



Next Meeting

***TUESDAY,
MARCH 13, 2018***

***The Chateau
ANDOVER, MA***

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Legislative Report

The revised Massachusetts Blue Book for National Grid Gas Metering has been finalized. Revision date July 1, 2017. The following are some key references:

Section 5.1.2, p. 13: Service Installations - One gas service per building unless there is a firewall isolating each service area

Section 6.4.2, p. 15: Gas Pressure- NGRID will not approve elevated pressure for reduced pipe size, only when the equipment calls for it (Engineering must approve.)

Section 7.2.1, p. 17: Meter Locations- All meters are to be placed on the outside of any building

Section 7.2.3, p. 17 Outside and inside gas shut-off valves shall be readily accessible at all times to National Grid and emergency service personnel and shall not be covered or obstructed.

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Section 9.1.2, p. 31 CO ALARMS

- Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a highly toxic gas. It is the product of incomplete combustion of fossil fuels such as oil, natural gas, propane, gasoline, wood and coal. CO is very dangerous because it is colorless, odorless and tasteless.
- Massachusetts Codes require the installation of CO Alarms in all new and existing 1 and 2 family houses, apartment buildings, hotels dormitories, nursing homes and schools, where fossil fuel burning furnaces or boilers are installed. .
- National Grid recommends the installation of CO Alarms in all areas and recommends annual maintenance of the heating system.

If you would like a PDF copy of the Massachusetts Blue Book for National Grid Gas You may contact Robert Lombardi, the Sr. Complex Commercial Sales Representative for National Grid at Robert.Lombardi@nationalgrid.com or (978) 500-3613

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NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 13th, 2018

The Chateau, Andover, MA

Speaker: Mr. Chris Curran

Hot Water Recirculation
How, When & Why

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
 To Be Determined

MEETING RESERVATIONS
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- 6:00-6:15 Introductions
- 6:15-7:00 Skate and Mingle
- 7:00-7:20 Hot Cocoa Break
- 7:20-7:45 Skate and Mingle
- 7:45-8:00 Return Skates and
Head to JJ Foleys!

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Membership Report

New Boston Chapter Members

The Boston Chapter ASPE would like to welcome our five new members:

Anthony Capuano	Associate Member		Stoneham, MA
Steven Martel P.E.	Full Member		Steep Falls, ME
Frederick Fleming	Affiliate Member	Tower Hill Sales	Belmont, NH
Brian Adams	Full Member	Gordian	Rockland, MA
Russell Drummey P.E.	Full Member	Cullinane Eng.	Randolph, MA

Membership Reminders

The following members are due to renew their membership ASAP or risk being dropped. If you are on this list, please call the Society Membership Office at 847-296-0002 and renew your membership over the phone:

Stephen Akian CPD
 Mark Gagnon
 Shaun Gallano
 Joseph G. Kijowski Jr.
 Robert F. Kirschner

February Renewals

The following Chapter members had a February renewal date. If you haven't rejoined already, please call the Society Membership Office at 847-296-0002 and renew your membership over the phone:

Joseph P. Barrell Jr.	Shawn D. McCurdy
Seshappa Chandrashekar P.E.	Walid M. Nicolas
Eduard Doraci	Jay A. Pinard
Bradley Gahagan G.E.	Scott M. Rieder
Nikolao Giakoumidis CPD	Zachary Rohlfis
Robert E. Jackson CPD-Retired	Rocco Rossi P.E., CPD
Anne N. Kubota	Belinda Stansbury

March Membership Renewals

The following members need to renew their membership before March 31st if they haven't already done so:

Thomas Betteridge P.E., CPD	Robert Nesselle
Jonathan Boie	Jimmie W. Ng
Mark Brady	Peter Rogers P.E.
Jacob Demars	Derek L. Sylvia CPD, CET
Kien Diep	Terry Szeto
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I Can't Stress this Enough...Update Your ASPE Contact Information!

EVERY Member needs to log on to www.aspe.org and update their contact information. If you haven't logged in within the past 6 months, or you moved or changed jobs recently, please verify your contact information is up to date.

