asked Questions for New Regulations at the following link: http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/docs/dpl/boards/pl/pl-562-regulations-3-10-and-11-faqs.pdf

By Luther Thevenin, CPD, VP Legislative



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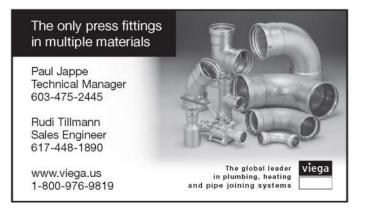
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Fellow ASPE members,

The purpose of this article is to invite you to participate in the planning and execution of our 24th Biennial Product Show, tentatively scheduled for November 14, 2017. This is a great opportunity to get involved with your ASPE Boston chapter. There are many tasks involved with planning as well as tasks to perform on the day of the show. Your level of involvement may vary from coming to monthly planning meetings to helping proctor a seminar on the day of the show. Any level of involvement is welcomed and appreciated.

Please contact: Ethan Grossman (ethan.grossman@arup.com) Kevin Lally (klally@ecospecifiedproducts.com) with your level of interest. If you are planning on attending the February 9th Kick-Off Meeting, please RSVP specifically so we can have the proper room accommodations available. We look forward to hearing from you!

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2016 ASPE Convention

(Part Two of Two)

Day 3 - Wednesday was time to cram in a couple more seminars and then catch my flight home to Boston.

First up was the "Biocontainment Plumbing Design" seminar presented by, Karl E. Yrjanainen, PE, CPD, LEED AP BD+C. Mr. Yrjanainen was very knowledgeable in the field of biocontainment plumbing system design and their specific requirements and applications. The seminar was a good basic overview of the need for these systems, and what standards & guidelines exist and when/how they should be applied. A good simple explanation of the different levels of bio-containment laboratories was given, and the impacts each level can have on a systems design. There was a good amount of info given for the agencies that fund and oversee a number of the higher level bio-containment labs in this country and around the world, and why this is important for the designer to understand (ie. NIH funding vs. private funding.) Certain agencies may require much higher levels of containment, redundancy, and treatment of the plumbing systems. This is very important to understand as there is no real code out there that provides direction on these types of systems.

All told, Mr. Yrjanainen gave a very informative presentation, that was basic enough not to lose or confuse any of the members who may not be so well acquainted with the subject matter.

The second seminar I attended was the "Client Retention: How to Grow your Business by Retaining Your Current Client Base" presentation given by, Dierdre Gilmore, CPSM. Ms. Gilmore is not from our industry directly, which was a welcome break. The important take away from this was that client retention is an important factor in any business, and the lessons learned can be applied to any industry. The presentation was quite interactive and dynamic, which is what would be expected from a consultant in marketing and business development. Ms. Gilmore did not disappoint. She challenged the room to answer questions, provide examples, and pretty much remind us that a lot of the methods for client retention are really no-brainers. Treat your client like they are the most important, provide feedback, initiate contact, etc. etc.

Again, the presentation was very good, and was geared towards a general audience to whom much of the information being presented might have been completely new. This is info plumbing engineers (and any consulting engineer) need to understand and be reminded of from time to time, whether they are directly involved in business development or not (spoiler alert, we all are.) As designers and engineers of our respective companies, we are representatives of that company. We are not just working on the current job on our desks, we are working to secure our future projects as well. Whether we have direct client interaction, the final product we issue is being purchased and relied upon by that client. If we screw up a project, that might be the last we ever do with that client. I think we all know this and understand it to a point, but the reminder is always good as we tend to compartmentalize a bit too much when working on our projects. Many of us have been known to get tunnel vision when we get busy.

After this seminar, it was time to go pack up and head to the airport.

Takeaways.

- The convention remains a great way to:
 - * Get out and see new products.
 - * Make new contacts for new products discovered.
 - * Meet and greet with our peers in the industry.
 - * Be in a large group of folks who have shared experiences, but also see through the eyes of others who are affected in differing ways.
 - * Keep up to date with the industry as a whole.
- Unfortunately, the attendance appeared down (although the foot traffic on the product show floor on Tuesday appeared higher, and all the seminars I attended were full). This is more likely due to location and not to be seen as a downturn in the industry or a lack of interest in the convention. I fully expect a bounce back in 2018 when the convention pulls in to Atlanta. All in all, I think this was an excellent convention, that ran very smoothly.
 - * The convention check in was very easy,
 - * The convention app (for your smart phone or tablet) was an excellent addition to the convention.
 - * The events planned were well planned and were enjoyable.
 - * The education offered was very good and usable by all attendees.
 - * The location (Phoenix' short coming notwithstanding) was easy to get to from the airport, and the hotels were well located in relation to the convention center and other venues.
 - The convention center itself was a fine location that provided all needed amenities.
- I would definitely attend another convention in the future, and would encourage any designer or engineer to do likewise. Hopefully, engineering firms out there see the benefits to their employees and their own companies, and encourage and even help pay for their employees to attend these types of industry events.

Thanks to the ASPE Boston Chapter for the opportunity to attend this event. I very much appreciate it.

Chris Curran (CPD in exile, pending renewal.) Associate | Plumbing Project Engineer AHA Consulting Engineers



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT / HOLIDAY	LOCATION
March 1, 2017	Mass Plumbing Board Meeting Variances & Waivers, 1 st Meeting	1000 Washington Street, Boston
March 14, 2017	Monthly Meeting Garry Archsmbult – RO/DI	Chateau – Andover, MA
March 29, 2017	Mass Plumbing Board Meeting Exam Waivers / CORI Reports, 2 nd Meeting	1000 Washington Street, Boston
April 5, 2017	Mass Plumbing Board Meeting Variances & Waivers, 1 st Meeting	1000 Washington Street, Boston
April 11, 2017	Joint Meeting with GBPCA Ed Flynn – Medical Gas Odor in Gas Line	The Lantana, Randolph, MA
April 26, 2017	Mass Plumbing Board Meeting Exam Waivers / CORI Reports, 2 nd Meeting	1000 Washington Street, Boston
May 3, 2017	Mass Plumbing Board Meeting Variances & Waivers, 1 st Meeting	1000 Washington Street, Boston
May 9, 2017	Monthly Meeting - Topic TBD & ELECTIONS	The Lantana, Randolph, MA
May 31, 2017	Mass Plumbing Board Meeting Exam Waivers / CORI Reports, 2 nd Meeting	1000 Washington Street, Boston
June 7, 2017	Mass Plumbing Board Meeting Variances & Waivers, 1 st Meeting	1000 Washington Street, Boston
June 28, 2017	Mass Plumbing Board Meeting Exam Waivers / CORI Reports, 2 nd Meeting	1000 Washington Street, Boston

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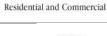


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