A large percentage of our members have outdated contact information and it really is a colossal waste of my time trying to keep track of who moved where, who didn't get their renewal notice, whose emails are going to their old office, etc. etc. You get the point. Please update your contact information. Thanks

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

ASPE Mentoring Program

This program, which is available to all members of the Society, has been designed to connect ASPE members who have a particular skill set (mentor) with individuals (mentee) who are searching to acquire the same skills to develop and make progress toward their personal and professional goals.

Who Is a Mentor?

A mentor is someone who can help the mentee develop skills for success and long-range career planning, is able to be a good listener, is willing to share experiences and views, is willing to commit time and effort, provides an "open door" to questions and problems, points out both strengths and opportunities for improvement, and has a vested interest in the growth and development of their mentee.

Benefits to the mentor:

- Satisfaction in helping someone mature, progress, and achieve goals
- Meeting and sharing experiences with other mentors
- Personal ongoing support to help the mentee succeed
- Personal fulfillment through contribution to the Society and the individual

Who Is a Mentee?

Having a mentor can contribute to a successful and satisfying career. Without a mentor, that learning occurs mostly through trial and error. With a mentor, even experienced professionals can benefit from the experiences and expertise of someone who has withstood the trial and can help the mentee avoid the mistakes. Similarly, those new to the industry will discover that being a mentee shortens the learning curve for acquiring the skills and knowledge most critical to a fruitful career.

Benefits to the mentee:

- Discover new talents about yourself
- Career satisfaction
- Expand your personal network
- Maximize your strengths

aspe.org/aspe-mentoring-program



Hello readers of the ASPE Monthly Newsletter,


ASPE Boston has decided to run a CPD preparation course ahead of the CPD test this coming spring.

We are looking for volunteers to help teach, coordinate dinner, and a location to have the course.

If you are interested or could post the following up on your companies 'Bulletin Board' whatever that may be it would be appreciated.

If you are interested in helping please reach out to Zach Rohlf's zrohlf@brplusa.com."

Thank you,
Zach
ASPE Boston Education Chair



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Technical Report

Moving into March like a lion. Spring is almost here!

I don't know about all of you, but I'm enjoying seeing the sun set later each day. Now if I could just get out of the office while the sun is still out. I'm writing this now as I watch the twilight slipping away. Here's hoping you folks are having a little bit more luck getting out of the office, but from talking to many of you.... You're in the same boat. Being busy is always better than the alternative as they say. Your ASPE Boston chapter is very busy as well, and we are not slowing down.

Many of you were able to turn out for our lunch time meeting in February, and that was a great sign. We had close to 50 people in attendance to listen to Mr. Eddie Van Giesen talk to us about rainwater harvesting systems. Personally, I thought it was a very good and thought-provoking presentation that taught us that while no two systems are exactly alike, there is also no reason to always reinvent the wheel. Although rainwater systems are somewhat new to many of us, they are, at their core, not very complex systems. Collect rainwater on a roof, convey through pipes and a good pre-filter into a large storage tank, transfer out of tank through treatment system, and pressurize and distribute to points of use. Simple.

Obviously, it's not all that simple, but Eddie was able to simplify things and keep the presentation informative without getting too deep into the details. Warning against the pitfalls of oversizing, under sizing, that not all pre-treatments or post treatment systems are the right fit for every system. I would like to thank Mr. Van Giesen again for the presentation.

Reminder: Our next monthly chapter meeting is to be held at The Chateau in Andover, MA.

The technical topic and presentation shall be as follows:

March 13th, 2018 @ The Chateau in Andover, MA

Main Topic – Hot Water Recirculation – How, When, & Why?

Presenter – Chris Curran

Chris Curran is a Senior Associate | Plumbing Project Engineer at AHA Consulting Engineers in Cambridge, MA. He graduated with a BSMET from Northeastern University in 2015. Chris has been designing plumbing & fire protection systems in the MEP world since 2002, and working in the engineering field since 1996. Mr. Curran passed the ASPE CPD exam in 2007, and has been a member of the Boston Chapter since 2004.

As mentioned in the past, I am trying to have presentations on systems and equipment which I have seen misapplied, overlooked, or maybe just not done "right". While there are many "right" ways to do things, there are many wrong ways to do them as well. This month I will be presenting on hot water recirculation systems. I have seen many oversized pumps and piping systems installed over the years, many more than undersized. You might ask, what's the big deal? We'll talk about what the big deal is. The plan is to provide a brief intro as to why we recirculate, but will focus more on the how. This is one of those systems that gets overlooked a lot, and a lot of "rules of thumb" are used to size them. I want to show a little bit how tools like Revit and/or other BIM programs can not only take a lot of the guess work out of sizing these systems, but can really speed up the process, and help you engineer systems that are more "right" sized.

This will be a bit of 101 and a bit of more advanced methods and applications, so please come on up to Andover to check it out, learn something, heckle the presenter, or just to network. Hope to see you then.

Upcoming Technical Events:

April 2018 – This will be our annual joint meeting with the Greater Boston Plumbing Contractors Association (GBPCA). The GBPCA will be hosting this event at Lombardo's in Randolph, MA (Next door to Lantana's.) Joe McNamee, the Interim Head of the Plumbing Board is coming to introduce himself and discuss decisions of the plumbing board that have been or will be made. This should be a very informative night, and can give many of us a chance to ask some of the code related questions we may have. Highly suggested that every firm has some representation at this meeting.

May 2018 – We are planning a facility tour of a recently completed high rise occupied 100% by a major life science (laboratory) tenant. The tour will include all mechanical spaces including all major lab plumbing systems including pH neutralization, RODI water, Reclaim water, lab vacuum, lab compressed air, condensing water heaters, rainwater reclaim, and cryogenic and laboratory gases systems. We feel this will be a great chance to change things up a bit, and to see the finished products many of us don't get to see in action. The date and time are TBD, and details will be provided when finalized.

If you have any topics you would like covered at an upcoming meeting, please shoot me an e-mail at chris_curran@aha-engineers.

Yours Truly, Chris Curran, VP Technical, ASPE Boston Chapter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT / HOLIDAY	LOCATION
March 7, 2018	Mass Plumbing Board Meeting - Variances & Waivers, 1 st Meeting	1000 Washington Street, Boston
March 13, 2018	ASPE Boston Chapter Monthly Meeting	The Chateau, Andover, MA
March 28, 2018	Mass Plumbing Board Meeting - Exam Waivers/CORI Reports, 2 nd Meeting	1000 Washington Street, Boston
April 4, 2018	Mass Plumbing Board Meeting - Variances & Waivers, 1 st Meeting	1000 Washington Street, Boston
April 10, 2018	ASPE Boston Chapter Monthly Meeting—Joint meeting with GBPCA	Lombardi's, Randolph, MA
April 25, 2018	Mass Plumbing Board Meeting - Exam Waivers/CORI Reports, 2 nd Meeting	1000 Washington Street, Boston
May 2, 2018	Mass Plumbing Board Meeting - Variances & Waivers, 1 st Meeting	1000 Washington Street, Boston
May 2018	ASPE Boston Chapter Monthly Meeting - Facility Tour	TBD
May 30, 2018	Mass Plumbing Board Meeting - Exam Waivers/CORI Reports, 2 nd Meeting	1000 Washington Street, Boston



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President's Report

This past February, we had a lunch time meeting at 290 Congress Street; where Eddie Van Gisen from BRAE, Watts Water Technology spoke about rainwater harvesting. These, lunch time meetings have been very well attended and we will plan on having another lunch time meeting in the fall.

By the time you read this article our CPD review course will be under way. If you are interested in taking the exam, there is still time, as the registration closes on March 22, 2018. If you want to take this test, please visit. <https://aspe.org/CPDExam>. Again, the test is on April 5 or 6 2018.

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The March meeting will be at the Chateau Restaurant in Andover, MA. This event will be held on Tuesday March 13, 2018. The topic and speaker will be very unique, as we have our very own VP Technical Chris Curran, presenting Hot Water Return.

Hope to see you in March!

Best Regards, Edward Nadeau,
ASPE Boston Chapter, President